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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019, at 7.00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** J Fairman (Clerk), District Cllr P Brown.

9 Members of the public.

**NON ATTENDEES:**

**1: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** County Cllr D Croney.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

**3. DISPENSATIONS:** None required

**4. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were approved

**5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT:**

- N.D.D.C. – £70K allotted to extending Trailway.

-Rumours had been circulating regarding uncertainty of the future of Blandford Camp, however this had arisen due to a clerical error and District Cllr Brown assured everyone that the rumours were not true.

-Work was ongoing re the new Unitary Council, budgets had been passed and all services were expected to continue at their current levels.

**6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:** The following are question/issues were raised by members of the public:

-Mr & Mrs Everitt asked District Cllr Brown if he would give up his job/business if it was failing and work for someone else to support his family, to which he agreed he would. Mr & Mrs Everitt stressed the following points regarding the former Village shop/Post Office.

-The shop was closed as it was not making money and had been on the market for 2 years.

-The layout of the building/shop does not allow for the shop and staff areas ie. W.C. to be separate which also has H&S implications and another reason why the shop did not sell and would not be viable as a shop in the future. Therefore they would like to know why Cllr Brown had referred their planning application (See item 10 c below) to Planning Committee on 26/02/2019.

-Cllr Brown replied that he had referred this planning application to committee as he had been contacted by residents regarding the future of the former Village Shop/Post Office.

-Cllr Tanner raised the issue that the Council Tax was due to be harmonized from day 1 of the new unitary council. This will result in North Dorset residents unfairly being hit the hardest with an increase of £95.00 per annum in for category D houses. Cllr Tanner questioned why the increase could not be implemented over 2-3 years, also why previous caps on increases in Council Tax are now being ignored. The increase is likely to be approximately 6.29%.

-District Cllr Brown stated that the increase was warranted if they were not to make further cuts and also to invest further into children's services. **Chairman/Clerk to write to MP.**

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## **7. MATTERS ARISING: -**

- Men's Shed- Cllr Slocombe has appointment Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February. **Clerk/Chairman.**
- Awaiting a visit from the Environment Agency to assess the Brambles in the Pimperne Stream adjacent to the Willows.

## **8. URGENT MATTERS:**

- Mark Farwell vehicles still using the Village as a short cut. **Clerk/Chairman**
- There have been 4 incidents of vandalism in the village including the lights at the village hall and the glass panels at the bus stop being shot out by what looks like a BB gun or catapult, and hay bales being set on fire. PPC looking into offering a reward for information. Chairman to contact Dorset Police.
- Thank you to Cllr Argles for clearing the glass from the bus stop panels away. **Clerk/Chairman**

**9: Election 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019-** Cllr Harman stressed that he feels it is important for the Parish Council to have a recruitment drive to encourage prospective councillors to stand for election to the Parish Council on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Full article to be included in the Spring Newsletter and posters to be displayed around the village.

## **10. PLANNING**

### **a) Applications.**

#### **b) Approved applications –**

-2/2018/1555/FUL-Berkley House-Church Rd DT118UB-Erect linked garage with accommodation above, rear extension and porch. Convert and extend existing Coach House to dwelling. Form new vehicular access and 4 No. parking spaces (demolish outbuildings and section of wall) –

#### **c) Outstanding Applications**

-2/2018/1722/HOUSE –Gladimere, Salisbury Road - Erect rear and side extensions and raise roof height on original dwelling; erect raised decking and detached garage.

-2/2018/1121/FUL –Erect 3 dwellings, create new vehicular access, demolish existing shop/residential dwellings and outbuildings –Referred to Committee 26/02/2019 by District Cllr Brown- Pimperne Parish Council clarified to Cllr Brown that their objection had been due to over development of the site, that 2 houses would have been more acceptable and that concerns had been raised by neighbours regarding loss of light/ view as the proposed new houses were 2 stories high.

#### **d) Application withdrawn**

-2/2018/1488/OUT-Develop land by the erection of 39 No. of dwellings; village shop; new pedestrian link to school and village hall; formation of new accesses and highway widening at Down Road

**(f) Tree applications –** No longer being sent out to Parishes. PPC had not been advised of this, further investigation on this matter required. **Clerk/Chairman**

#### **(f) Other planning issues**

-Former Methodist Chapel – Chapel continues to deteriorate- needs to be added to the Conservation Area when reappraised.

### **11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

- Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan- was “Made” by North Dorset District Council at full council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The Plan now forms part of planning policy.  
**Chairman/Clerk**

### **12. FORMER SCHOOL FIELD**

-Boundary issues still to be resolved by the Count Council and Parish Council’s Solicitors.  
**Chairman/Clerk**

### **13. FINANCE**

#### **a) Financial Statement:**

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

Clerks Salary	At agreed rate
Sevensioux	£ 15.00
The Blandford School- Referendum leaflet	£ 60.00
Village Hall Hire	£ 50.00
P Slocombe Expenses	£ 36.00
DAPTC Training Course	£ 112.50

**c) -Pimperne Sports Society accounts received-** will contact to establish how they raise funds.  
**Clerk/Chairman**

**d) –Auditor had suggested that Parish Council move funds to Nationwide Account, however the Nationwide are no longer offering Treasurers Accounts – will contact Auditor for alternative suggestions.**  
**Clerk**

### **14. OFFICERS’ AND REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS**

**a) Tree Officer –** No applications received.

#### **b) Rights of Way:**

-Blandford Camp Footpath – Apply entry definitive map, evidence of use forms to be completed, and to be mentioned in next Parish Council newsletter.

**Cllr Richley/Clerk/Chairman**

- School Lane Footpath – Response had been expected December 2018 –Will contact  
**Clerk/Chairman**

-Rangers to be contacted re posts that need replacing in Newfield Road and Salisbury Rd.  
**Cllr Argles**

#### **c) Highways:**

- A350 Community Group – Cllr Argles to represent P.P.C. at meetings. **Clerk/Chairman**

-Church Road Footways Scheme – Road closed February Half Term. **Chairman/Cllr Argles**

-Dragons Teeth, Newfield Road – Ongoing correspondence with D.C.C. **Clerk/Chairman**

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**d) Village Hall-**

- Awaiting quote for double glazed sealed unit windows.
- Repairs need to be made to the porch.
- Floor needs sanding and sealing.
- Meeting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to discuss repairs.

**e) Flood Warden:** No problems at present.

**Cllr Tanner**

**f) DAPTC-**

- New term for Councillors now 5 years
- Shadow Executive agreed that in future Town and Parish Councils will be consulted and included in discussions earlier in the Planning Process than they are now.
- Next meeting 16/04/2019 Cllr Richley to attend

**Cllr Richley**

**g) Transport Officer**

- Blandford Rural Action Group – Chairperson to be elected and date and time of meetings to be reviewed to ensure better attendance. **Cllr Harman.**
- Damory have agreed to amend the bus timetable so that the 9.29 am bus will become the 9.30 am bus to enable bus pass holders to utilize this service **Cllr Harman**
- Additional 20 service to be introduced from Blandford to Pimperne around midday from 28/05/2019.

**h)Community Officer:-**No report.

**15. HOMEWATCH/SPEEDWATCH –** No update

**16. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN-**

- Review effectiveness of Internal Audit
- Agree Internal Audit Terms of Engagement and Terms of Reference
- Appointment of Internal Auditor

**Clerk/Chairman**

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**17. PROPERTY CHECKS**

a) General

- Grit Bins- Thank you to Mr A Lukins for refilling the grit bins during recent bad weather.

b) Noticeboards – For both play areas to be revamped

**Chairman/Clerk**

c) Parish Council free standing noticeboard awaiting delivery.

**Clerk/Chairman**

d) Noticeboard at Letton Close needs repairs – Mr King

**Clerk/Chairman**

**18. POST OFFICE**

- Post Office- Location to be at Village Hall, Friday weekly 9.30am-12.30pm, it will be situated in the kitchen and operate through the hatch into the Committee Room. **Chairman**
- Opening date to be advised by Post Office Ltd.

**19. Post Box – Letton Close –** No update.

**20. BT Telephone Box –**

- Work to commence in the Spring

**Chairman/Clerk**

**21. VILLAGE SHOW** – No update

**Clerk/Chairman.**

**22. Defibrillator** –Power now restored to the defibrillator – Thank you to Mrs Everitt for her assistance in this matter.

**Clerk**

The defibrillator will be moved to a location on the wall adjacent to the church Lych gate by the kind permission of Mr & Mrs Gaulton, owners of the wall. The electrical supply required by the defibrillator is currently being organised by the Church Wardens/Salisbury Diocese.

**Cllr Richley.**

**23. CORRESPONDENCE**

-2 Members of the public have written to the Clerk to ask what should be included in the minutes

–Clerk has responded

**Clerk**

**24. SPRING NEWSLETTER:**

-All contributions for the newsletter to be forwarded to Cllr Richley by email **Clerk/Chairman**

**23. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:**

- Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

-Policy reviews: Health and Safety/ Complaints update/ Equality and Diversity.

**24. NEXT MEETING**

-Meeting closed at 8.57 pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019, at 7pm in the Village Hall.