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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 13th February, 2013**, 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

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

3. DISPENSATIONS: none required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th January, 2013 were approved and signed.

ACTION

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was received by the Council.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT : none.

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

The following issues were raised:

Parking at Fiveways: Cllr Andrews to pursue with PC Barnes and District Cllr Oliver offered to ask the school to send a letter to parents about considerate parking. **Cllr Andrews**

Cllr Tanner arrived at 7.15pm

The blocked ditch and culvert in Newfield Road: the Clerk would pursue with Highways. **Clerk**
Grass left on verges after cutting: the Clerk would pursue with Highways. **Clerk**

Dog fouling: Cllrs Mackenzie, Barker and the Chairman were organising new signs. Cllr Tanner noted the importance of reporting incidents to NDDC.

District Cllr Oliver suggested that the Head of Pimperne Primary School be invited to address the Annual Parish Meeting; the Council agreed.

8. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that action had been taken to cut back the hedge at the Old Reading Room.

9. PLANNING

- a) There were no notifications of outstanding applications.
- b) There were no new applications.
- c) There were no applications for works to trees.

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10. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Chairman reported that the translocation of the hedge was now underway and that he was recording the progress photographically.

11. SCHOOL FIELD

The Chairman reported that confirmation was being sought from DCC Children's Services that the necessary permissions had been sought from the Department for Education.

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:

1065	S Bamforth - Clerk's salary January	At agreed rate
1066	S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses January	£25.20
1067	Pimperne Village Hall - hire July- September	£42.00

The Council agreed to transfer the Reading Room funds in a Scottish Widows deposit account to a Santander Business Reward Saver account.

c) The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Mackenzie had been considering the internal audit arrangements and the internal audit review would be presented to the Council for approval at their next meeting.

Chairman, Cllr Mackenzie

d) The Clerk's report on the recent DAPTC Finance Seminar had been circulated. The report stated that the NALC advisor, having viewed the Clerk's current system of bookkeeping and presentation, had given his opinion that all guidelines were being met and that the system was entirely adequate. However, the Council would decide at its next meeting, whether to retain the current system of presenting monthly financial accounts or adopt bookkeeping and presentational changes.

13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that a co-ordinator was being sought for the Transport Action Group and that North Dorset Broadband company had been established to take forward the Trailway broadband project.

b) **Tree Officer:** Cllr Hart reported that a retrospective TPO based tree works application could be expected for a storm damaged yew in the churchyard

c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker reported that the overhanging trees to the rear of the Old Rectory had been cut back and she was investigating the obstruction of FP 10 and the wire fencing by FP 9.

Cllr Barker

d) **Highways Officer:** Cllr Argles reported that the bridge on the A354 had been repaired and that the grit bins had been refilled. The Council had no objections to DCC's proposed holistic approach to verge maintenance in the parish. The Council discussed the changed approach to Community speed watch.

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner reported that a new teacher had been appointed for the reception class and that the new Head was continuing to make great progress at the school.

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

g) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner reported that groundwater levels had stabilised.

h) **DAPTC:** Cllr Andrews had circulated his report on the meeting on 22nd January.

i) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews reported on the Police and Crime Commissioner's commitment to Safer Neighbourhood Teams, but that 340 police posts were to be cut across the county.

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14. ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Chairman invited councilors to make individual response to the consultation on NDDC district councillor numbers.

15. DORSET WASTE PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman and Cllr Tanner reported that the Blandford roadshow had been badly organized.

16. PROPERTY CHECK

The Council noted Cllr Argles' report; no urgent repairs were required.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

a) DCC; Statement of Community Involvement in County Planning applications and Waste and Minerals Policy: noted.

b) Zurich Municipal Insurance; Clerk to seek quotation.

Clerk

c) Blandford Town Council; invitation to Neighbourhood Plan Group meeting: the Chairman to attend.

Chairman

c) DAPTC; reminder about legislation update: Cllr Mackenzie to attend

The Clerk would write a letter of thanks to Mr and Mrs Kimber for planting the hanging baskets in Paul Baker's Lane.

18. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

a) To approve payment of Cllr Mackenzie's attendance at DAPTC Legislation Update event

b) To approve internal audit review

c) To consider whether to retain the current system of presenting monthly financial accounts or adopt bookkeeping and presentational changes

19. The Annual Parish Meeting would be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 22nd May, 2013 at the Village Hall

20. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 13th March, 2013, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm.