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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 10th August 2016, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs. P. Slocombe (Chairman), A. Argles, H. Evans, T. Harman, D. Mackenzie, M. Richley,

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Clerk and District Cllr. P. Brown.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. J. Tanner

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3. DISPENSATIONS: None required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th July 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT: District Cllr. Brown explained that discussions continue on re-organisation, focusing on two main strands – the Tri council partnership and the Unitary proposals. A public consultation is expected to be launched by the end of August, and the timeframe for implementation is unlikely to be before 1st April 2018. An announcement on the future of Nordon is to be held in week commencing 15th August.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: No items raised.

7. MATTERS ARISING: The redundant bus shelter in Portman Road has yet to be removed although payment has been received from Mosterton PC. Licensing requirements for clay pigeon shooting are to be clarified. **Action Clerk**

8. URGENT MATTERS: None raised.

9. PLANNING

a) Granted applications:

- Woodbury – A 216 Dilapidation Order has been requested from NDDC for the Wesleyan Chapel and the Hayloft/Stables at Berkeley House.
- 10 St Peter's Close- NDDC has advised that the garage and patio did require planning permission and a retrospective application should be made.
- 2/2016/0594/FUL – Pimperne C of E Vc First School, School Lane –approved.

c) New applications - None

The protocol for applying to registering buildings as Community assets is to be investigated. **Action Chairman/Clerk**

d) Tree applications – None

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council is to be fully briefed on the Options Consultation at the next meeting.

Action Chairman, Cllr Mackenzie, Cllr Argles, Clerk

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Land owned by Mr. Oliver will be included within these options, albeit with certain provisos. Following the news that NDDC is embarking upon another Local Plan, a meeting of the NPG is to be arranged.

Action Chairman/Clerk

10. NEW/OLD PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ms J. Leaton has confirmed in writing that DCC is unwilling to undertake any further work on the boundaries and play trail owing to budget limitations. The matter will be taken up with County Cllr. Croney.

Action Chairman

The draft lease is to be forwarded to Blanchards for review and comment. **Action Chairman**

The issue of some form of reciprocal arrangement regarding the use of school sporting facilities by villagers in return for the upkeep of the play areas will be raised at the next Governors' meeting in the new term.

Action Chairman

11. FINANCE

a) Financial Statement: The statement for July was presented and approved.

b) Cheque Approval: The Council approved the payment and instructed the signature of the following cheques:

1298	Clerk's Salary	344.52
1299	RG King – various repairs	432.00
1300	Clerk's Expenses - telephone	10.47
1301	Pimperne Sports Society – wicket grant	750.00
	Total	1536.99

c) Pension

Formal notification of the Clerk's decision to opt out of the scheme is to be forwarded to the Pensions Regulator.

Action Cllr. Mackenzie/Clerk

12. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) DT11: The future of DT11 is uncertain with funding only guaranteed until 2017. A meeting is to be held with District Cllr. Jespersen to clarify future policy regarding community groups. A proposal to locate a community hub at the Adult Education Centre is under consideration by NDDC.

b) Tree Officer: A series of letters have been sent to residents requesting them to cut back protruding hedges and foliage, with action already taken by many recipients.

Action is awaited from DCC regarding the removal and replacement of a dead tree in Portman Road and cutting back of another.

c) Rights of Way The public footpath by the Farquharson Arms is poorly signposted and action will be taken to remedy this.

Action Cllr. Argles

d) Highways: A of the DCC Highways publication identifying the precise scope of their activities is to be circulated upon receipt.

Action Cllr. Richley

A meeting is to be arranged with Mr. P. Starkey of DCC to discuss the implications for Pimperne.

Action Chairman, Cllr. Argles

Improvements to the Anvil bend remain outstanding.

Action Clerk

The Council will offer assistance to a resident in Church Road to politely deter drivers from parking in a position that presents manoeuvring problems.

Action Cllr. Argles

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e) **Pimperne Primary School:** Nothing to report

f) **Village Hall:** Nothing to report.

g) **Flood Warden:** Nothing to report.

h) **DAPTC:** The AGM is to be held on 5th November and the deadline for submitting proposals is 2nd September. The next Northern Area meeting will be held at Sturminster Newton on 19th October..

Action Cllr. Richley

i) **Transport:** Cllr. Harman has prepared a handout providing information on community transport options provided by Dorset Community Transport and Nordcat. These have been supplied to the regular users of the 325 bus, and copies/summaries of the handout will be included in the Village Newsletter and on the web site.

Action Cllrs. Mackenzie, Harman

j) **Best Kept Village:** The awards ceremony will be held on 27th September at Cerne Abbas Village Hall and will be attended by Cllr. Richley.

13. HOMEWATCH/COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

The Council will register with Dorset Alert to ensure residents can be informed of any relevant activities. Attempts will be made to share the responsibility of organising Community Speedwatch activity with Mr. Andrews.

Action Cllr. Richley

14. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

The main action involves the review of the Code of conduct/Standing Orders/ Financial Regulations and Asset Register.

Action Finance Working Group

15. PROPERTY CHECKS

a) General – nothing to report

b) Play areas –

Work has been undertaken to replace a collapsed step in the Junior Play Area. A decision on the Tesco “Bags for Life” grant request is awaited before any action will be taken on replacement equipment.

17. GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR: The speed restriction on the A354 will come into force on 19th August.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

As Bouncy Castles are not covered by the public liability insurance held by the Parish Council or the Village Hall, these will only be accepted if operators are able to provide their own cover.

The Village Hall committee will respond to a request for a “relaxation” of booking fees for a regular user of the village hall.

19. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

None

20. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

The removal of the Mobile Library service.

22. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on 14th September.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.