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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2014, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 2 members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from County Cllr. Croney, District Cllr. Oliver, Cllr. Hart and Cllr. MacKenzie.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**3. DISPENSATIONS:** none required.

**4. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 were approved and signed.

**5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** In District Cllr. Oliver's absence Cllr. Tanner provided a verbal update on the latest developments relating to the Crown Meadows. He also noted that a position statement on the control of the Blandford Fly will be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> July. Councillors agreed that NDDC should be asked to replace the bin at the village hall and remove signage following the removal of the Bring Banks.  
**Action District Cllr. Oliver**

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** County Cllr. Croney's monthly report had been received via e-mail by the Council.

**7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:** No matters raised.

**8. MATTERS ARISING:** The Chairman advised that items 12a and 12 c from the previous minutes had been actioned with the VAT return submitted and the Annual Return, Bank Reconciliation and Significant Variances report submitted to BDO.

### **9. PLANNING**

a) Outstanding applications – None. It was agreed that contact should be made with the Planning Inspectorate to obtain an update on the situation regarding the Woodbury application.

**Action Clerk**

b) New applications received – 2/2014/0616/HOUSE Nutshell – Erect single garage and carport (convert existing garage to living accommodation). The Council considered the objections put forward by Mr Partridge regarding sporadic development but agreed that no objection could be submitted having considered relevant planning reasons. However, a condition will be requested to ensure that existing screening should be maintained.

c) There were no applications for works to trees.

### **10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The committee comprising Cllrs Tanner, Argles, Mackenzie and the Chair, Cllr Slocombe will be meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July to discuss the way forward and agree plans for a public meeting. The Chairman advised that DT11 are able to provide assistance for grant applications through My Community Rights but further research is required to determine the precise period by which such grants should be spent.  
**Action Chairman/Clerk**

The main expenditure is expected to be the cost of an external planning consultant.

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## 11. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Construction is now well under way with the steel frame erected and earth/chalk removal progressing. The Chairman advised that contact has been made with Mr Brown, DCC Property Manager, over the condition of the translocated hedge. The DCC view is that the hedge is considered to be in reasonable state considering recent upheaval but its condition will be assessed in the autumn.

## 12. FINANCES

- a) The written financial statement for June was presented, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget.
- b) It was agreed that the Council will contribute to the cost of maintenance in the churchyard in line with the amount budgeted.
- c) The Council approved the payment and instructed the signature of the following cheques:

1148	D. Mackenzie -Web Hosting	10.80
1149	JP Consultants -Auditing	85.00
		At
		agreed
1150	Clerks Salary -at agreed rate	rate
1151	Countryside Services	687.50
	Information Commissioner- Data Protection	
1152	Registration	35.00
1153	Association of Dorset Watches - CSW Kit	300.00
1154	St Peters Church - maintenance grant	770.00

## 13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

- a) **DT11:** The first meeting of the newly formed committee will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> July.
- b) **Tree Officer:** Nothing to report.
- c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr. Barker reported that FP16 has been “weedkilled” but not cut back. In respect to the Trailway Application, a party of three councillors will be attending the Rights of Way hearing on 18<sup>th</sup> July and further details are to be submitted to DCC. **Action Clerk**
- d) **Highways Officer:** Cllr Argles reported that the tree roots in Portman Road and near the Church have been addressed and the build-up of leaves and other debris in Church Road has been raised with Dorset Waste Partnership.  
The grass cutting schedule in North Dorset is to be requested from Rolly Skeats.  
**Action Cllr. Argles**
- e) **Pimperne Primary School:** End of term is set for 22<sup>nd</sup> July and the school is at full capacity for next term.
- f) **Village Hall:** Nothing to report.
- g) **Flood Warden:** Cllr. Tanner reported that Pimperne features prominently in favourable terms in the DCC report on flooding. Ground water levels are reasonable and the water appears to be in a good, clean condition. An update on overall progress in respect to flood damage repairs and reparations work is to be sought via Cllr. Croney. **Action Cllr. Argles**
- h) **DAPTC:** The AGM is to be held on 8th November and Cllr Andrews will be attending.  
**Action Cllr. Andrews**
- i) **Homewatch:** Cllr. Andrews reported that one incident was recorded in Pimperne in June, a battery theft from the new school site. The next Homewatch Co-ordinators meeting is to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> July. Risk assessments are being produced for the Community Speedwatch Project, with vetting and training to follow.

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#### **14. BUS SHELTER**

Cllr Argles has obtained three quotations from potential suppliers, copies of which are to be passed to the Chairman to follow up with DCC and determine planning requirements.

**Action Chairman/Cllr. Argles**

#### **15. THE AREA IN FRONT OF ST PETER'S CHURCH**

The elm boarding has been installed, the area cleared and the grass is now growing. Quotes will now be sought for the installation of the "Dragons Teeth". **Action Chairman/Cllr Barker**

#### **16. BLANDFORD FLY**

Pressure will continue to be applied at various levels of government, with a response expected from the local MP and representation at NDDC.

**Action Chairman/Cllr Tanner**

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

The calendar has been amended and re-issued to move VAT reclaim to March.

The Clerk will attend the Clerk's Seminar on 18<sup>th</sup> September and investigate the Essential Finance course in November.

**Action Clerk**

#### **18. PROPERTY CHECK: No changes noted.**

#### **19. PRE-SCHOOL FUTURE PREMISES**

A letter has been sent Mr Paul Scothern at DCC, with a copy of Mr Toze's report, but no response has yet been received. The matter will be followed up.

**Action Clerk**

#### **20. SECTION 106**

The Chairman confirmed that funds continue to be held on the council's behalf until further instructions are received.

**Action Chairman**

#### **21. FENCE TO SPORTS FIELD**

The Chairman reported that inspections by the Best Kept Village judges had noted that a section of the fencing at Priory Field requires attention. The matter will be raised with John Truswell and a quotation obtained for a replacement fence (post and wire).

**Action Chairman**

#### **22. GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR**

In response to Mr Cutler's consultation the Council agreed that the planned temporary speed restriction on the A354 is excessive and a request made to restrict this to a period of one week prior to the Steam Fair.

**Action Clerk**

#### **23. WASTE COLLECTION**

Following the removal of the Bring Banks, the Council may have to arrange for a waste collection service at the village hall. Copies of relevant charges from Dorset Waste Partnership are to be circulated.

**Action Clerk**

#### **24. CORRESPONDENCE**

NALC Plain English Consultation on Openness of Local Government Bodies – comments to be collated and response submitted to DAPTC by 14<sup>th</sup> July.

**Action All Councillors/Clerk**

Dorset Highways Councillors Satisfaction Survey – to be completed and returned by 29<sup>th</sup> August

**All Councillors**

Dorset AONB Management Plan 2014-2019 – to be circulated.

**Action Clerk**

#### **22. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION- None**

#### **23. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

The issue of clearing the Pimperne stream to be added to next agenda.

#### **24. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at the Village Hall

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.