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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 13th July, 2011**, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs. P. Slocombe, M. Oliver, D. Andrews, D. Mackenzie, J. Tanner

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Bamforth (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received and accepted from Cllrs Barker and Hart and County Cllr Campbell

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: none.

3. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th June, 2011 were approved and signed, as manually amended

ACTION

4. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Oliver reported on the Temporary Steam Fair Travellers site, the new care home at Trailway Court, Armed Services Week, the Dorset Waste Partnership and the passage of the Olympic torch through North Dorset

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: none.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

Mr Toze drew the Council's attention to Planning Policy guidance on the protection of playing fields and open spaces, in relation to the Council's village green application.

7. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Internal Audit: the Council agreed to defer Mr Paul's attendance to September or October.
- b) The Council thanked Cllr Barker and all the volunteers who had cleared the Pimperne stream.

8. PLANNING

a) The following application had been referred to committee:
2/2011/0554 Field at Tarrant Hinton on south- eastern side of A354, south west of Turnpike Cottage: to create a temporary gypsy caravan site for a period of 3 weeks around the dates of the Great Dorset Steam Fair.

No councillor was able to attend.

b) There were no new applications.

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9. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that a lease had now been signed for the former Three Choughs, for use as a community hub and funding was now being sought and that the recent Green Week had been a success. The proposal for a new arts centre in Blandford would be circulated.

b) **Tree Officer:** Cllr Hart had reported that there were no matters of concern, but the Chairman would ask him to pursue with the NDDC tree officers the condition of the old willows at Willow Park.

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c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker had cleared FPs 10 and 16 and arranged for steps to be constructed from the church field to the corner of the fence, subject to the Church's agreement.

d) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner reported on the conclusion of another successful year.

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

f) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner reported that groundwater levels were higher but still acceptable

g) **DAPTC:** Cllr Andrews reported that he and Cllr Mackenzie would be attending the next meeting on 18th July.

h) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews reported that there had been a disappointing attendance at the recent Sheduction event and future events would be held at a different location.

10. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Cllr Tanner reported on the recent meeting and noted that there would be 2 walks round the village on 18th and 25th July to consider items to be included in the VDS.

11. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

a) Cllr Oliver would pursue with Mr Lukins the footpath to the church; the Rector was discussing with Mr Lukins the highway approach. **Cllr Oliver**

b) The Clerk reminded the Council that the area in front of Chestnut Farm was both Highways and common land. The Council decided the Clerk should write to Mr Paculabo, expressing the Council's support of efforts to improve the area and suggesting that residents seek a licence to maintain the area from the County Council. The Clerk would also ask County Highways if they would lay bark chippings under the chestnut tree to subdue weed growth. **Clerk**

c) The Clerk would ask the owner of Shepherd's Way to cut back the hedge which was overhanging the footpath on the A354 and raise with Highways the potholes in Church Road. **Clerk**

Cllr Mackenzie left the meeting at 8.00pm.

12. FINANCES

a) The Clerk presented a written financial statement for June, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget, and bank reconciliation.

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

966	S Bamforth - Clerk's salary June	at agreed rate
967	S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses June	£21.15
968	G Coull - website hosting	£10.80
969	DAPTC - new councillors' seminars	£40.00
970	DG Miles - repairs to council property	£396.20
971	Pimperne Village Hall - VDS meeting	£17.00
972	Pimperne Village Hall - meetings April, May, June	£45.50

c) The Clerk reminded the Council that they did not have any financial regulations and she would circulate the current NALC model as the revised publication did not seem to be imminent, but noted that tailoring the model to the council's needs could require her to work additional hours. It was suggested that a working group be formed to consider the model. Cllr Hart would be invited to join the group. **Clerk, Chairman**

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13. PROPOSED NEW VILLAGE SCHOOL

The Chairman reported that a planning application would be submitted shortly. The Council decided that they had no objection to the proposed widening of Newfield Lane, but felt it would give greater legal clarity, particularly in relation to future maintenance, if the County Council purchased the land. The Parish Council also agreed to the re-positioning of the hedge provided that the County Council remained responsible for its maintenance until it was fully re-established. The Council would also expect DCC to meet all associated costs, including legal fees. The Council also discussed DCC's proposals to route the access footpath along the boundary with the gardens of St Peter's Close properties across both the play area and the village hall car park; further legal advice would be sought with regard to this proposal. Meanwhile, a forthcoming meeting of the Village Hall Trustees would discuss the proposal.

14. VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION

The Chairman reported that he had requested that County Cllr Campbell arrange a meeting with Ms Sarah Meggs of the County Legal department, to which Mr David Toze would also be invited, to see if there was a way of avoiding a public hearing and the associated expense.

15. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Chairman advised that he received an offer to maintain the website. However, the Council decided to accept Cllr Mackenzie's offer to update and maintain it; the Parish Council would meet all hosting costs.

16. DATA PROTECTION ACT

The Council accepted the Clerk's recommendation that the Council register with the ICO, but the Clerk advised that individual councilors must determine if they should register, depending on the electronic data they held. **Clerk**

17. DIAMOND JUBILEE

Deferred to the next meeting.

18. VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

The Council agreed that Cllr Mackenzie would be asked if she would take this on. The PCC would be asked if they would consider any sharing of publication or distribution.

19. PROPERTY CHECK

a) Cllr Oliver would carry out the next month's check; Cllr Andrews would forward the form.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Blandford School; request for funding for all weather pitch; the Clerk expressing support for the project but regretting the Council had no funds available. **Clerk**

21. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a) To discuss possible Diamond Jubilee celebration
- b) To consider delegating Highways responsibilities to a councillor

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22. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 10th August, 2011, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm.