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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B. MacGregor (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**3. DISPENSATIONS:** None required.

**4. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were approved.

**5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:** A consultation on Dorset CC's plans for Youth Services is to be completed by 16<sup>th</sup> December. **Action Chairman/Clerk**

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** none received.

**7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:** A parishioner expressed concern over the speeding traffic through the village, focusing particularly on Church Road and Salisbury Road. He called for action to improve safety following the recent accident near the Anvil Road junction including improved cash barriers and possibly an illuminated sign warning of the tight bend when approaching from Salisbury. The Chairman advised that the council will address Dorset CC on these matters. **Action Chairman/Clerk**

**8. MATTERS ARISING:**

None

**9. PLANNING**

a) Granted applications – The following applications have been approved by NDDC: Woodbury – Nothing to report- action still awaited from Mr. Mulholland.

b) Outstanding applications

- 2/2015/0053/DCC – Retention of 3 temporary classrooms.

- 2/2015/1365/REM - Land at 50 Salisbury Road.- The Chairman represented the Parish Council at the Development Committee review meeting, but, despite strong support from District Councillor Jespersen, was unable to prevent the development's approval.

– 2/2015/1469/FUL – Telecommunications Mast at Stud Farm – no further developments

- 2/2015/1352/HOUSE – The Cottage Salisbury Road to Letton Croft – no further developments

c) New applications - None

d) Tree applications –

2/2015/1508/CATREE –Anvil Hotel, Anvil Road –the application to pollard the willow tree was not opposed.no further developments.

**10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Many Councillors expressed concern over the slow progress being made on the Neighbourhood Plan. An application for a grant of £5,649.60 has been made through Locality with a decision expected over the next few days. Further contact will be made with Jo Witherden to chase the outstanding action points for the four sub groups and discuss the detailed project plan.

**Action Chairman**

It was agreed that the proposed completion date of mid 2017 was unacceptable and a more realistic aim should be to complete by the end of 2016.

### **11. NEW/OLD PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The state of the old school site remains unsatisfactory but discussions with Dorset CC have revealed that the remaining temporary classrooms are to be demolished before the end of the year.

In respect to the new school remedial works are progressing slowly and every effort should be made to resolve these before April 25<sup>th</sup> when the defect liability period ends. The timing of external lighting remains a problem with car park lights remaining on all night at present from Monday to Thursday. The matter will be taken up with the Head Teacher.

**Action Cllr. Harman**

Cllr. Harman noted that the overflow car park at the new school is in a poor state as usage has been far heavier than anticipated. The matter will be taken up with the school.

**Action Chairman**

### **12. FINANCE**

**a) Financial Statement:** A statement for November was presented, showing details of income and expenditure against budget. The funds transfer for the bus shelter from the Reading Room to the current account has been actioned and will appear in the December accounts.

**Action Clerk**

The Chairman advised that the Multi play area group account has been closed with the balance of £196.91 transferred to the main current account.

**b) Sports Society Request** - Mr Truswell's request for financial assistance for a new artificial wicket was discussed at length. It was agreed that the council's position has not changed from that identified in the Chairman's letter of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014, in that the council is able to provide support on condition that the Sports Society undertakes its own fundraising and that the amenities are fully utilised by village residents. The Council would be willing to consider match funding up to a value of £750 as a contribution but would need to see evidence of the Sports Society's other main fund sources, together with a copy of the Society's accounts. These points will be forwarded to Mr Truswell.

**Action Clerk**

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

1240	D.Mackenzie Mileage	17.55
		At
		agreed
		rate
1241	Clerk's salary	
	Clerk's expenses - Ink, postage, PE	
1242	scoop	42.89
1243	DAPTC - Essential Finance Training	30.00
1244	DAPTC - Chairman's Seminar	30.00
1245	DAPTC - Councillors' Update	30.00
1246	The Play Inspection Company -Annual Inspection	150.00
1247	Wybone- 2 grit bins	299.71
	Total	944.67

**e) 2016/17 Budget** – Comments on the draft budget are to be passed to the Clerk before 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in order for it to be finalised at the next meeting.

**Action All**

Details of local membership data for the Blandford Leisure Centre is to be forwarded to all Councillors.

**Action Cllr. Tanner**

### **13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

a) **DT11:** The main area of interest with DT11 is likely to be assistance in pursuing grants for the renewal of the play area equipment through the National Lottery "Awards for All" scheme.

b) **Tree Officer:** Work has been undertaken on the Church Road/St Peters Close area, and the overhanging eucalyptus tree branches in Salisbury Road, while the trees in the Willows are due to be pollarded in the Spring. Further contact will be made with residents in the remaining areas requiring attention. **Action Clerk**

c) **Rights of Way:** Nothing to report.

d) **Highways Officer:** Cllr.Argles advised that DCC Highways have completed the remedial work at the bend in Bushes Road, but the trip hazard on the path to the church is the responsibility of the contractor who carried out the work. The matter will be raised with Mr. E. Lukins. **Action Clerk**

The Council has written to County Cllr Croney following DCC Highways' response on the issues raised to improve safety in Church Road and this will be forwarded to all Councillors. It was also agreed that the Parish Council's efforts to improve Highway matters should be publicised via the notice boards. **Action Clerk**

Two further grit bins have been ordered and should be received before Christmas. **Action Clerk**

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** Christmas events are under way at the school and the school remains very popular with the 175 place capacity being more than 14% over-subscribed at present.

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

g) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner reported that Mr.A. Lukins has advised that the bags and sand are available for use when required.

h) **DAPTC:** The next meeting is to be held in January.

i) **Additional Officer Roles:** It was agreed that Cllr Harman will take over responsibility for Transport issues, while Best Kept Village responsibilities will be overseen by Cllr. Evans.

### **14. HOMEWATCH/COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

One incident was recorded in Pimperne in October, the theft of an ice cream van.

15 residents are now trained as volunteers for Community Speedwatch duties.

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

Nothing to report.

### **16. PROPERTY CHECKS**

The inside of the bus shelter is to be re-painted in the Spring. **Action Chairman/Cllr. Argles**

The old bus shelter in Portman Road is to be advertised in the DAPTC magazine. **Action Clerk**

New signs are to be installed at the play areas to ensure the information displayed meets current requirements. **Action Chairman/Clerk**

It was agreed that the Council would obtain two quotes for the play area from Wicksteeds; for removal of existing and replacement of the junior play area equipment and the development of a new site for the junior play area over the road. **Action Chairman/Clerk**

### **17. SECTION 106**

Nothing to report.

### **19. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

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**20. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

The defibrillator is now available and being held by Rob Lukins, while Pimperne school PTA is raising funds to purchase a case.

Cllr. Evans advised that she will be updating the dog fouling notices to ensure that pressure is maintained to address the problem. Cllr. Tanner noted that the Benefice magazine is becoming something of a vehicle for Stourpaine PC matters and wondered whether Pimperne should be expanding its coverage. The matter will be discussed with Mrs. J. Ashwell. **Action Clerk**

**21. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

None

**22. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> January.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.