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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 11th February 2015, 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), County Cllr. D. Croney and District Cllr. M. Oliver

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 11th January 2014 were approved.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: District Cllr. Oliver presented his report, updating the meeting on progress made on the merger of NDDC with West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland District Councils, the measures taken to address the overspend at Dorset Waste Partnership and the NDDC's recognition for good practice relating to the change of ownership and management of Gillingham and Blandford leisure centres.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr. Croney presented her report, updating the meeting on the decision to re-consider the withdrawal of school buses at Stourpaine and the latest developments regarding the C13. Cllr Croney is sponsoring a report to Cabinet to re-examine the risk assessment with a view to ensuring that the road can re-open with a greater case being made for driver awareness of risk. She is also sponsoring a report to examine the economic benefits from improving the North /South links.

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

Although some clearance had been undertaken on the right of way at the top of Chapel Lane the landowner will be requested to make further improvements. **Action Clerk**

Concern was also expressed about the state of the Woodbury site, including the state of the Chapel.

8. MATTERS ARISING: A response regarding the lighting used on the Taymix 2/2013/0033/PLNG is awaited. **Action Clerk**

9. PLANNING

a) Granted applications – The following planning applications have been approved by NDDC:

- 2/2014/1403/VARIA Bushes Road.
- 2/2014/1269/ HOUSE 10 St Peter's Close
- 2/2014/1582/FUL, the Archway Nursery

b) Application 2/2014/1494/HOUSE 11 Frampton Road was refused by NDDC.

c) Outstanding application- 2/2014/1610/HOUSE Shepherds Way,

d) New applications

2/2014/1478/HOUSE – no comment

2/2015/0053/DCC – retention of temporary classrooms at school. Clarification is to be sought over the timescale covered in this proposed extension. **Action Clerk**

e) Woodbury – Cllr Mackenzie advised the meeting of communication from the residents of 9 Chapel Lane, whose sole means of access is through the Woodbury site. The current narrow path is extremely uneven with broken paving slabs, and blocked in places where the boundary fence has fallen down. It was agreed that the matter should be passed to the attention of NDDC’s enforcement personnel to ensure that the landowner undertakes to improve the path and repairs the fencing. A copy letter will also be sent to District Cllr. Oliver. **Action Clerk**

f) Tree Works – No new tree applications were recorded.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The meeting held on 4th February included a brief introductory presentation from consultant Jo Witherden who has been closely involved with the Cerne Abbas neighbourhood plan, so far the only plan to be completed within the county. Initial survey questions were submitted by the four main sub groups and revisions are to be passed to the Clerk by 18th February. The Chairman will then meet with NDDC’s Neighbourhood Planning Officer Nick Cardnell to review the questionnaire prior to the next meeting on 4th March. **Action Chairman**

11. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

17th April 2015 has been set as the day when the staff and children are to move into the school. Year groups have been taken to visit the building and the matter of widening the pavement is to be taken up with Paul Scothern and Chris Brown.

It was agreed that further discussion is required with DCC to agree the precise area of land at the old school that will come under the Parish Council’s control once the move takes place.

Action Chairman

12. FINANCES

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

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

1188	Clerks Salary	At agreed rate
1189	Clerk Expense –Ink cartridges	100.96

It was agreed that print cartridge costs should be set against the office equipment budgets.

c) **2015-2016 Budget:** The final version of the budget and precept has been submitted to NDDC which has approved the grant offer of £147.50.

d) **Internal Financial Regulations:**

Contact is to be made with NALC to identify the latest Financial Regulations. **Action Clerk**

13. OFFICERS’ AND REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS

a) **DT11:** Fewer meetings are to be held in future to attempt to attract greater interest from the villages. The next meeting is to be held at Pimperne village hall. **Action Chairman**

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

c) **Rights of Way:** Concern was expressed over numerous recent incidences of dog fouling and new notices are to be created. **Actions Cllrs Barker and Mackenzie.**

Consideration is to be given to re-introducing village “welcome packs” and previous examples of the types of materials used are to be located. **Action Cllr. Andrews**

d) **Highways Officer:** The verge by the bus shelter and branches have been cut back in Arlecks Lane.

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Quotations are to be obtained for two new grit bins to be situated at Down Road and Chapel Lane. **Action Clerk**

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** The new web site is now live and the school will be celebrating British Values Day on 26th March, while an Easter celebration will be held on 27th March.

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

g) **Flood Warden:** Current water levels are acceptable.

h) **DAPTC:** The next meeting is to be held on 1st April.

i) **Homewatch/Community Speedwatch:** The next Homewatch meeting is set for 19th February. The Community Speedwatch exercise is to resume in the near future and the possibility of locating this by the village hall and new school will be explored. **Action Cllr. Andrews**

15. BUS SHELTER

An official order is to be raised with Shelter Solutions.

Action Clerk

16. BLANDFORD FLY

In the absence of any confirmation when spraying will commence, further contact will be made with Roger Frost at NDCC.

Action Cllr Tanner

17. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

A schedule of training events for 2015 has been received from DAPTC.

17. PROPERTY CHECKS

Salt bins are to be filled from the Council's own stocks. (kindly undertaken by Mr Alan Lukins on 15th February).

Currently a quotation for the refurbishment of the Junior and Multi Play Areas is being prepared by means of a labour-only quotation by Mr. R. King with materials to be purchased by the Council. The medium term plan is that the work should assure that the facilities are maintained at an acceptable standard for the next 5 years. Thereafter, it is envisaged that significant further investment will be required and a range of options need to be assessed, including the establishment of a Sinking Fund, funding via the Reading Room Fund and other fundraising initiatives.

Action All Councillors

18. PRE-SCHOOL FUTURE PREMISES

The Chairman advised that Mrs Newnham, Chair of Pimperne Pre-School, wishes to present a Business Plan to the Parish Council which will involve taking over the temporary classrooms on the existing school field. However, as the planned condition survey of the existing mobile classrooms has not yet been undertaken by DCC, it was agreed that such a move would be premature. The issue will be raised with County Cllr Croney.

Action Chairman

19. SECTION 106

NB covered under 17 above.

20. FENCE TO SPORTS FIELD

A quotation of £479 for the necessary work submitted by Mr. R. King was accepted and the work will now be undertaken.

Action Chairman

21. CLEANING THE PIMPERNE STREAM

As successive letters to Mr. Dalton have not proved effective, the matter will be raised with the Environment Agency.

Action Chairman/Clerk

22. CORRESPONDENCE

a) A 40 mph speed restriction on the A354 is to be introduced from 16th-20th February to enable Wessex Water to install the pipeline.

b) The Dorset Highways provisional capital expenditure plan has been received but contains little or no investment in the parish area.

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23. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION: The part-time night light switch off of street lighting is reportedly to commence “very shortly”.

24. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: None

25. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th March at the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.05 p.m.