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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 13th July 2016, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs. P. Slocombe (Chairman), A. Argles, H. Evans, M. Richley,

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. T. Harman, D. Mackenzie and J. Tanner

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3. DISPENSATIONS: None required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th June 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT: District Cllr. Brown formally introduced himself as the new member of the Hill Forts team with specific responsibility for Pimperne. Concern was expressed over Dorset Waste Partnership's plans to remove Bring Banks and the possibility of an increase in fly tipping. DCC's plans to develop a Living and Learning Centre in Blandford are to be questioned at the next Hambledon Divisional meeting to be held at Durweston Village Hall on 20th July.
Action Cllr. Evans

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: No items raised

7. MATTERS ARISING: The redundant bus shelter in Portman Road has been sold to Mosterton PC for £250 and will be removed at the buyer's expense. Photographs will be taken for the village newsletter once the date is agreed.

8. URGENT MATTERS: None raised

9. PLANNING

a) Granted applications:

- Woodbury – Following the Conservation Area walkabout, the Council is to apply for a 216 Dilapidation Order to be submitted to the owners of the Wesleyan Chapel.
- 10 St Peter's Close- the garage was erected under the permitted rights approach. A site visit by NDDC is still awaited.

b) Outstanding applications:

Although formal notification had not reached the Council, decisions had been made on the following applications

- 2/2016/0047/FUL – 33 Walters Drive, DT11 8UX – Refused (overdevelopment and damaging to visual amenity and character of the area
- 2)/2016/0500/HOUSE - Orchard Cottage, Old Bakery Close, DT11 8BS –Approved
- 2/2016/0566/HOUSE Sequoia, Letton Close, DT11 7SS- Approved

2/2016/0594/FUL – Pimperne C of E Vc First School, School Lane. Decision still awaited

c) New applications - None

d) Tree applications – None

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A meeting was held on 6th July to consider a further draft of the Options Plan. A sub group meeting is to be held on 21st July to discuss plans for the formal Options Consultation to be held on 24th September.

A second grant application to Locality has been successful, although the sum awarded is restricted to £4165, bringing the total award to the maximum available £9,000 in the current 2015-2018 period. Available funds in the VDS Deposit Account will need to be accessed to fund the remainder of the Plan activity.

10. NEW/OLD PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The planned meeting with Ms J. Leaton and Mr. M. Osborne confirmed that DCC are very reluctant to spend any further sums on the old school field. A formal letter is the sent regarding the state of the existing fencing and boundary hedge.

Action Chairman/Clerk

Mr G. Coull's range of options for the use of the old school is to be summarised in the next edition of the village newsletter.

Action Cllr. Mackenzie

The issue of some form of reciprocal arrangement regarding the use of school sporting facilities by villagers in return for the upkeep of the play areas is to be raised at the next Governors' meeting.

Action Chairman

11. FINANCE

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

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

1288	Clerk's Salary	344.52
1289	DAPTC - Annual subscription	344.68
1290	Debby Mackenzie - Web hosting	10.80
1291	Clerk expenses - training/mileage etc.	33.15
1292	B.MacGregor - Playground chippings	177.38
1293	Hardy Signs - Play area signs	189.60
1294	Village Hall Committee - Hall hire	65.00
1295	Information Commissioner - Data protection reg.	35.00
1296	Clerk Expenses - print cartridges	79.99
1297	RG King - Various repairs	131.30
	Total	1411.42

d) Internal audit: A revised audit report had been received from Mr. Paul. His recommendation that a Councillor (other than the Chairman) should "sign off" the bank reconciliation and statements as evidence of verification was accepted, with this being undertaken by Cllr. Mackenzie in future.

Action Cllr. Mackenzie

e) External Audit.

The relevant forms have been submitted to the External Auditor and their report is awaited.

f) CIL Consultation

NDDC plans for the Community Infrastructure levy are out for public consultation, with the sum of £45/m² recommended for this area. A response is required by 29th July.

g) Pension

The Council's staging date for the new pension arrangements is 1st October. Although the criteria for automatic enrolment has not been reached, and the current employee has no wish to opt in, the Council is required to confirm this to the Pensions Regulator and put in place a process to review the situation when circumstances change.

Action Chairman/Cllr. Mackenzie/Clerk

12. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) DT11: The Health & Wellbeing event in Blandford was a success, but the DVAMP bid for projects on the Trailway was unfortunately unsuccessful.

b) Tree Officer: A purge is to be made on overgrown hedges, with offenders to be identified and contacted by letter.

Action All

Contact will be made with DCC to request removal and replacement of a dead tree in Portman Road and cutting back of another.

Action Chairman

c) Rights of Way Footpaths 11 and 16 have been cleared.

d) Highways: Work is to be undertaken by DCC to repair the edge of the road in Church Road. However, action is still to be taken at the Anvil bend and a further request is to be made to DCC Highways.

Action Chairman/Clerk

e) Pimperne Primary School: A handover to the new Head is progressing well and a new male Deputy Head has been appointed.

f) Village Hall: Nothing to report.

g) Flood Warden: Nothing to report.

h) DAPTC: The next meeting will be held at Woodhouse Gardens, Blandford on Wednesday 20th July.

Action Cllr. Richley

i) Transport: DCC's further consultation on bus services is of great concern with virtually all services under threat.

Timetables have been displayed for Service 20 at the village bus stops, but there are concerns that the current service is not as effective as it may be, with no link to the railway station at Salisbury and limited information available on the links to the X12 Blandford to Weymouth service.

Proposals are being prepared to offer previous 325 service users with alternative community with Dorset Community Transport and Nordcat under consideration.

Action Cllr. Harman

j) Best Kept Village: The bus shelter on the A354 is to be cleaned.

Action Cllr. Evans

The amount of weeds in the play areas is proving a major headache.

13. HOMEWATCH/COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Nothing to report. Contact will be made with Mr. D. Andrews to increase Speedwatch activity.

Action Chairman

14. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

The main actions for July /August involve the review of the Code of conduct/Standing Orders/ Financial Regulations and Asset Register.

Action Finance Working Group

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15. PROPERTY CHECKS

- a) General – nothing to report
- b) Play areas –

New signage has been installed at both play areas and new chippings have been laid at the Junior Play Area

17. GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR: Cllr Richley attended the pre-meeting and reported that the travellers' site had been approved, together with speed restrictions around the site. We have been provided with 500 2 for 1 vouchers and a total of 120 complimentary tickets which will be raffled by the shop. The best means of distributing the vouchers will be explored.

Action All

18. ALLOTMENTS

The provision of allotments is under consideration by the Neighbourhood Planning Group, although the main drawback at the moment is the availability of land.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

None

19. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

The situation regarding clay pigeon shooting licensing is to be clarified. **Action Clerk**
Cllr. Richley reported that Rev. Stephen Coulter is to retire on health grounds and the Benefice will be seeking a new Rector from 1st September.

20. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

None

22. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on 10th August.

The meeting closed at 8.37 p.m.