

## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** District Cllr. P. Brown and Parish Clerk.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**3. DISPENSATIONS:** None

**4. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT:** The latest report provided an update on progress towards the development of new structures for local government in Dorset and planned Hambledon Divisional meetings in 2017. NDDC's Overview and Scrutiny Committee has voted in favour of two unitary councils, Unitary A, an urban-based division comprising Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch, and Unitary B, comprising rural areas.

**6. CO-OPTING A NEW COUNCILLOR:** Initial approaches to potential co-optees have proved unsuccessful. Further thought will be given identifying potential candidates.

**Action All Councillors**

**7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:** Nothing to report.

**8. MATTERS ARISING:** The matter of whether villagers may be able to utilise the pimperne.org web site to generate their own email addresses is to be investigated.

**Action Cllr. Mackenzie**

**9. URGENT MATTERS:**

Comments are required on the Blandford Town Council Strategic Plan are to be passed onto the Clerk for submission by 22<sup>nd</sup> January. **Action Cllrs. Argles, Harman, Mackenzie, Slocombe**  
Cllr. Tanner took no part in the discussion to avoid any conflict of interest.

**10. PLANNING**

**a) Granted applications:**

- Woodbury – No further progress.

- 2/2016/1574/HOUSE – 10 St Peter's Close, Pimperne –double garage (retrospective)

**b) Outstanding applications**

– 2/2016/1763/Various Sites –BT telephone box – a request has been made to adopt the kiosk and an update is awaited from BT.

- 2/2016/1753/HOUSE 18 Walters Drive, Pimperne – single storey extension - decision awaited.

- 2/2016/1801/FUL Farquharson Arms - 4 new dwellings and improved parking and garden areas – decision awaited.

**c) New applications** – none

**d) Tree applications** – No new applications. A walnut tree in the Conservation Area has been cut back without the required permission. The matter will be reported to NDDC.

**Action Clerk**

A full list of trees to be recommended for protection is to be issued. **Action Cllr. Mackenzie**

**e) Other planning issues**

Progress is still awaited on Section 216 notifications from NDDC Enforcement.

Planning enforcement has been alerted on three recent matters:

- KJ Pike’s apparent efforts to expand their footprint.
- 50 Salisbury Road removal of thatch and replacement with slate.
- Extension at 3 Portman Road

Responses are expected by the end of January.

**e) Conservation area re-appraisal** – A meeting has been held with Shelley Saltman and Jen Nixon of NDDC and a range of actions agreed. **Action Chairman. Cllr. Mackenzie**

**11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Chairman has held meetings with Jo Witherden to incorporate all consultee responses into the Neighbourhood Plan. Two additional sites are to be assessed for inclusion in the plan:

- Hyde Farm buildings
- Yarde Lane

Further evidence base work is required on local green spaces.

A meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Group is to be arranged within the next 2-3 weeks.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

**12. OLD SCHOOL FIELD**

The acceptance form has been signed and returned to Balanchards Bailey. Legal proceedings are continuing in respect to the length of the lease and further work is required to clear the ground before the Council takes over the facility

**13. FINANCE**

**a) Financial Statement:** The statement for December was presented and approved.

Following the reduction in interest rates, prospective alternative “homes” for the Reading Room account are to be researched. **Action Clerk**

A transfer from the VDS account to the current account is to be arranged to fund extra expenditure on the Neighbourhood Plan. **Action Clerk**

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

|      |                                       |        |
|------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| 1331 | Clerk’s Salary                        | 344.52 |
| 1332 | Pimperne Village Hall – Room hire     | 46.00  |
| 1333 | D. Mackenzie- Web site hosting        | 10.80  |
| 1334 | D.Mackenzie- Domain renewal           | 45.07  |
| 1335 | Getmapping plc – subscription renewal | 33.60  |
|      | Total                                 | 479.99 |

**c) Budget**

The budget for 2017/18 was agreed at £15,183, an increase of 8.1% on the previous year.

It was agreed that a £500 contingency should be earmarked in the light of NDDC’s reduced funding to the CAB.

Final budget and precept application form to be prepared and submitted to NDDC

**Action Cllr. Mackenzie/Clerk**

**14. OFFICERS’ AND REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS**

**a) DT11:** An Open Meeting is to be held at Pimperne Village Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> January.

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

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

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**d) Highways** - DCC has confirmed that the bollards at the Anvil bend are not now to be replaced. The drains on the A354 by the Farquharson Arms have been cleared, together with the gulleys in Newfield Road.

Cllr. Tanner is to attend a meeting on the County's A roads in week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> January. The issues of improved sighting at the Wimborne Road roundabout and clarification of policies regarding the use of unofficial signs on the highways are to be raised. **Action Cllr. Tanner**

**e) Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr. Tanner has resigned as a Governor of the school. The Chairman advised that new tracking and assessment procedures are now in operation.

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

**g) Flood Warden:** The drains on the A354 will continue to be closely monitored.

**Action Cllr. Tanner**

**h) DAPTC:** The next area meeting will be held in week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> January.

**Action Cllr. Richley**

**i) Transport:** Cllr. Harman reported that, disappointingly, there had been no response from villagers for assistance on the proposal to restrict concessionary fares until after 9.30 am.

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

No report presented. As Mr. Andrews is likely to be out of action for a number of months, Cllr. Richley is likely to take over the arrangement of Speedwatch activities.

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

The key actions for January related to the budget and precept which are in hand. A new training plan for 2017 is awaited from DAPTC.

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

a) General – A request for the salt bins to be filled in Letton Close is to be submitted to DCC.

b) Play areas – The latch has been removed from the gate to the Junior Play Area. Further weed killer is to be applied to the play areas, before the order for chippings is to be placed.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

A grant bid for assistance in purchasing new play equipment has been submitted to the waste management company Veolia. A decision is expected by April 2017. In addition a further bid to secure funds from under the Bags of Help scheme will be submitted by DT11 on our behalf.

**Action Chairman**

#### **20. CORRESPONDENCE**

The PPC survey is required to be completed online by 25<sup>th</sup> January if Councillors so wish.

The Dependent Carers' survey is to be completed by 18<sup>th</sup> January, based on the discussions at the meeting.

**Action Clerk**

#### **21. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:**

Mrs Vacher ran three community events at the village hall over the festive period, making an overall profit. A donation towards the cost of obtaining Wifi at the village hall will be requested.

**Action Cllr. Mackenzie**

#### **22. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

Village events for 2017.

#### **23. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

The Annual Parish meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

The meeting closed 9.00 pm