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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 8th February 2017, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs. P. Slocombe (Chairman), A. Argles, T. Harman, D. Mackenzie, M. Richley, J. Tanner.

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Clerk.

Absent: District Cllr. P. Brown

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3. DISPENSATIONS: None

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th January 2016 incorporating two minor amendments were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT: The latest report indicated that Mr. Skeates would be guest speaker at the next meeting of the Hambledon district on 18th April. Cllr. Tanner reported that the NDDC grant to the CAB was to be significantly cut and the service is likely to merge with Dorchester CAB to provide greater stability.

6. CO-OPTING A NEW COUNCILLOR: It was agreed that Mrs Petra Peters would be co-opted onto the Council.

Action Chairman/Clerk

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: The re-opening of the Blandford Youth Centre is progressing via the Blandford Youth Centre Management Board. The failure of the road sweeping service to completely clean Chapel Lane is to be reported.

Action Clerk

8. MATTERS ARISING: Use of the pimperne.org web site to enable residents to generate “village” email addresses is considered costly and fraught with problems.

Mrs J. Vacher has made a donation for the cost of using the village hall and further discussions will be held on the possibility of contributing towards the cost of replacement curtains.

Action Chairman

The Chairman reported on a presentation by Ms. de Rhe Philipe of Wiltshire unitary council at the recent Hambledon divisional meeting. The council reduced the number of councillors from 252 to 98, contributing to a saving of £36m, and involving the creation of 18 area boards to handle local issues.

The possibility of inviting an external guest speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting is to be explored. Possibilities include the Dorset Community Land Trust. Details to be provided to the Chairman for an approach.

Action Cllr. Richley

9. URGENT MATTERS: None

10. PLANNING

a) Granted applications:

- Woodbury – No further progress.

- 2/2016/1753/HOUSE 18 Walters Drive, Pimperne – single storey extension

b) Withdrawn applications

- 2/2016/1801/FUL Farquharson Arms - 4 new dwellings and improved parking and garden areas

c) Outstanding applications

– 2/2016/1763/Various Sites –BT telephone box – a request has been made to adopt the kiosk. a

c) **New applications** – none

d) **Tree applications** – No action is to be taken regarding the walnut tree in the Conservation Area following a visit by NDDC Tree Officer, as the trimming took place a number of years ago.

e) **Other planning issues**

Progress is still awaited on Section 216 notifications from NDDC Enforcement, despite pressure being exerted via County Cllr. Croney and District Cllr. Brown.

Responses are still awaited on the three possible infringements reported to NDDC and expected by the end of January.

- KJ Pike’s apparent efforts to expand their footprint (although it would appear that the recent work was designed to lower the car park, rather than extend).
- 50 Salisbury Road removal of thatch and replacement with slate.
- Extension at 3 Portman Road.

e) **Conservation area re-appraisal** – A meeting has been arranged with Shelley Saltman for 21st February at Dorset History Centre to investigate old maps.

Action Chairman/Cllr. Mackenzie

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Further site walkabouts are planned for 23rd February to investigate three further potential development sites, while work continues to expand the evidence base on local green spaces, and provide a summary narrative on the recent options consultation.

The current grant was underspent by around £180, owing to the decision to pass on the responsibility for technical ecology reports to the landowners and their representatives. A further grant application will be made once the new “window” opens.

Action Chairman/Clerk

12. OLD SCHOOL FIELD

The Chairman reported on his meeting with the solicitors and the 12 points requiring agreement. Protection via the Landlord and Tenancy Act is considered vital to ensure that the land is not returned to DCC after the 50 year lease expires. It was explained that the application for village green status will be withdrawn when the final lease is agreed and received.

Cllr. Harman is to attend a presentation by the Sport England Community Asset Fund to determine scope for support for the installation of external fitness equipment.

Action Cllr. Harman

13. FINANCE

a) **Financial Statement:** The statement for January was presented and approved. Adjustments will be made to expenditure records in the February accounts to ensure correct allocation of hall booking costs against the Neighbourhood Plan.

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

1336	Clerk's Salary	344.52
1337	Pimperne Village Hall – Room hire	46.00
	P.Slocombe- Neighbourhood plan	
1338	refreshments	7.57
	P.Slocombe – Annual parish meeting	
1339	refreshments	30.84
1340	Groundwork UK – Grant re-payment	180.00

c) 2017/18 Budget/Precept

The 2017/18 precept application was submitted in line with NDDC requirements.

d) Internal audit review, internal audit arrangements, risk assessment and insurance arrangements. Internal audit terms of engagement and terms of reference.

The Finance Working Group is to review these items before the next meeting.

Action Chairman/Cllr. Mackenzie

14. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) DT11: DT11 is to be wound up with a Special General Meeting arranged to begin the procedures. Outgoing Chairman Nic Nicol is attempting to set up a Blandford and District Development Trust in its stead.

b) Tree Officer: Nothing to report.

c) Rights of Way Nothing to report.

d) Highways – Flooding on the A350 opposite Nutford Cottages has been reported to DCC Highways.

Potholes in Church Road near the Old Rectory are to be reported. **Action Cllr. Argles**

A map of proposed capital schemes released by DCC Highways includes Footway widening in Church Road on the approach to the school, with an estimated start date of 1st April 2017.

e) Pimperne Primary School: A meeting is to be held with DCC to deal with remaining defects following the handover, with some works to be undertaken during half-term. DCC will undertake some testing of the overflow car park to ensure it was constructed to specification.

f) Village Hall: Nothing to report.

g) Flood Warden: The A354 coped well with the recent spells of heavy rain and demonstrate the importance of regular gully clearance.

h) DAPTC: The area meeting was attended on 17th January and details of the three presentations and other matters will be forwarded to all Councillors. **Action Cllr. Richley**

i) Transport: Nothing to report.

15. HOMEWATCH/COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

A report had been received from Mr. D. Andrews. Cllr. Richley has resumed co-ordination of Speedwatch activities and planned to have a session on 9th February.

16. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

The key actions for February are covered under item 4d above which are in hand. A full training plan for 2017 is to be requested from DAPTC. **Action Clerk**

17. PROPERTY CHECKS

a) General – A request for the salt bins to be filled in Letton Close is to be submitted to DCC. **Action Clerk**

b) Play areas – The latch on the gate to the Junior Play Area is to be replaced, along with brackets on the wobbly bridge. The order for chippings is to be delayed pending the outcome of grant bids with Veolia (notification due on 7th March) and Tesco. **Action Chairman**

18. Events for 2017

A quiz is to be arranged at the Village Hall. **Action Chairman**

In respect to an Open Gardens event, contact is to be made with the Pimperne Gardening Club to determine their interest in running it themselves or jointly with the Parish Council.

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19. CORRESPONDENCE

The AONB Annual Forum is to be held on 2nd March 2017 at Sixpenny Handley Village Hall. Salisbury museum is to be contacted for details of forthcoming events in April for inclusion in the newsletter. **Action Clerk**

20. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

Nomination forms for the Community Champion will be included in the Spring newsletter. **Action Cllr. Mackenzie**

21. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Any suggestions are to be forwarded to the Clerk. **Action All Councillors**

23. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on 8th March 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm