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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 11th January, 2012**, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Bamforth (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received and accepted from Cllr Hart for his late arrival and from County Cllr Campbell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: the Chairman, as Treasurer of DT11, declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the consideration of their request for funding for the Three Choughs Community Resource Centre.

3. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th December, 2011 were approved and signed.

ACTION

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: none.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was received by the Council [available at www.pimperne.org.uk]. Cllr Mackenzie would attend the meeting being organised by Nicci Brown about a possible Blandford area newsletter. **Cllr**

Mackenzie

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

No matters raised.

7. MATTERS ARISING

a) The Clerk reported that no written response had yet been received from County Cllr Campbell on School Field; the Council agreed to take no further action at present and to leave the village green application lodged with the County Council.

b) Cllr Tanner reported that the light in the BT telephone kiosk had been replaced.

c) Cllr Tanner noted that Cllr Hart's recent letter from the Environment Agency had been a private correspondence, but noted that there was no prospect of a general flood protection scheme for Pimperne; the greatest threat was likely to come from flashflooding on the A354 and it was up to individuals to take appropriate measures.

8. PLANNING

a) There were no notifications of outstanding applications.

b) The Council considered the following new application:

2/2011/1446 Rendon, Letton Close, Pimperne: to erect single storey extension. The Council had no objections.

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c) The Chairman, Cllrs Andrews, Hart and Mackenzie would attend the NDDC planning briefing at the Corn Exchange, Blandford Forum at 7.00pm on 6th February.

d) The Chairman reminded councillors, if possible, to attend, at about 5.30pm, the NDDC briefing at Nordon on 18th January on their proposals re development in towns and villages.

All councillors

9. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that funding was being sought for the Three Choughs Community Resource Centre.

b) **Tree Officer:** Cllr Hart's written report noted the importance of obtaining Public Enquiry Management numbers for reports to DCC.

c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker reported that, the grant having been received, she would now put in hand the agreed work on FP10. **Cllr Barker**

d) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner reported on the successful visit of the exchange teacher from Ghana and noted that Susan Whitlock was the acting head.

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

f) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner reported on the satisfactory ground water levels and the freak effect of the initial breaking of springs in the stream.

g) **DAPTC:** Nothing to report.

h) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews reported on two recent crimes in Pimperne, including one incident of car break-ins at the Village Hall.

10. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

a) The Chairman read the response from Highways and would meet with the DCC representative to discuss weight limits and a mini-roundabout at Fiveways. **Chairman**

11. WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman would discuss the re-lettering and possible inscription of additional names with Mr Richley. **Chairman**

12. FINANCES

a) The Clerk presented a written financial statement for December, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget.

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

998	S Bamforth - Clerk's salary December	At agreed rate
999	S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses December	£18.90
1000	D Mackenzie - website hosting costs	£10.80
1001	Pimperne Village Hall - hire October-December	£28.50

c) The Chairman, declaring a personal and prejudicial interest as Treasurer of DT11, withdrew from the meeting and the Vice-Chairman took the chair. The Council considered whether to make a contribution to development of the Three Choughs Community Resource Centre, but decided just to make a statement of support. The Chairman returned to the meeting and resumed the chair. **Clerk**

d) The Council resolved to maintain its subscription to Local Council Review at an annual cost of £15.50.

Cllr Hart arrived at 8.00pm.

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e) The Council resolved to merge the office equipment and computer budget headings and to consider the purchase of a new printer. The Council agreed the budget for 2012-13 and set the precept at £12680.

f) The Council approved and adopted the Financial Regulations, based on the NALC model, as circulated.

13. LOCAL PETROL AND DIESEL PRICES

Cllr Tanner noted that NDDC's agreement to consider the Tesco extension and Asda planning applications together would go some way towards addressing this matter.

14. PROPERTY CHECK

a) The Clerk would contact the bus company about updating the timetables at the bus- stops and Cllr Argles would replace the projecting screw in the bench at Portman Road.

Clerk, Cllr Argles

b) Cllr Argles would carry out the next month's check.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

a) DAPTC; training seminars in 2012: the Council approved the Clerk's attendance at the Financial Update and Localism Act seminars.

b) NDDC; Gypsy and Traveller Site consultations; the Council had no comments

16. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 8th February, 2012, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm.