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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 8th January, 2014, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

District Cllr Oliver, County Cllr Croney, 1 member of the public was present

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received and accepted from Cllr Tanner and Cllr Andrews

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: no additional requests.

3. DISPENSATIONS: none required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th December, 2013 were agreed.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was presented by District Cllr Oliver.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was presented by County Cllr Croney.

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

No items raised.

8. MATTERS ARISING

a) Relocation of dog waste bin at Chestnut Farm: Cllr Arles reinput the request on the County website and has a date of 16 January for the request to be looked at. Cllr Argles will monitor progress and resubmit if no action has been taken. **Cllr Argles**

b) The dog waste bin for the caravan field remains a requirement. District Cllr Oliver has contacted the Operations Manager – Waste at Dorset Waste Partnership to request that if the bin was relocated (at Parish Council expense) from Church Road to the corner of the caravan field would it still be emptied by the Authority. Council should have an answer by the next Parish Council meeting in February.

c) Damory Coaches: The Chairman has received a very unsatisfactory response from Mr Wickham stating that Damory Coaches will not pay for any loss incurred by Mr Hughes. The Chairman will give a copy of the letter to Mr Hughes. **Chairman**

d) Bus Service Consultation: Ongoing.

9. PLANNING

a) Unit 19b, Sunrise Business Park - change of use from an office to a day nursery has been granted. (2/2013/1241/PLNG)

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b) Planning Application – Taymix Transport 2/2013/1255/PLNG erect solar panels on the roof of the workshop and offices was received on paper by the Chairman. Closing date was 6th Jan. No objection.

c) Applications for works to trees: Nothing received. Cllr Hart advised that an application is due in regarding the removal of 2 trees in Down Road. The trees are a risk to the electricity substation and are also in a poor state. It is possible that the application will have been considered before the next Parish Council meeting is due.

d) North Dorset Local Plan: The Chairman has a copy if Councillors would like to borrow. Many objections have been raised by Blandford Forum Town Council regarding the proposal to develop the Crown Meadows and a number of alternatives have been suggested.

e) Electronic Planning Applications: The Chairman attended an informal training/information session. The system will be introduced in early February with no paper plans sent to Councils from then on. The plans should be available to view and download on the dorsetforyou website. The 21 days consultation period commences from the date the plans are available on the website. As the Pimperne Village Hall does not have wi-fi any plans will have to be downloaded to a memory stick to enable members of the public to view on a laptop. Helen Richards is the contact at NDDC for any problems or queries.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

a) The Chairman has contacted Sarah Jennings at NDDC regarding the detailed application required to register our designated area. The Chairman and Cllr Mackenzie will consider before the next meeting and ensure the correct protocol is followed. It may help to view the application submitted by another Parish, possibly Shillingstone. Chairman to contact.

Chairman/Cllr Mackenzie

11. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Work on the new services has been delayed by the recent poor weather and flooding. The date for the commencement of the actual build remains 24 Feb 2014 but this may change as a result of the weather.

12. FINANCES

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

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

1123	Village Hall – hire of hall	31.50
1124	DAPTC Councillors Update	25.00
1125	DAPTC Code of Conduct Training	25.00
1126	D Mackenzie website hosting	10.80

c) Localisation of Council Tax Support: The decision regarding the removal of the grant has been noted.

d) Draft Budget: The budget was agreed by all present and will be submitted. It was noted that Council's reserves are at an acceptable level. It was also noted that equipment in the junior play area will require attention/possible replacement in the near future.

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13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** DT11 alongside other Community Partnerships is to be subject to a visit from the NDDC Scrutiny Committee which will examine current and future work.

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

c) **Rights of Way:** There is a fallen tree on the footpath at Fox Warren but the field gate has been opened to allow walkers to bypass.

Trailfinders application - County Councillor Croney has reported that there are questions regarding whether vehicle rights have satisfied section 67 of the NERC Act which is fundamental to the Trailfinders application. County Cllr Croney hopes to have further information in the next week or so. It is likely that the application will be considered at the March Roads and Rights of Way meeting. County Cllr Croney will advise whether a show of support for refusal of the application will assist.

d) **Highways Officer:** Cllr Argles has contacted Highways to buy a dumpy bag of grit/salt. This should be delivered within 7 days. Cllr Argles to monitor. **Cllr Argles**

The broken post to the lay-by in Church Road has been replaced.

The overhanging tree opposite the Old Forge on the A354 has been reported but no action as yet. Cllr Argles will reinput if nothing has been heard by 16 January.

Four potholes have been repaired in Portman Road.

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** End of term celebrations were very successful. Preparations are underway for the anticipated OFSTED visit later this year. There are limited opportunities for outdoor play at present due to the weather and lack of tarmac play areas.

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

g) **Flood Warden:** A wash up meeting is required to look at lessons learned from the recent floods. Thanks are due to all those who assisted, especially Alan Lukins, the District Council and all those who filled sandbags. Their help prevented incursion of flood water into the Farquharson Arms, the Old Bakery and a number of other properties. NDDC agree that the two bridges into the Willows should be raised.

h) **DAPTC:** The next area meeting is on Tuesday 14th January. Cllr Andrews to attend.

i) **Homewatch:** The SNT newsletter has been circulated. There were 3 incidents in Pimperne.

14. NORTH DORSET BOUNDARY REVIEW

Council awaits the outcome of the review.

15. DORSET POLICE ENQUIRY OFFICE

Nothing to report at present.

16. REPLACEMENT OF BUS SHELTER

The Chairman wrote to John Cumming at DCC some time ago. Still no response received to date. The Chairman will follow up with another letter. **Chairman**

17. CAR PARKING CONSULTATION

The Rural Services Network has issued a draft response which has been circulated to all Councillors. The Council will formulate its response at the next meeting. All Councillors to read and consider the Rural Services Network response. **All Councillors**

18. MINERALS AND WASTE PLANNING CONSULTATION

No comment as there is nothing currently in our area.

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19. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

The calendar is up to date. DAPTC have yet to advise of training events available in 2014.

20. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK.

Three applications have been received. The closing date has now passed. The interview panel will comprise the Chairman, Cllr Mackenzie and Cllr Argles. Interviews will take place in February before the next Parish Council meeting.

21. PROPERTY CHECK.

No change.

22. CORRESPONDENCE

a) North Dorset District Council precept calculation. This has been noted and input into the budget.

b) Chestnut tree. An email has been received from a parishioner regarding the felling of the chestnut tree by the Church. A copy of this email will be passed to Mr James Bennett, County Tree Officer, requesting a response. Council will also send a response. **Chairman**

A consultation will take place at the Annual Parish Meeting, although it must be noted that the area is the responsibility of DCC. When contacting Mr James Bennett it will be noted that, if possible, the village would like input into any plans for the development of the area.

Information regarding the removal of the tree and the next steps will be put on the website and also in the next newsletter. Chairman and Cllr Mackenzie to agree format.

Chairman/Cllr Mackenzie

c) DAPTC Garden Party Nominations. The Chairman will be nominated. **Cllr Mackenzie**

d) DCC School Admissions Appeals Panels. Cllr Argles may be interested in applying.

Cllr Argles

e) Response from Joyce Guest, NDDC regarding the use of the Leisure Centre to be circulated to all Councillors. **Cllr Mackenzie**

23. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Cllr Hart noted the system of village awards. This will be in the March newsletter with a view to making the award(s) at the Annual Parish Meeting.

24. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Please advise the Clerk/Chairman at least 7 days before the date of the next meeting.

25. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 12th February, 2014, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm.