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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 10th February 2016, 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).

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 13th January 2016 were approved.

5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT: A joint report covering both District Council and County Council matters had been received. Cllr. Croney is to be contacted to request that future reports are clearly split to cover each Councils' business.

Action Chairman

The Chairman reported on proceedings at the first meeting of the Chairmen's Meeting held at Pimperne on 25th January which was poorly attended by just 7 out of 27 Councillors.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: Cllr Mackenzie reported a resident's concern over the temporary floodlights at the Wessex Water pumping station in Bushes Road. It is hoped that the lights are only being used during the construction phase as the Parish Council had stipulated that the development should have no ongoing noise nor light impact on the village.

7. MATTERS ARISING: It was agreed that the matter of the Parish Council financing the remaining sums required to purchase the defibrillator cabinet would be added to the next agenda.

Action Clerk

8. PLANNING

a) Granted applications –

Woodbury – no further activity has been noted at the site

b) Outstanding applications -None

c) New applications – 2/2015/1942/HOUSE –8 Manor Farm Close - new summerhouse.

No objections were raised.

d) Tree applications –

2/2016/0175/TPTREE - Land Next To 1 Willow Park Church Road Pimperne Dorset DT11 8UB – this application had been received just before the meeting. Although full details are still awaited the Council is unlikely to object. An application is awaited from a resident in Down Road to remove a diseased hazel tree.

Action Cllr. Mackenzie

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The PlaceCheck walkabout was held on 2nd February and the formal heritage and landscape reports are awaited. The possibility of re-appraising the Conservation Area will be discussed with Jen Nixon, NDDC Conservation and Design Officer.

Action Chairman

Sub group activities include the following:

Housing – undertaking research with estate agents and landowners to fine tune the supply and demand for housing types.

Business and Economy – interviews with local employers are under way with local employers and a meeting with Mr Lane of Savills and Mr. R. Taylor is planned for early March.

Infrastructure – A site meeting will be held with Mr. Savage of Dorset CC on 15th February to discuss highways constraints on potential sites, while interviews are under way with local providers of community facilities.

10. NEW/OLD PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The overflow car park remains closed and the external lighting situation has been resolved, but the matter will continue to be monitored once the clocks change. In respect to the old school site, proposals are awaited from the as yet un-named developer.

11. FINANCE

a) Financial Statement: A statement for January was presented, showing details of income and expenditure against budget. Receipts and reserves were boosted by the receipt of the grant for the Neighbourhood Plan activity, although these funds need to be spent before the year end.

Action Clerk

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

	At agreed rate
1252 Clerk's Salary	
1253 Clerk's Expenses	77.53
1254 The Blandford School -Leaflets	36.00
St Peter's PCC - Ryland Room hire – for	
1255 Neighbourhood Planning Group	14.00
1256 Pimperne Shop - Neighbourhood plan lunch	62.50
1257 Sports Society Grant	1000.00
1258 DERC - Environmental Data	192.00
1259 Grant to Blandford Public Conveniences	50.00
1260 Grant to Blandford Leisure Centre	50.00
1261 Grant to Citizens Advice Bureau	50.00
Total	1876.55

c) Sports Society Funding –Mr Truswell had provided the background information on the quotation for the new wicket and the Sports Society's accounts. The benefits of the Council paying the invoice directly and reclaiming the VAT are to be discussed with Mr. Truswell.

Action Clerk

d) Internal audit and insurance arrangements – Terms of engagement and terms of reference for the internal auditor and risk assessments and insurance arrangements are to be reviewed by the Finance working group.

Action Chairman/Cllr. Mackenzie

e) External Audit arrangements – It was agreed that the Council should opt out of the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Limited (SAAA) as a Group 4 opted-out authority with annual income of expenditure not exceeding £25,000.

Action Clerk

12. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) DT11: Nothing to report.

b) Tree Officer: Action has yet to be taken at 1 Priory Gardens to cut back the offending hedge. Cllr Mackenzie reported concerns over the following overhanging trees:

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- At the nursery side of the bus stop on the A354.
- In front of the Long House on the A354

These will be raised with the NDDC Tree Officer. **Action Cllr. Mackenzie**

- At the end of Willow park. The matter will be raised with the Management company.

Action Clerk

c) Rights of Way: The stile by the entrance to Priory Sports field will be investigated.

Action Cllr. Argles

d) Highways

A site meeting was held with Mr. R. Skeats and Mr. P. Starkey of Dorset CC, together with County Cllr Croney, Mr De Silva of Pimperne School on 29th January to discuss matters related to pedestrian safety on Church Road at the approach to the new school and at the Anvil bend on the A354.

DCC Highways remain lukewarm over the requests for parking restrictions, a 20 mph limit and HGV restrictions, but the issue of widening the footpath has been included in a list of projects to be subjected to a detailed feasibility study to be undertaken by DCC in the new financial year. Furthermore the school signs have finally been installed either side of the Bushes Road bend At the A354, the barriers have been repaired at the entrance to Paul Bakers Lane and new reflective “folding bollards”, and chevron signs are to be installed to improve visibility at the bend, while existing bend warning signs will be re-positioned to maximise effectiveness.

e) Pimperne Primary School: Cllr Tanner reported that the Year 5 Class came a creditable 29th out of 1648 entries in a national maths competition.

f) Village Hall: Nothing to report.

g) Flood Warden: The Council expressed its thanks to Cllr. Tanner and Mr. Blake in dealing with the flash flood that occurred on the A354 the night of Sunday 7th February .

h) DAPTC: The minutes from the January meeting will be forwarded when available. **Action Cllr. Mackenzie**

i) Transport: The Council printed and distributed the “Save our Bus Services” information leaflet to nearly all households in the parish. Parishioners were invited to complete the survey online or on paper for submission either by post or handing in at Pimperne shop. The surveys handed into the shop were delivered in person by the Chairman to County Hall, Dorchester. The outcome of the survey is awaited.

i) Best Kept Village: Entries for this year’s competition are to be submitted by 11th April. A walk around the key sites is to be arranged and a request for volunteers for litter picking and stream clearance will be included in the Spring newsletter. **Action Chairman/Cllr. Evans**

13. HOMEWATCH/COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

No further news was reported on Homewatch. Plans for further Community Speedwatch activities are awaited.

14. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

The key events for February 2016 are included under Section 11 d above. Councillors wishing to attend the forthcoming Essentials courses are to pass their requests to the Clerk.

Action All Councillors

15. PROPERTY CHECKS

No changes reported.

A quotation is still awaited from Wicksteeds for removal of existing and replacement of the junior play area equipment, while a meeting with Sovereign Play Equipment has been arranged for 7th March. Other potential suppliers will be approached. **Action Chairman/Clerk**

Further quotes for signage are to be pursued, possibly through the equipment suppliers.

Action Chairman/Clerk

16. SECTION 106

Nothing to report.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

It was agreed that potential ideas for a village fete and/or show should be requested at the Annual Parish meeting in April.

20. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Further dog fouling notices will be displayed at appropriate locations.

Action Chairman/ Cllr. Evans

Flower baskets are to be sought for positioning at strategic places around the village.

Action Cllr. Evans

22. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

A presentation from Wessex Water on the Pimperne stream will be added to the agenda.

23. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on 9th March.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.