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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 11th December, 2013, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs. P. Slocombe (Chairman), D. Andrews (from item 5 onwards), D. Hart, D. Mackenzie, A. Argles, A. Barker

IN ATTENDANCE:

1 member of the public was present

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: no additional requests.

3. DISPENSATIONS: none required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th November, 2013 were agreed.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was received by the Council and read out at the meeting.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was received by the Council via email and read out at the meeting.

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

No items raised.

8. MATTERS ARISING

a) Relocation of dog waste bin at Chestnut Farm: Cllr Argles has raised with Highways the possibility of moving the bin near Chestnut Farm. Cllr Argles will input the request on the County website in order to obtain a reference number to aid monitoring progress. **Cllr Argles** The dog waste bin for the caravan field remains a requirement. Whilst Council can afford a bin any new bins will not be emptied. As there are more bins than required in the vicinity of Paul Baker's Lane and the bottom of Church Road, Council will investigate if the bin on the corner of Church Road can be relocated and emptied. Chairman to raise with District Cllr Oliver.

Chairman

b) Trees on the Sports Field: No trees will be requested for the Sports Field. The Village Hall Committee can do nothing until the landscaping for the new school is complete. To be reconsidered if the offer is repeated in 2014.

c) Damory Coaches: The Chairman has again written to Mr Wickham and awaits a response.

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d) Bus Service Consultation: 1500 responses were received to the consultation. Every village should now have at least one service a week. According to the latest report received from County Cllr Croney the 183/184 service will possibly just lose Sunday services.

9. PLANNING

a) 8 Boyte Road has been granted. (2/2013/1204/PLNG)

b) Planning Application – Unit 19b, Sunrise Business Park 2/2013/1241/PLNG – change of use from a office to a children’s Day Nursery. This is not in our Parish but was received on paper by the Chairman. Closing date was 3rd Dec. No objection.

c) Applications for works to trees: Nothing received.

d) Hazel tree at Fiveways has been thinned by the contractor working on the old chestnut tree. Council has received a letter regarding replacement of the cherry tree at Portman Road. Cllr Hart noted that the Housing Association is not obliged to replace the tree but recommends that the parishioner in question contacts Mr Luke Turk at NDDC to ascertain if a replacement tree would be appropriate. Council to respond.

Chairman

e) North Dorset Local Plan: The Chairman has a copy if Cllrs would like to borrow. Council has until 24th Jan 2014 to comment. There is a drop in at the Parish Rooms in Blandford on 12th Dec open to the public.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

a) A letter was sent to NDDC to commence registering the whole parish as a designated area. NDDC have provided a map of the designated area and instructions on how to proceed. The Chairman and Cllr Mackenzie will consider before the next meeting and ensure the correct protocol is followed.

Chairman/Cllr Mackenzie

11. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Work is progressing on the new services. The date for the commencement of the actual build remains 24 Feb 2014.

12. FINANCES

a) The financial statement for November was presented, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget.

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

1122 Robert King – footpath clearance

396.00

This will be taken from ear-marked funds for Rights of Way.

c) Localisation of Council Tax Support: Information received from Cllr Tanner to be passed to all Cllrs.

Cllr Mackenzie

d) Draft Budget: This will be considered further in the New Year.

13. OFFICERS’ AND REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS

a) **DT11:** DT11 will be holding a Health Week in September 2014.

b) **Tree Officer:** Following the removal of the chestnut tree by the Church Cllr Hart has been advised that it would be prudent to wait for 2 years before planting in the same area. Cllr Barker has been advised that an Oriental Plane would be suitable. Cllr Barker is awaiting a response from County/NDDC regarding the area as a whole and will chase after Christmas. **Cllr Barker**

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c) **Rights of Way:** Trailfinders application - County Councillor Croney met with the Chairman and Cllr Barker to walk the proposed route on a fact finding mission.

d) **Highways Officer:** Cllr Argles to contact Highways to buy a dumpy bag of grit/salt for storage by Alan Lukins. **Cllr Argles**

Cllr Argles has reported the broken post to the lay-by in Church Road.

The overhanging tree opposite the Old Forge on the A354 has been reported.

Four potholes have been reported in Portman Road, one of which has already been fixed.

The overhanging trees/shrubs in Arlecks Lane have been reported.

All of the above have allocated reference numbers and should be looked at by 16th Jan 2014.

The steel fencing in St Peter's Close has been replaced.

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Oliver did not stand for Chair of Governors; Mr Steven Fielding is the new Chair, with Cllr Oliver as Vice-chair. There has been a break in at the school with much IT equipment stolen. The Christmas celebrations are in full swing, including the Christmas dinner and the Key Stage 1 and 2 theatrical productions.

f) **Village Hall:** The kitchen and Committee Room both require decorating.

g) **Flood Warden:** Ground water levels are fine. No flooding foreseeable.

h) **DAPTC:** Nothing to report. Cllr Hart queried the use or otherwise of Appendix B. Cllr Andrews responded that DAPTC do not think that Appendix B is relevant to Parish Councils but may include it. Cllr Andrews handouts from the Code of Conduct Training will be circulated in the folder.

i) **Homewatch:** The school break in is a concern, as is the theft of tools from containers used by the contractors installing the school services in New Field Road.

14. NORTH DORSET BOUNDARY REVIEW

Council has responded as per last month's minutes.

15. DORSET POLICE ENQUIRY OFFICE

The deadline has now passed; Council await the outcome. Cllr Hart noted that a briefing paper mentions a trial in April 2014.

16. REPLACEMENT OF BUS SHELTER

The Chairman has written to John Cumming at DCC. No response received to date.

17. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

The calendar is up to date. Two publications to be investigated: 'Local Councils Explained' and the new NALC Model Standing Orders. Cllr Mackenzie to contact DAPTC. **Cllr Mackenzie**

18. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK.

Three applications have been received to date. The closing date is 16th December. The interview panel will comprise the Chairman, Cllr Mackenzie and Cllr Argles.

19. PROPERTY CHECK.

No change.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Blandford Leisure Centre. Money to support will again be required in 2014/15.

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b) Roadmap Guide to Neighbourhood Plans. The Chairman and Cllr Mackenzie will use when taking forward the Neighbourhood Plan application as per item 10 above.

c) Dorset Fire and Rescue. A letter has been received informing Councils of the Community Update Reports. The link will be added to the website. **Cllr Mackenzie**

21. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

No matters raised.

22. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

To be determined by the Chairman and Acting Clerk

23. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 8th January, 2014, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm.