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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

A silence was observed in memory of two former Parish Councillors, namely Mr. Roy Adam MBE and Mr. David Hart.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 10th January 2015, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B. MacGregor (Parish Clerk), District Cllr. M. Oliver and four members of the public.

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Tanner informed the meeting of interest in item 9c 2/2014/1610/OUT and excused himself from the discussion.

3. DISPENSATIONS: none required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th December 2014 were approved and signed.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: District Cllr. Oliver presented his report, updating the meeting on progress made on the merger of NDDC with West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland District Councils, NDDC's proposal to offer a grant in lieu of changes to the council tax base, MP Robert Walter's decision not to stand at the forthcoming General Election and the financial difficulties encountered by Dorset Waste Partnership.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Report to follow by email.

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: Concern was expressed over highway safety in relation to the Shepherds Way Planning Application (see ref 9c). In particular this related to the proposed access to the new dwelling from Salisbury Road in very close proximity to a blind bend, but concerns were also raised over loss of privacy, visual amenity, and loss of trees. Concern was also expressed about the state of the right of way at the top of Chapel Lane following the removal of a tree and the matter will be raised with the landowner.

Action Clerk

8. MATTERS ARISING: None.

9. PLANNING

a) Granted applications - Taymix Lighting 2/2013/0033/PLNG.

The Chairman reported that Richard Burden of Cranborne Chase AONB had recommended approaching to the Enforcement Officer to ensure that the lighting installed is in line with that as agreed in the planning approval.

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2/2014/1304/HOUSE Fairfield House (greenhouse) and 2/2014/1288/HOUSE 7a Manor Farm Close (2 storey extension) have been approved.

b) Outstanding application- 2/2014/1269/HOUSE 10 St Peter's Close (2 storey extension) remains pending consideration.

c) New applications

2/2014/1494 11 Frampton Road (1st floor extension) in view of the precedent set by similar developments in the same road, the Council will not object provided that the matters raised by the neighbour are fully taken into account.

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2/2014/1582/FUL – The Archway Nursery (Extension) – no comment.

2/2014/1513/VARIA – Wessex Water Pipeline – no comment. However, a letter is to be written to the Case Officer Hannah Smith to reinforce the requirement that existing hedgerows should be reinstated once the pipeline work is completed.

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2/2014/1610/OUT – Shepherds Way (new dwelling and garage) – it was agreed that the Council would object to this proposed development on the grounds of safety concerns over the proposed access via the A354 which is in close proximity to the Anvil Road junction and bend.

d) Tree Works – No new tree applications were recorded. The matter of the tree stump on Down Road is to be investigated with Sandie Saunders, NDDC Tree & Landscape Officer.

Action Clerk

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The next meeting is set for 4th February to discuss the key survey questions identified by the four main sub groups covering Housing, Economic/Business, Landscape/Historic and Infrastructure.

11. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The completion date is set for 9th April 2015 when the school will be available for occupation and “hard areas” completed, although the “soft areas”, notably the playing fields, will be completed at a later date. In the intervening period the school may use the multi-play area for some activities such as football practice. The issue of the access footpath by the side of the Junior Play Area has been raised with DCC. An additional guard rail will be requested to ensure that children are prevented from running into the road. Although the land involved belongs to the Parish Council, this could be added to the Easement.

Action Chairman

12. FINANCES

a) **Financial Statement:** A statement for December was presented, showing details of income and expenditure against budget. There was one unrepresented cheque for the Poppy Appeal.

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

	At agreed rate
1184 Clerks Salary	
1185 DAPTC VAT Workshop	30.00
1186 Village Hall hire Salary	57.50
1187 Cllr. Mackenzie –web hosting	10.80

c) **2015-2016 Budget:** The final version of the budget was accepted with the precept agreed at £13,744, although the Council agreed to accept the grant offer of £147.50 for 2015/2016.

Action Clerk

d) Internal Financial Regulations:

Copies of the new NALC Financial Regulations continue to be sought.

