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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B. MacGregor (Parish Clerk) and County Cllr. D. Croney.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** District Cllr. M. Oliver.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**3. DISPENSATIONS:** none required.

### **4. RESIGNATION OF CLLR. HART**

The Chairman regretfully informed the meeting of Cllr. Hart's resignation and advised that a formal letter of thanks had been sent.

**5. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 were approved and signed.

**6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Nothing to report

**7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** County Cllr. Croney's monthly report is to be forwarded to all councillors upon receipt. This includes updates on progress regarding the new Tri-Council Partnership, Neighbourhood Planning, Dorset Waste Partnership's consultation on Household Recycling Centres, NDDC's consultation on the potential remedial measures to mitigate the impact of the removal of Localisation of Council Tax Support, and the difficulties encountered in the C13 road/bank works.

**8. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:** No issues raised.

**9. MATTERS ARISING:** None.

### **10. PLANNING**

a) Granted applications - Taymix Lighting 2/2013/0033/PLNG.

Although official notification had not been received by the Council, this retrospective application had in fact been granted in September 2013. As such there is little opportunity for redress through NDDC, but the matter will be taken up with Cranborne Chase AONB, over the impact on its pursuit of "Dark Night Sky Reserve" status. **Action Chairman**

b) Outstanding application- None

c) New applications - 2/2014/1403 – Pumping Station Pipeline variation – the Council will request that existing hedgerows are reinstated once the planned work is completed. **Action Clerk**  
2/2014/1269/HOUSE – 10 St Peter's Close – no comment.

d) Tree Works - 2/2014/1376 – 3 Old Bakery Close. NDDC's Tree and Landscape Officer has confirmed that the Ash tree was not subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) and there is no "blanket" order within the area. Dorset for You's map of preservation orders and TPOs is to be investigated, together with a historical request to remove a tree in Down Road.

**Action Clerk**

Cllr. Mackenzie agreed to take upon the role of Tree Warden following the resignation of Cllr Hart. **Action Cllr Mackenzie**

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## 11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman extended thanks to Cllrs Argles, Mackenzie and Tanner for their input into ensuring that the first Neighbourhood Planning Group meeting was a success. Attendees have been divided into four groups to cover the main issues of Housing; Economic/Business; Landscape/Historic; and Infrastructure. Each group is charged with preparing suitable questions for the residents' survey in readiness for the next meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> February.

## 12. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A new completion date has been set for 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015. The site had suffered another break in the previous evening with some of the completed work being damaged. The access footpath by the side of the Junior Play Area has been "tarmaced", but the arrangement at the Church Road end of the path is unacceptable and the matter will be taken up with DCC. **Action Chairman**

## 13. FINANCES

a) **Financial Statement:** A statement for November was presented, showing details of income and expenditure against budget.

b) **Grants to Local services:** The Council approved grant payments of £50 each to Blandford Leisure Centre, Blandford public conveniences and the Citizens Advice Bureau.

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

1177	Poppy Appeal	20.00
1178	The Play Inspection Company Ltd	143.88
		At
		agreed
1179	Clerks Salary	rate
1180	Clerks Expenses - Mileage (VAT workshop)	17.10
1181	Grant to Blandford Leisure Centre	50.00
1182	Grant to Blandford public conveniences	50.00
1183	Grant to Citizens Advice Bureau	50.00

d) **2015-2016 Budget:** A second version of the draft budget was presented. A number of adjustments were agreed to the sums earmarked for grass cutting, bin emptying and the Annual Parish meeting. The budget will be re-presented before the next meeting.

**Action Chairman/Cllr Mackenzie.**

e) **Internal Financial Regulations:** The Finance Working Group has undertaken reviews of the asset register, internal audit procedures and risk assessments and copies of the new Practitioners' Guide have been secured. The asset register is to be revised to include updated valuations on the Clerk's office equipment **Action Clerk**

Copies of the new NALC Financial Regulations are to be sought. **Action Clerk**

## 14. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** Distribution of the local bus leaflet is continuing, with the aim being to cover every household in the DT11 area. The current work programme is subject to further review, with the Fordingpoint Project likely to be dropped from DT11's remit.

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

c) **Rights of Way:** In the absence of any response or action from Mr Dalton, a further letter will be written over the matters of Footpath 16 and the Pimperne stream. **Action Clerk**

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d) **Highways Officer:** The meeting with Rolly Skeates proved productive, although some work is still to be completed. The “grips” by the Farquarson Arms have been cleared, as have the gullies by Letton and Hammetts Farm, but attention is still required by the bus shelter in Salisbury Road.

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** The recent OFSTED inspection identified the school as “Good” and a new school improvement plan is being implemented. The current pre-Christmas period is very busy and the school is thriving with 184 children on the roll.

f) **Village Hall:** The new ladder has been acquired and the gutter problems and dislodged curtains will be addressed. **Action Chairman**

g) **Flood Warden:** The recent drain clearance has had a noticeable impact on drainage by the Farquarson Arms, and DCC is investigating ways in which flood warning signs can be stored by local flood sites to enable speedy placement when required. The village will apply to trial the Dorset Explorer / SWIM flood reporting tool which is being led by DCC. **Action Clerk**

h) **DAPTC:** Nothing to report

i) **Homewatch/Community Speedwatch:** Community Speedwatch will resume after the Christmas break and the next Neighbourhood Co-ordinators meeting was to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **15. BUS SHELTER**

Contact will be made with Paul Walker to obtain approval to proceed.

**Action Chairman**

#### **16. BLANDFORD FLY**

NDCC is willing to contribute to the cost of spraying but only once legal assurance is gained that the chemicals are approved for use.

#### **17. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN**

The VAT Workshop provided a useful introduction to the topic but was primarily aimed at councils that provided chargeable services.

#### **18. PROPERTY CHECK**

Play surfaces in both play areas need to be topped up and weeded, while the quarter pipe panels in the Multi Play Area are affected by rust.

#### **19. PRE-SCHOOL FUTURE PREMISES**

It was agreed that the present buildings on the school field are not fit for purpose whilst a number of councillors wish to ensure that the Parish Council should not assume as intermediary between the Pre-School and DCC. The matter is to be discussed with Paul Scothern. **Action Chairman**

#### **20. SECTION 106**

The new swings and balance beams have been installed in the Junior Play Area but fencing needs to be completed. Consideration will now be given to where the £7,500 funding from NDCC should be spent. A thorough inspection will be undertaken with Rob King to obtain a detailed quotation on required works. **Action Chairman**

Consideration is also be given to new signing in both play areas.

**Action Clerk**

#### **21. FENCE TO SPORTS FIELD**

Quotations are awaited from WV Poole and Brian Smith.

**Action Chairman**

#### **22. CLEANING THE PIMPERNE STREAM**

A further letter will be sent to Mr. Dalton.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

#### **23. DAPTC GUIDELINES FOR STANDING ORDERS**

Cllr. Mackenzie issued new draft Standing Orders. In respect to Section 3w it was agreed that the wording should be amended to “A meeting should not normally exceed a period of 2 hours”.

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**24. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) The Clerk reported that the recent street cleaning had been undertaken in response to an official request to Dorset Waste Partnership and a further request will be made in 10-12 weeks.
- b) A leaflet promoting the DWP HRC Consultation will be displayed on notice boards.

**Action Clerk**

**25. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:** It was agreed that efforts will be made to co-opt a new member of the council to replace Cllr. Hart. **Action Chairman**

**26. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:** None

**27. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.