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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 11th July, 2012**, 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: S. Bamforth (Clerk), 1 member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received and accepted from Cllr Hart, District Cllr Oliver and County Cllr Campbell

2. The Council resolved to adopt the new Code of Conduct, based on the NALC model and as circulated, with Appendix A.

3. The Clerk received councillors' new registers of interests

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: none.

5. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 13th and 27th June, 2012 were approved and signed.

ACTION

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: received by e-mail.

7. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: nothing to report

8. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

No matters raised.

9. MATTERS ARISING

a) NDDC online training; the Clerk would liaise with Cllr Tanner to establish which units would be useful to parish councilors. **Clerk, Cllr Tanner**

b) Wessex Water: the Chairman and Cllr Barker had attended the briefing on the new transfer system. The Clerk would invite a representative to present to the council the plans for the pumping station on Bushes Road before a planning application was submitted. **Clerk**

c) The Chairman was meeting with Mr Miles on 13th July to arrange the necessary repairs to the play area fence and the bench at Letton.

10. PLANNING

a) No notifications of outstanding applications had been received.

b) The Council considered the following new application:

2/2012/0784 Hammetts Farm, Pimperne: to erect agricultural building. No objections.

c) The Chairman reported on the exchanges with Blandford Forum Town Council about the Draft Core Strategy and neighbourhood planning. Cllr Tanner advised councillors to read the minutes of the NDDC Planning Policy meeting on 5th July. The Clerk would write to the Clerk

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of Blandford Forum Town Council to ask for a meeting at which discussions neighbourhood planning could be continued. **Clerk**

d) Cllr Andrews reported that garages at the Long House, Letton were being converted into residential accommodation; the Clerk would pursue with the Enforcement Officer. **Clerk**

11. NEW VILLAGE SCHOOL

The Council agreed Mr D. Toze should be involved in any discussions with DCC officials relating to School Field

12. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that it was proving difficult to source funding for the Three Choughs and the offer of a lease was to expire at the end of July.

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

c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker would arrange for gravel to be put on the new steps on FP10 to make them safer in bad weather. The Clerk would pursue with the NDDC Tree Officer the trees at the The Old Rectory near to the electricity cables and the hazardous branch to the rear of the property. **Clerk**

d) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner reported that the reception class was full and that the Acting Head was leaving, with the new Head arriving in September.

e) **Village Hall:** the Chairman expressed the Committee's thanks for a donation of £400 from the Jubilee Celebrations Committee which would be used towards the refurbishment of the kitchen and provide new floor covering in the lavatories. (Cllr Tanner also thanked the Jubilee Celebrations Committee for the donation of £200 to the Village Show Fund).

f) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner noted that, despite the recent heavy rain, there were no flood alerts

g) **DAPTC:** Cllr Mackenzie would be attending the Northern Area meeting on 18th July.

h) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews reported on the recent newspaper theft in the village and noted that the next co-ordinators' meeting was in September,

13. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

a) The Clerk had re-submitted reports of potholes in Portman Road and St Peter's Close; she would also report the potholes in Newfield Road and at Fiveways and continue to press DCC Highways for the results of the recent speed tube checks in Church Road. **Clerk**

b) The Council discussed the correspondence on the recent fatal accident at Letton Hill and decided to await further information from the police.

c) The Council discussed Mr McCarthy's request for action over the vehicles parked near Willows Park which obstructed his drive; the Clerk would ask Highways if "Keep Clear" markings could be created in the narrow stretch of the road and would tell Mr McCarthy what action the Council had taken and again ask him to provide photographic evidence. **Clerk**

d) The Council noted the traffic management order on the A354 for the period of the Great Dorset Steam Fair.

14. WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman had obtained the contact details for the stone mason who could re-letter names on the memorial.

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15. FINANCES

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

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

1029	S Bamforth - Clerk's salary June	At agreed rate
1030	HMRC - PAYE on Clerk's salary	At appropriate rate
1031	S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses June	£30.89
1032	D Mackenzie - website hosting costs	£10.80
1033	The Information Commissioner - annual registration	£35.00
1034	Pimperne Village Hall	£75.00

c) The Chairman and Cllr Mackenzie would meet with Cllr Hart to discuss his reservations about the Annual Return.

d) The Council resolved to transfer the earmarked Walks Project fund to the Footpaths Maintenance ear-marked fund.

e) The Council confirmed an increment in the Clerk's salary scale from £9.941 to £10.198 per hour, in accordance with her contract.

16. DCLG CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO COUNCIL TAX FUNDING

The Clerk would respond to the consultation conveying the Council's concern at the implications for small rural councils without the income of business rates to subsidise the potential reduction in precept income from homes on benefits which could in turn create a reluctance to accept new affordable housing. **Clerk**

17. CALENDAR OF KEY DATES

The Clerk would agree the calendar of dates for Council action with the Chairman. **Clerk**

18. PROPERTY CHECK

a) There were no new items for action.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

a) NDDC; request from the General Manager to attend meeting to explain the Dorset Waste Project: the Clerk would invite her to the September meeting. **Clerk**

b) DAPTC; Code of Conduct training : the Chairman and Cllrs Argles, Hart and Mackenzie would attend the session in Blandford on 26th July.

c) Poppy Appeal: the Clerk would order a 17" Type F Remembrance Day wreath for delivery to Sue Miles. **Clerk**

20. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

a) To consider calendar of key dates for Council action

b) To hold Reading Room Trust meeting

21. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 8th August, 2012, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.