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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B. MacGregor (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

**1. FUTURE OF HOMEWATCH:** Mr. D. Andrews updated the meeting on recent changes in the organisation of HomeWatch activities. The Safer Neighbourhood Teams will in future be termed Neighbourhood Policing Teams, with contact increasingly likely to be via PCSOs rather than PCs in future. Nationally, there is proposal to disband HomeWatch to focus on Neighbourhood Watch, but the Dorset HomeWatch Association is not in favour of this measure and changes are not likely to be introduced until the middle of 2016 at the earliest. Poor attendance at village and Blandford HomeWatch co-ordinator meetings before Christmas is likely to lead to these meetings being merged in future.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**4. DISPENSATIONS:** None required.

**5. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 were approved.

**6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:** None received

**7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** None received. The Council's dissatisfaction at the current level support from District and County Council will be addressed to Cllr. Croney.

**Action Chairman**

**8. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:** No issues were raised.

**9. MATTERS ARISING:** The school PTA has raised £100 from a bingo night to the cost of the cabinet for the defibrillator. An article confirming the availability for sale of the Portman Road bus shelter will be included in the next copy of the DAPTC newsletter. A synopsis of recent Council activities will be prepared for inclusion in the next Benefice newsletter by the end of February.

**Action Clerk**

A call for volunteers to become involved in a future Pimperne fete will be included in the next newsletter.

**Action Cllr. Mackenzie**

### 10. PLANNING

a) Granted applications –

Woodbury – the boundary fence has been repaired.

Three recent applications have been approved by NDDC Planning:

- 2/2015/1365/REM - Land at 50 Salisbury Road.
- 2/2015/1469/FUL – Telecommunications Mast at Stud Farm
- 2/2015/1352/HOUSE – The Cottage Salisbury Road to Letton Croft

b) Outstanding applications -None

c) New applications - None

d) Tree applications –

2/2015/1508/CATREE –Anvil Hotel, Anvil Road – pollarding of the willow tree has been completed.

### 11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The North Dorset DC Local Plan has been approved and will be formally adopted on 15<sup>th</sup> January. The grant application through Locality was approved with the sum of £5,650 to be spent before the end of the financial year. A PlaceCheck village walkabout with landscape and heritage consultants will be undertaken on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, while the four sub-groups are working to complete a series of action points, following receipt of the detailed project plan from Jo Witherden (Planning Consultant).

### 12. NEW/OLD PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The remaining temporary classrooms at the old school site have been removed and the area will be seeded in April. The old school field remains the responsibility of Dorset CC at present, and legal advice will be taken before signing any future agreement regarding the transfer. A sale has been agreed by Dorset CC for the old school site but the identity of the purchasers is unknown.

In respect to the new school the overflow car park has been closed following significant deterioration caused by heavy usage in unfavourable weather conditions. This has had a significant impact on traffic in the area with parents/carers parking in Church Road. A further meeting is to be arranged with DCC Highways to discuss this.

**Action Chairman**

Problems persist with the automatic window and door control systems, while a series of other snagging problems have been identified for DCC action before the school takes on responsibility for the building in April. External lighting remains a significant problem with the lights currently on all night, every night, causing annoyance to local residents.

**Action Chairman**

### 13. FINANCE

**a) Financial Statement:** A statement for December was presented, showing details of income and expenditure against budget. Receipts were boosted by the transfer of monies from the closure of the Multi-Play area account and the Reading Room account (for the new bus shelter). The reading room account balance will be updated upon receipt of the bank statement.

**Action Clerk**

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

1248	Village hall committee	57.50
		At
		agreed
1247	Clerk's salary	rate
	Pimperne Valley Gardening Services	
1248	(B.C. Payne)	75.00
1249	D. Mackenzie – Web site hosting	10.80

**b) Sports Society Request** – The Clerk reported that Mr Truswell had thanked the Council for its proposal and would provide the information requested in readiness for the next meeting.

Details of relevant service levels of agreement are to be sourced to adapt for use in respect to the Sports Society.

**Action Cllr. Tanner**

**e) 2016/17 Budget** – The second version of the draft budget was agreed, with the total Precept at £14,049. The formal request to North Dorset DC will be actioned by 29<sup>th</sup> January. **Action Clerk**

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

**a) DT11:** The Chairman provided a review of the main activities and projects being pursued by DT11.

**b) Tree Officer:** The Willow trees in Church Road have been trimmed and are due to be pollarded in the Spring, but no action has been taken at 1 Priory Gardens despite further requests.

**c) Rights of Way:** Nothing to report.

**d) Highways Officer:**

The Council has written to DCC Highways to request improved signage at the "Anvil bend" on the A354 after recent incidents. A meeting with DCC Highways and County Cllr Croney regarding safety issues in Church Road is awaited. **Action Chairman/Cllr Argles**

The new grit bins are in situ in St Peter's Close and Portman Road and awaiting filling by Dorset CC. All grit bins are now equipped with small plastic shovels.

**e) Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner reported that 43 parents have put Pimperne School as their first choice for next year's Reception intake. Precise responsibility for the criteria used in the selection process is to be clarified. **Action Chairman/Cllr Tanner**

**f) Village Hall:** The NHS Blood donor service will be situated at the village hall for the whole of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January. A fire risk assessment has identified some items that need attention.

**Action Chairman**

**g) Flood Warden:** Cllr. Tanner reported that the Council currently has one dumpy bag of sand and one dumpy bag of grit, together with 45-50 sandbags. The stream is now flowing along Newfield Road and Church Road but action is required by DCC to clear the ditches in Newfield Road to prevent flooding on the road, particularly in the vicinity of the school.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

**h) DAPTC:** The minutes from the January meeting will be forwarded. **Action Cllr. Mackenzie**

**i) Transport:** DCC's consultation regarding local bus services is considered to be a significant issue, with the X12 service under severe threat. Parishioners are to be informed of the importance of completing the questionnaire by the deadline of 8<sup>th</sup> February, while a formal response is to be made to County Cllr. Croney. **(Action Chairman, All Councillors, Clerk)**

**i) Best Kept Village:** Details of this year's competition are still awaited but an initial walk around the village will be undertaken. **(Action Chairman/Cllr. Evans)**

#### **15. HOMEWATCH/COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

One incident was recorded in Pimperne in December. Plans for further Community Speedwatch activities are awaited.

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

Nothing to report.

#### **17. PROPERTY CHECKS**

No changes reported.

Quotations are awaited from Wicksteeds for removal of existing and replacement of the junior play area equipment and the development of a new site for the junior play area over the road.

Other potential suppliers will be approached.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

The quotations for new signage at both play areas have been received from Dorset Sign shop and will be forwarded to all councillors.

**Action Clerk**

#### **18. SECTION 106**

Nothing to report.

**19. DORSET HOME CHOICE:** Information will be included in the next Parish newsletter.

**Action Cllr. Mackenzie**

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**20. CORRESPONDENCE**

A consultation on Dorset Police will be completed. **Action Chairman/clerk**

**21. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

New dog fouling notices have been sources and will be displayed at appropriate locations.

**Action Chairman/ Cllr. Evans**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. **Action All**

**22. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

None

**23. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> February.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.