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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 14th December, 2011**, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs. P. Slocombe (Chairman), D. Andrews, D. Mackenzie, D. Hart, A. Barker, A. Argles

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Bamforth (Clerk), 1 member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received and accepted from County Cllr Campbell, District Cllr Oliver and Cllr Tanner.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: the Chairman, as Treasurer of DT11, declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the consideration of their request for funding for the Three Choughs Community Resource Centre.

3. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th November, 2011 were approved and signed.

ACTION

4. CO-OPTION

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Argles, the newly co-opted councillor, to the Council.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: received by e-mail. The Clerk reported his comments on School Field and it was agreed she should write to him asking if the County Council intended making the whole site, with the school, available for development. The Clerk would brief Mr Toze. **Clerk**

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: the Chairman read a written report from the District Councillor

Cllr Mackenzie reported that both these reports would be available on the parish council website.

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

It was noted that NDDC permission would be required for any future tree work in the churchyard.

8. MATTERS ARISING

a) The Clerk read the response from DCC on the school bus service.

b) The Clerk had reported BT's response on the BT kiosk; the Chairman would ask Cllr Tanner to assess the difficulty of replacing the light bulb and the Clerk would report the missing pane of glass to BT. **Chairman, Cllr Tanner, Clerk**

c) The Clerk had spoken with the County Tree Officer about the proposed Jubilee tree and the trees in Paul Baker's Lane and Manor Farm Close; she would follow up, asking him to liaise with David Hart on the Jubilee tree.

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d) The Clerk reported on the broadband briefing she had attended, noting that the presentation was available on the DAPTC website.

9. PLANNING

a) The following application would be considered by the NDDC Development Control Committee on 20th December:

2/2010/1222 Tesco Stores, Stour Park, Blandford St Mary: to erect extension to existing store and install mezzanine floor to create cafe, to create 113 additional car parking spaces (change existing floor layout and demolish part of west elevation). Cllr Hart would check if he was able to attend.

b) The following applications had been granted:

2/2011/1212 Land at Stud Farm, Down Road, Pimperne: install 4 ground mounted solar photovoltaic arrays

2/2011/0858/PLNG Land east of Newfield Road, Pimperne: erection of a primary school and associated landscape, highway and infrastructure works.

c) The Council considered the following application to carry out works to trees under a tree preservation order:

Willow Park, Church Road, Pimperne: to re-pollard 8 willows to previous pruning points. No objections.

d) It was agreed as many councillors as possible would attend, at about 5.30pm, the NDDC briefing on 18th January on their proposals re development in towns and villages and would consider the matter at the February meeting. **All councillors**

e) The Council discussed the DCLG consultation on neighbourhood planning regulations, but had no comment.

f) The Council considered the DCLG consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy, but had no comment.

g) The Council had noted the grant of planning permission for a new school and that it included the reinstatement of the play area.

h) The Council decided in the interests of economy not to purchase a projector to present planning applications and to view them online and on the Clerk's laptop at meetings.

10. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that Jo Rose would be based two days a week in Blandford to seek funding for the Three Choughs Community Resource Centre and that negotiations on the extension of the Trailway had been successful so far.

b) **Tree Officer:** nothing to report.

c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker reported that she had obtained a quotation to clear FP 16 as discussed with the County Rights of Way Officer which the Clerk would submit to County. The Chairman noted that new path markers were required in various places **Clerk**

d) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner's written report noted the Christmas celebrations and the visit of the exchange teacher from Ghana.

e) **Village Hall:** The Chairman reported on the heating problems in the hall.

f) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner's written report noted that the stream was not yet running and no warnings had been issued; it had been established that Westover Motors had riparian responsibility for the stream adjacent to the Willow Park development. The Chairman would ask Cllr Tanner to pursue queries raised by a letter to Cllr Hart from the Environment Agency: the definition of the stream as a river and the meaning of an individual property level protection scheme. **Chairman, Cllr Tanner**

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g) DAPTC: Nothing to report.

h) Homewatch: Cllr Andrews reported that there had been 7 offences in November and that the last co-ordinators meeting had been poorly attended. Dorset Police intended reducing the opening hours of general enquiry offices to save money and because the vast majority of queries were now received by telephone.

11. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

a) The Clerk had written to Highways as agreed at the last meeting but had not yet received a response.

b) The Chairman reported that the three grit bins had been placed in School Lane, Portman Road and Frampton Road and would be filled with rock salt shortly by County Highways.

c) The Council considered the pre-application consultation on the proposed diversion of North Dorset Trailway and decided to express their support.

12. FINANCES

a) The Clerk presented a written financial statement for November, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget. She would attempt to circulate this document in advance of the meeting in future.

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

993	S Bamforth - Clerk's salary November	At agreed rate
994	HMRC - PAYE on Clerk's salary	At appropriate rate
995	S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses November	£28.35
996	DG Miles - play area repairs	£142.00
997	DAPTC - new councillors' seminar	£20.00

c) The Chairman gave further details on the funding required for the development of the Three Choughs Community Resource Centre and, declaring a personal and prejudicial interest as treasurer of DT11, withdrew from the meeting. Cllr Andrews took the chair. The Council agreed the Clerk should write to Jo Rose seeking further information about the funding arrangements and the future occupants of the centre to establish the potential benefit to the community of Pimperne, stressing that a response would be needed by early January as any contribution would require an increase in the precept. The Chairman returned to the meeting and resumed the chair. **Clerk**

d) The Council discussed and amended the draft budget which would be finalized at the next meeting, in advance of which the Clerk would circulate a projected year end balance to allow the Council to determine whether it was necessary to allocate funds to general reserves. **Clerk**

e) The Clerk and Chairman would meet to adapt the NALC model financial regulations for adoption. **Clerk, Chairman**

f) It was agreed that Cllr Andrews would be the new signatory on all the Council's account and duly resolved, in relation to the Natwest Reading Room account, that the authorized signatories in the current mandate, for the account detailed in section 2 be changed in accordance with section 5 and that the current mandate would continue as amended.

13. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Chairman congratulated Cllr Mackenzie on her sterling work in setting up the new parish council website which was now live; she was hoping to provide links to sports clubs information and would be updating the site once a month.

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14. VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Cllr Mackenzie reported that the Spring newsletter would be issued in the usual format. She would liaise with Nicci Brown on her proposed North Dorset newsletter with contributions from parish councils

15. LOCAL PETROL AND DIESEL PRICES

Deferred to the next meeting.

16. PROPERTY CHECK

- a) No action necessary.
- b) Cllr Mackenzie would carry out the next month's check.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) DAPTC; training seminars in 2012: noted.

18. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a) To consider financial contribution to Three Choughs Community Resource Centre
- b) To adopt financial regulations
- c) To approve budget and set precept for 2012-13
- d) To consider NDDC consultation on gypsy and traveller sites
- e) To discuss local petrol prices

19. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 11th January, 2012, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.