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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 12th February, 2014, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The Chairman welcomed the newly appointed Parish Clerk, Mr. Bryn MacGregor, to his first meeting.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B.MacGregor (Clerk), District Cllr. Oliver and four members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: were received and accepted from County Cllr. D. Croney.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr.Hart declared a personal interest in planning application no. 2/2013/1405 on which he would not be speaking.

3. DISPENSATIONS: none required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th January 2014 were approved and signed.

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

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: has been circulated by email and will be posted on the web site. Cllr Croney will be resuming surgeries on 1st March 2014 from 10am-12 noon, with subsequent sessions held on alternate months.

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

The following issues were raised:

- a) Flooding to Rear Garden, Priory Gardens - a back-up of the Pimperne Stream caused by the sluice gate located close to the bridge over the A354 was suggested as a possible cause of the garden flooding. It was subsequently agreed to add this item to the list of works to be submitted to County Cllr Croney. **Cllr Argles**
- b) Church Road/Arlecks Lane - The Pimperne Stream requires a safety grating located at the commencement of the culvert adjacent to Arlecks Lane. As above. **Cllr. Argles**
- c) Newfield Road - ditches require clearing. As above. **Cllr. Argles**

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- d) Chestnut Tree area - concern was expressed that limited public input had occurred in connection with the tree replacement. It was suggested that the current log boundary and timber posts should be removed and replaced with fencing and concrete posts.
- e) Recycling Grass Cuttings - concern was expressed that DCC grass cutting teams do not collect cuttings which are left as an untidy heap. Cllr Andrews suggested that, subject to Health & Safety requirements, volunteer working parties could be formed to collect and recycle the cuttings.

8. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Relocation of dog waste bin at Chestnut Farm remains a requirement and further liaison is required with NDDC/DWP. **Cllr Argles**
- b) The dog waste bin for the caravan field - as reported by District Cllr. Oliver, a waste bin currently located at Church Road/Paul Bakers Lane will be removed and relocated adjacent to the caravan field. NDDC will collect the waste.

9. PLANNING

- a) Outstanding Application – Taymix Transport Ltd., Salisbury Road - erect solar panels on the roof of the workshop and offices has been granted (2/2013/1255/PLNG).
- b) Planning application- 2/2013/1405 PLNG Fairfield House, Church Road, Pimperne. Carry out internal alterations. No objections.
- c) Applications for works to trees: 25 Down Road, Pimperne - application to remove trees. Closing date was 7th February. No objections.
- d) The Chairman advised that estate agents Savills wished to brief the Council on a potential planning application. It was agreed that any future application will receive consideration in accordance with the existing protocol. **Chairman**
- e) Electronic Planning Applications: Planning applications are now only available online with no paper copies available for viewing.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- a) A copy of the Neighbourhood Area Application will be displayed on both Parish Council notice boards board for a period of six weeks. Copies of the map are to be emailed to all Councillors. **Cllr Mackenzie**

11. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Work on the new services continues to be delayed by the recent poor weather and flooding. The date for the commencement of the actual build is 31st March 2014, with a 3 week mobilisation period starting on 10th March 2014, both dates liable to further delay.

12. FINANCES

- a) The financial statement for January 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:

1127	D. MacKenzie - stationery (ink and paper)	26.48
1128	DCC Highways –dumpy bag salt	66.00

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c) Draft Budget: It was noted that the Parish Budget requirement will remain the same as 2013/14. However, there will be increase in the Band D equivalent for 2014/15 of 2.4% due to the removal by North Dorset District Council of the Transitional Relief Grant.

d) The Council agreed to purchase an HP laptop, printer, Microsoft Office and Norton security for the current sum of £741.98. Extended warranty insurance will not be purchased.

13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** A meeting was held on 11th February to update on the progress of Ansbury project and the latest developments regarding Super Fast Broadband.

b) **Tree Officer:** The issue of liability, where roots from garden trees that protrude into common footpaths (eg Portman Road and Church Road), is to be investigated. **Cllr Hart**

c) **Rights of Way:** The stone chippings in the steps up to Glebe Field behind St Peter's Church require renewal. **Cllr Barker**

Trailfinders application - County Cllr Croney is seeking answers from Roger Bell in readiness for a hearing to be held in May 2014.

d) **Highways Officer:**

The Dorset Highways programme does not feature any roads within the PC boundary.

The pot holes in Church Road have been reported to the relevant authorities.

The Chairman advised that DCC are attempting to get funding to address problems that have arisen during the current adverse weather conditions. A list of essential works is to be drawn up and submitted to County Cllr Croney. **Cllr Argles**

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** The adverse weather and restricted opportunities for outside play continue to present a challenge.

f) **Village Hall:** The wall to the lobby has suffered from damage during the recent bad weather, with repairs to the lead flashing and redecoration required.

g) **Flood Warden:** A detailed report was submitted to address lessons to be learned from the floods in the early weeks of the year. Continued vigilance is required with ground water levels remaining high. NDDC were a great help providing quantities of sandbags at short notice, while special mention was also made of the assistance provided by Mr. Alan Lukins.

h) **DAPTC:** A report on the meeting on 14th January has been submitted.

i) **Homewatch:** The SNT newsletter has been circulated. There was one incident in Pimperne in January.

14. NORTH DORSET BOUNDARY REVIEW

Council awaits the outcome of the review.

15. DORSET POLICE ENQUIRY OFFICE

Nothing to report at present.

16. REPLACEMENT OF BUS SHELTER

Three approaches by letter and email have now been made to Mr. Cumming at DCC without response. **Chairman**

17. CAR PARKING CONSULTATION

The Council decided not to respond to the Department for Transport Local Authority Parking Strategy survey.

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18. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

A list of DAPTC events available in 2014 is now available. The VAT Workshop on 6th March 2013 and the Funding and Finance Conference are possibly of interest for the new clerk to attend.

Other courses of potential interest are to be identified.

All Councillors

19. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK.

The Chairman and fellow Councillors welcomed Mr. Bryn MacGregor who was appointed Parish Clerk on 11th February.

20. PROPERTY CHECK.

No change.

21. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Public Health Dorset –Blandford Fly. It was agreed that the Council will write to the Clinical Commissioning Officer.

Chairman

b) First Bus Journey Cards – The availability of these cards will be promoted in the next edition of the newsletter.

Cllr Mackenzie

c) Dorset Best Kept Village. It was agreed that the village will enter the competition. Paper entries are no longer allowed and this year's application will need to be submitted online

Chairman, Cllr Barker

22. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Cllr Hart noted the system of village awards. This will be in the March newsletter with a view to making the award(s) at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr Mackenzie

23. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Please advise the Clerk/Chairman at least 7 days before the date of the next meeting.

24. NEXT MEETING

The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 12th March, 2014, in the Village Hall.

The date and time for the Annual Parish Meeting was confirmed as 7.00 pm on Wednesday 30th April 2014 in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.55 pm.