Action Clerk

13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** As an internal meeting is to be held on 15th January and a Management meeting on 21st January, an update will be provided at the next Council meeting.

Action Chairman

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

c) **Rights of Way:** Footpath 16 continues to be a problem and the matter has been passed on to DCC.

d) **Highways Officer:** Although a hole has been filled in Down Road, clearing the pavement by the bus shelter and cutting back branches in Arlecks Lane are still to be undertaken. Existing

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gulleys have been cleared and the installation of a new drainage gully by the Farquarson Arms and side-entry gully are “on works order” for completion in the near future.

It was agreed that the Council should research the repair or replacement of the finger post at the junction of Church Road and Newfield Road and examine opportunities for grants to facilitate the work.

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Chairman

The dog waste bin at Paul Baker’s Lane needs replacing and the matter will be raised with Bill Davidson.

Action District Cllr Oliver

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** The official OFSTED inspection rating of “Good” has been achieved.

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

g) **Flood Warden:** Water levels have reduced recently but will continue to be closely monitored during the crucial winter period. The Dorset Explorer / SWIM flood reporting tool should be available by the end of February.

Action Cllr Tanner

h) **DAPTC:** Cllr. Andrews provided an update on the latest meeting of the Northern Area, covering the requirement to support NALC on the Local Government Financial Settlement consultation, the formal acceptance of the Northern Dorset Local Action Group, plans to arrange a meeting with Cllr. Croney to attempt to move the C13/A350 situation up the agenda in respect to the overall Strategic Plan, and the identification of a possible loophole in planning procedures through the acceptance of a recent metal barn conversion in the West of the County.

i) **Homewatch/Community Speedwatch:** Concern was expressed over the fact that police representatives have failed to attend 4 out the past 6 Homewatch co-ordinator meetings held in 2014. The Community Speedwatch exercise is to resume in the near future.

Action Cllr. Andrews

1. 5. BUS SHELTER

Approval has now been received from Paul Walker to and the contractor will be asked to make contact with Mark Cutler in Road Space Management at DCC.

Action Cllr Argles

16. BLANDFORD FLY

NHS [CCG], East Dorset & Christchurch councils and DCC Public Health have agreed to support NDDC in funding spraying in 2015, and the spray manufacturer is applying to amend its interim licence to include the River Stour in 2015. The identity of the manufacturer is to be sought via Roger Frost at NDCC.

Action Cllr Tanner

17. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

A schedule of training events for 2015 is awaited from DAPTC.

17. PROPERTY CHECK

No changes with salt reserves remaining at near full capacity.

18. PRE-SCHOOL FUTURE PREMISES

Discussion with Paul Scothern confirmed that DCC is under no statutory authority to provide pre-school facilities. DCC will undertake a condition survey of the two mobile classrooms, but the Parish Council underlined its reluctance to continue to allow these on the site once the school has closed. The existing school building is owned by the diocese and attempts will be made to determine whether any covenants are in place over the usage and/or disposal.

Action Chairman

19. SECTION 106

A detailed schedule of work prepared by the Chairman in accordance with the annual play inspection is being costed by Mr. R. King, prior to applying for funding through Section 106.

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20. FENCE TO SPORTS FIELD

A quotation for the necessary work is to be submitted by Mr. R. King. **Action Chairman**

21. CLEANING THE PIMPERNE STREAM

A further letter has been sent to Mr. Dalton and the matter will be raised with the Environment

agency if no action is taken to clear the debris.

Action Chairman/Clerk

22. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Entry forms for this year's Dorset Best Village competition now with the deadline for entries being 5/4/15.

Action Cllr. Barker

b) A response to the Local Government Financial Settlement consultation will be sent by 15th January

Action Clerk

c) The DAPTC Annual Conference is to be held on 25th February at a cost of £50.

d) The Tri Partnership survey consultation is to be completed.

Action All Councillors

24. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

25. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: None

26. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: The meeting will be held on 22nd April.

27. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th February at the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.50 p.m.