

PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 12th December, 2012**, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

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

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No new interests were declared.

3. DISPENSATIONS: none required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 14th November, 2012 were approved and signed, as amended in the meeting.

ACTION

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was presented by the Chairman. Cllr Tanner added that NDDC had agreed to provide funding in the next financial year for spraying to control Blandford Fly.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was presented by Clerk.

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

No matters raised.

8. MATTERS ARISING

Taymix site; the Chairman suggested that the Council pursue at their next meeting the local resident's complaints: the Council agreed.

9. PLANNING

a) There were no notifications of outstanding applications

b) The Council considered the following new applications:

2/2012/1450/PLNG Barnview, Letton Close, Pimperne, Blandford Forum, Dorset: to erect first floor extension to convert bungalow into a two storey house and replace existing conservatory with single storey extension. The Council objected to this application as being an overdevelopment of the site out of keeping with neighbouring properties

2/2012/1535/PLNG Land between Corfe Mullen WTW BH 21 3RG and Camp Hill Reservoir, Wiltshire Corfe Mullen to Salisbury transfer scheme: installation of 64 km of underground water supply main, associated surface pumping stations (including in Pimperne) and storage tanks and operational plant and equipment, including communications apparatus. The Council did not object to this application but would wish that the pumping station to be screened from the village

by allowing trees to grow to the level of the full elevation of the building and that the height of the building to be as low as possible and that the associated lighting be as restricted as possible with no noise or vibration.

c) The Council approved the individual response to the NDDC consultation to the New Plan for North Dorset as drafted by the working group and circulated, with one amendment, to the answer to question 12. The Clerk would submit it online. **Clerk**

10. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council's solicitor was drafting a response to DCC re the access to the land to translocate the hedge, to be issued the next week. **Clerk**

11. SCHOOL FIELD

The Chairman noted that Heads of Agreement had been received from Mr Walker (DCC Property Department, including a term of 50 years with a peppercorn rent.

12. FINANCES

a) The Clerk presented a written financial statement for November, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget. The Clerk would pursue investing the Reading Room fund in a Virgin charity account. **Clerk**

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

1055 S Bamforth - Clerk's salary November	At agreed rate
1056 HMRC - PAYE on Clerk's salary	At appropriate rate
1057 S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses November	£22.05
1058 Blandford Forum Town Council - Local Plan newsletter	£25.13
1059 DG Miles - play area and seat repairs	£420.00
1060 Digley Associates Ltd - play area inspections	£96.00

c) The Council discussed internal audit arrangements; Cllr Hart suggested that the Council check what Mr Paul thought was expected of him and ask him to comment on level of reserves and the Council's internal controls.

d) In light of the changes to council tax arrangements, the Council agreed to postpone consideration of the draft budget, including the requests for financial support for the Blandford Leisure Centre and Blandford public lavatories. The Council would also consider if any provision needed to be made for the re-lettering to the War Memorial in the Churchyard.

e) The Council approved the Clerk's purchase of internet security software by credit card at a cost of £19.99.

13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Chairman noted that the DAPTC chief executive had reported to the last meeting on the Localism Act and that negotiations with the landlords of Greyhound House were continuing with a view to opening an office there, subject to funding.

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

c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker reported that she had been assured by the property owner that the overhanging trees to the rear of the Old Rectory would be cut back and that she was contacting the DCC Rights of Way officer about the branches overhanging FP15 at Paradise Farm.

- d) **Highways Officer:** Cllr Argles would send a draft letter to DCC on highways matters to the Clerk, including repairs to the damaged parapets to the bridge.
- e) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner noted that the school's reputation was endorsed by the numbers joining across the age groups and that the new Head had done much to improve the appearance of the school.
- f) **Village Hall:** the Chairman reported that the ceramic tiling in the kitchen would be done within the next 6 weeks.
- g) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner reported that 200 sandbags and 4 tons of sand were now being held in the village, but that there was no immediate threat of flooding.
- h) **DAPTC:** Cllr Andrews would attend the next meeting on 22nd January, 2013.
- i) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews reported that operation Jingle was under way with officers out alerting people in the community; he would attend the next Homewatch meeting on 24th January, 2013.

14. DORSET WASTE PARTNERSHIP

Cllr Mackenzie reported on the recent briefing, noting that the new system would be initiated in January, bins to be distributed in April/May and the first collection to take place in June. She would include information on the website and the next newsletter. **Cllr Mackenzie**

15. GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR

Cllr Hart reported on the recent wash-up meeting noting that the long term future of the temporary travellers' site had not yet been secured.

16. PROPERTY CHECK

The Chairman would check the repair to the seat at Letton Hill.

Chairman

17. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) British Red Cross; request for funding: noted
- b) NDDC; questionnaire on concessionary travel: answers agreed by Council and to be submitted by Clerk online.

Clerk

18. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a) To consider draft budget
- b) Review of Internal Audit arrangements

19. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 9th January, 2013, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm.