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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2012**, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S. Bamforth (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received and accepted from Cllrs Argles and Hart and from County Cllr Campbell.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none.

**3. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 were approved and signed.

### ACTION

**4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** received by e-mail. The Chairman would discuss County Cllr's comments on School Field with Mr Toze. **Chairman**

**5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** was received by the Council [available at [www.pimperne.org.uk](http://www.pimperne.org.uk)].

### 6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

Mr King asked why a new waste and recycling system was being introduced by NDDC.

### 7. MATTERS ARISING

a) School Field; discussed under County Councillor's report.

b) Cllr Mackenzie reported on the community newsletter to be distributed in Blandford and immediately neighbouring villages. She had been appointed as a member of the committee.

c) The Clerk reported that the tree by Mr Bannock's wall in Paul Baker's Lane was to be felled; she would find out what was happening about the sycamore at the entrance to Manor Farm Close. **Clerk**

d) The Council noted Cllr Hart's comments on the minutes, received by e-mail.

### 8. PLANNING

a) Application no 2/2010/1222 Tesco Stores, Stour Park, Blandford: to erect extension to existing store and install mezzanine floor to accommodate cafe, create 113 additional car parking spaces: to be considered by NDDC Development Control Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> February and the Council was invited to send a representative.

b) There were no new applications.

c) The Council resolved to express a preference for option 3 in the draft local plan on growth in towns and villages and to declare their intent to prepare a neighbourhood plan. The Chairman reported that he would attend a meeting between DT11 and Blandford Forum Town Council on the latter's proposals for a neighbourhood plan. **Chairman**

## 9. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that it was proving difficult to source funding for the Three Choughs Community Resource Centre. A retired architect had been appointed to lead the working group on the Fording Point arts centre. Funding had been sought from Sustrans for the extension of the Trailway and the Broadband project was progressing. The Chairman distributed copies of a rural transport survey.

b) **Tree Officer:** Nothing to report. Cllr Tanner noted that if a tree not covered by a TPO was threatened, an emergency protection order could be obtained within hours by contacting NDDC.

c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker reported that Mr King had cleared and levelled FP10 and that she was attending a meeting with the Countryside Rangers on footpath maintenance.

d) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner reported that a new head had been appointed and that the next year's reception class would be full.

e) **Village Hall:** The Chairman reported that a fund-raising open gardens day was being organised.

f) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner reported that the flow level in the stream was very low.

g) **DAPTC:** Cllr Mackenzie reported on the Code of Conduct, external audit and online planning as discussed at the recent DAPTC meeting. The Clerk would check when the minutes of recent meetings would be posted on the DAPTC website. **Clerk**

h) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews reported on the incidents in the recent Homewatch report, including three in Pimperne. Cllr Tanner suggested that people should be aware of thefts from oil tanks and noted the availability of free home safety checks from the Fire Service.

## 10. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

a) The Chairman reported that, despite several messages, he had not received a response from Samantha Paulley in County Traffic Engineering Department and so had nothing further to report on highways matters. The Clerk would report to County Cllr Campbell. **Clerk**

## 11. WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman reported that the PCC was looking for someone to refresh the lettering on the WWI memorial; Cllr Tanner suggested inviting Mrs Barnett, as a surviving relative of one of the fallen named on the memorial, to attend an unveiling ceremony. The PCC wished the names from more recent conflicts to be placed on tablets in the church fabric.

## 12. FINANCES

a) The Clerk presented a written financial statement for January, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget.

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

1002	S Bamforth - Clerk's salary January	At agreed rate
1003	S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses January	£25.02
1004	N Dorset CAB - grant under LGA 1972 s142	£50.00
1005	Rob King - work on FP10	£432.00

c) The Council resolved that it was not able to offer financial support to Blandford Leisure Centre in the current financial year and had made no provision in its budget and precept for 2012-13. The Clerk would respond to the General Manager of NDDC.

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d) The Council would discuss Cllr Hart's digest on the financial regulations at the next meeting.

### **13. NDDC HOUSING STRATEGY**

The Council noted the draft policy.

### **14. PROPERTY CHECK**

a) The Council asked Mr King to look at the noticeboard at Letton; the Chairman reported that Mr Richley had offered to monitor the noticeboard, once it was repaired. Cllr Barker noted that adults were using the junior play equipment; the Council would monitor.

b) Cllr Barker would carry out the next month's check.

### **15. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) DCC; Broadband; circulated and noted.

b) NDDC; Draft Corporate Plan; councillors to note

c) DCA; Best Kept Village competition: Cllr Barker would submit Pimperne's entry, with support from Council.

### **16. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

a) Cllr Hart's digest on financial regulations

17. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2012, in the Village Hall and the time and date of the Annual Parish Meeting as 7.00pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm.