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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2013**, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S. Bamforth (Clerk), 1 member of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from County Cllr Campbell and District Cllr Oliver.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** No new interests were declared.

**3. DISPENSATIONS:** none required.

**4. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 were approved and signed, as amended in the meeting.

### ACTION

**5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** none.

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** had been circulated by e-mail.

### 7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

The Chairman responded to a query about the village hall and the proposed footpath to the new primary school.

### 8. MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman reported that the bench at Letton Hill still needed repairing, as noted by Cllr Argles.

### 9. PLANNING

a) The following application had been refused:

2/2012/1450/PLNG Barnview, Letton Close, Pimperne, Blandford Forum, Dorset: to erect first floor extension to convert bungalow into a two storey house and replace existing conservatory with single storey extension.

b) There were no new applications.

c) There were no applications for works to trees.

c) The Chairman reported that the noise emanating from the Taymix site had abated; the Clerk would check what was happening about planning permission for the lights on the site. **Clerk**

### 10. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Chairman noted that, as the Council was aware, the Clerk had signed the Council's agreement with the Council on early access to the land to translocate the hedge; the Council's solicitor was now awaiting documentation in relation to the other agreements. The Chairman

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would ask Mr Scothern for a timeline for the construction of the school and associated agreements and would check if a date had been fixed for the closure of Church Road. **Chairman**

## 11. SCHOOL FIELD

The Chairman noted nothing further had occurred since the receipt in November of the Heads of Agreement from Mr Walker (DCC Property Department), including a term of 50 years with a peppercorn rent.

## 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:

1061	S Bamforth - Clerk's salary December	At agreed rate
1062	S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses December	£49.24
1063	Cllr Mackenzie- refund of website hosting	£10.80
1064	Pimperne Village Hall - hire October-December	£42.00

c) The Council discussed internal audit arrangements; Mr Paul had confirmed to the Chairman that he was clear about his remit from the Council, as set out in his letter of October, 2011, but this did not include advising on the level of reserves. Mr Paul was happy with the internal controls in place and the Chairman would pursue with him the matters raised by the External Auditor. The internal audit review would be amplified and presented to the Council for approval at the February meeting. **Chairman**

d) The Council considered the draft budget and decided to cancel the subscription to Local Council Review and to allocate £50 to the Blandford Leisure Centre and £50 to the Blandford public lavatories, reducing by these amounts the sum allocated to the noticeboards and war memorial. The Chairman would count the letters on the War Memorial in the Churchyard to check how much work might cost and would ask the Sports Society for a copy of their accounts before confirming their grant. **Chairman**

e) The Council agreed to transfer the Reading Room deposit account to Virgin Money.

f) The Council would meet at 7.00pm on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> January to fix the budget and set the precept.

g) The Chairman would ask the District Councillor to raise with the local MP the issue of changes to Council tax arrangements. **Chairman**

h) The Council approved the Clerk's attendance at the DAPTC training events in February on finances and legislation.. The Clerk would circulate handouts from the sessions. **Clerk**

## 13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that the bid to set up a community hub in Greyhound House, Blandford had failed; the Trailway broadband project was progressing well.

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

c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker reported that the overhanging trees to the rear of the Old Rectory would be cut back in February and that the Countryside Rangers would deal with the branches overhanging FP15 at Paradise Farm. The Clerk would submit an application for a grant for footpaths maintenance to County ROW, based on Mr King's quotation. County ROW were seeking the landowner's permission to install a dog gate at the stile on FP8 at Yarde Farm where the it had been blocked by wire. **Clerk**

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d) **Highways Officer:** The Clerk would write to Highways about the damaged parapets to the bridge, repairs in Newfield Road, the Chestnut tree area and report the slippery inspection cover in Portman Road, in the footpath adjacent to Silver Birches; she would write to Signpost about the hazardous fence opposite 1 St Peter's Close and to the landowners about the overgrown hedges in Down Road and outside the Old Reading Room. **Clerk**

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner noted the successful Christmas celebrations.

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

g) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner reported on local springs and drew the Council's attention to DCC's Flood Mitigation scheme; Cllr Mackenzie would post details on the Council website. **Cllr Mackenzie**

h) **DAPTC:** Cllr Andrews would attend the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

i) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews reported on the increase in car theft in Blandford and speculation that this was linked to the reduction in street lighting.

#### **14. PROPERTY CHECK**

The Council noted Cllr Argles' report; the Chairman would ask Mr Miles to deal with necessary repairs to benches. **Chairman**

#### **15. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Best Village Competition: Cllr Barker would arrange Pimperne's entry. **Cllr Barker**

#### **16. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

a) To set budget and precept

**17.** The time and date of the next meetings were confirmed as 7.00pm on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2013, in the Village Hall. The Clerk would issue a list of dates of 2013-14.

The meeting ended at 9.22 pm.