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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017, at 7.00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** District Cllr. P. Brown, Parish Clerk and three members of the public.

**1. PRESENTATION BY WESSEX WATER:** Messrs. Ian Colley and Chris Tattershall of Wessex Water presented a brief update on their study of the Pimperne stream and the impact of extraction from the Black Lane pumping site.

**2: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** County Cllr. D. Croney

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**4. DISPENSATIONS:** None

**5. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were approved by the meeting.

**6. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT:** County Cllr. Croney's report had been received by Councillors. This reported on Dorset CC's Fire Risk Review strategy following the Grenfell Tower fire, an update on the consultations on improvements to the A350/C13 and confirmed that a decision on Local Government Reorganisation in Dorset is expected before the summer recess. Cllr. Peters will attend the next meeting of the Hambledon Division meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July to be held at Pimperne. **Action Cllr. Peters**

**7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:**

A resident requested an update on progress made on the action point in the minutes of May 2017 in respect to the village shop. It was explained that the Council could not fully investigate options on community ownership whilst the shop remained in private hands. It was further explained that a private meeting had been held with the shop owners some months ago at which a number of suggestions had been made to encourage trade. However, the Council's ability to implement these had been dependent upon certain actions that had unfortunately not materialized.

Two other matters were raised by residents regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and these were discussed further under Section 11.

**8. MATTERS ARISING:**

None

**9. URGENT MATTERS:** None discussed.

**10. PLANNING**

**a) Granted applications:**

- Woodbury – in the absence of any progress on clearing the old Chapel a request for North Dorset DC to Section 215 notice should be made.

**b) Outstanding applications**

– 2/2016/1763/Various Sites –BT telephone box – no progress to date.

- 2/2017/1763/ KJ Pike & Sons Ltd – still under consideration

**c) New applications** - 2/2017/0933 Hammetts Farm House – Erect replacement agricultural building and demolish existing. Full details of this application are awaited. Upon receipt these will be forwarded to all Councillors with responses required by the end of July. **Action All**

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If necessary an extension to the NDDC deadline of 2<sup>nd</sup> August will be requested. **Action Clerk**

**d) Tree applications** – No new applications.

**e) Other planning issues**

The possibility of listing the Hayloft in the grounds of Berkeley House is still to be explored.

**Action Chairman/Cllr. Mackenzie**

3 Portman Road – a response to Mr. Nixon is to be sent.

**Action Clerk**

## **11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Two consultation exercises have been carried out on the three proposed development sites, at the village coffee morning on 3<sup>rd</sup> June and a drop-in session held on 6<sup>th</sup> July. At the latter a total of 37 comment sheets were returned, with the following results:

### **Do you Support the 3 development sites proposed?**

<b>% of respondents</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<b>Franwill</b>	91.4	11.4	2.9
<b>Manor Farm Close</b>	77.1	31.4	2.9
<b>Old Bakery Close</b>	85.7	17.1	2.9

### **Do you agree with the "important gaps" identified?**

<b>% of respondents</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<b>Franwill</b>	82.9	20.0	2.9

### **Do you agree with the re-drawing of the settlement boundary?**

<b>% of respondents</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<b>Franwill</b>	68.6	25.7	11.4

It was agreed that all minutes of the Neighbourhood Planning Group will be made available on the PC web site.

**Action Cllr. Mackenzie**

Another resident took issue with the NPG's assertion that local government targets are dictating the precise number of houses required in Pimperne over the period of the Plan. He put forward the view that targets should be based on local needs. Moreover, taking account of developments already completed since 2011, he suggested that the overall target could be significantly lower than proposed. These matters will be considered further by the NPG in finalising the Pre Submission plan.

## **12. OLD SCHOOL FIELD**

The key points of the PC's proposals on the negotiation with Dorset CC are to be submitted.

These will include a requirement for the term of the lease to remain at the period of 50 years, in line with previous correspondence on the matter.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

## **13. FINANCE**

**a) Financial Statement:** The statement for June was presented and accepted. Funds have been boosted by receipt of £1,203.11 for recovered VAT payments.

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

		At agreed rate
1363	Clerk's Salary	
1364	DAPTC – Training	60.00
1363	Mrs D. Mackenzie –Web site hosting Information Commissioner – DP	12.56
1364	Registration	35.00

#### **14. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

**b) Tree Officer:** The Willows management company will be asked to address the overgrown tree and bush on Church Road. **Action Clerk**

**c) Rights of Way:** Cllr Argles reported that overhanging foliage on the “circular walk” and the footpath by the sports field has been cut back.

Spectrum will be asked to cut back the overhanging hedging at Church Road by St Peter's Close. **Action Clerk**

Contact will be made with Tara Hansford of Dorset CC to explore funding opportunities for replacing the stile on the footpath by Col. Oliver's field and replacing the steps down to the Church. **Action Clerk**

**d) Highways –** The hedge by the bus shelter has been partially cleared and Dorset Highways will be asked to complete the task if necessary. **Action Cllr. Argles**

DCC Highways will be requested to examine the deteriorating state of School Road following heavy usage from construction vehicles over the past few months. **Action Cllr. Argles**

Contact details for Mr. Crocker are to be passed to Dorset Highways to arrange for foliage to be removed around the 30mph at entrance to the village from the north east. **Action Clerk**

Further details of the proposals on footpath widening in Church Road are to be requested from Laura Russ at DCC. **Action Clerk**

The Chairman will attend a meeting at County Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> July to discuss this further. **Action Chairman**

**e) Village Hall:** The Open Garden event on the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July was a significant success with many of the 458 visitors praising the quality of gardens on display and the overall appearance of the village. The overall total raised was in excess of £3,000. A formal letter of thanks will be submitted to Mr.A. Hunt of Pimperne Gardening Club and Mrs J. Vacher for their hard work and the support of members. **Action Chairman/Clerk**

Further fundraising activity is planned to raise an estimated total sum of £6,500-£7,000 for new curtains at the village hall.

**g) Flood Warden:** Debris from hay lorries is a potential hazard for blocking drains at this time of the year.

**h) DAPTC:** The next meeting will be attended by Cllr. Richley. **Action Cllr.Richley**

**i) Transport:** Cllr. Harman provided a further update on the changes anticipated following the move to new contracts on 24<sup>th</sup> July.

**j) Community Officer:** Cllr. Peters will take on responsibility for arranging the defibrillator training. **Cllr. Peters**

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

Although regular official reports are no longer produced, a number of distraction burglaries have been carried out in Blandford recently and residents are asked to remain vigilant. A speedwatch session in Church Road was held on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

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

The items for review in August are the Code of Conduct, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations against NALC models and BDO Audit Briefings. **Action Chairman/Cllr. Mackenzie**

## **17. PROPERTY CHECKS**

a) General – Nothing to report

b) Play areas – New equipment for the Junior Play Area is one of three projects selected for Tesco's in-store customer voting competition in July and August. Posters will be displayed on the PC noticeboard and around the village to boost votes. **Action**

**Cllr. Mackenzie/Clerk**

Funding for the new equipment will be boosted by the generous offer of a £10,000 donation from village resident Mr. Ed Lukins. An official acknowledgement and thanks will be prepared.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

## **18. DEFIBRILLATOR**

Cllr. Peters will liaise with Mr. Rob Williams to arrange a training session in August.

**Action Cllr. Peters**

## **19. GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR**

Cllr. Harman reported that few changes were expected to the arrangements that were in place last year. White lining between Collingwood Corner and Tarrant Hinton may be renewed, while the 30 mph speed limit will remain in place. The question of whether the shuttle bus will continue to stop in Pimperne will be posed, following the NFDA's (???) Decision to move to a new site.

**Action Cllr. Harman**

## **20. CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Rainbow's queries regarding the Annual Parish meeting were discussed in part. A full response will be prepared. **Action Chairman/Clerk**

A resident has requested that a grating or grill be installed at the Pimperne stream on Church road as a safety measure. The matter will be raised with the Environment Agency.

**Action Clerk**

The possible availability for grants from LEADER for capital projects for community shops is to be investigated with Ellie Makin of LEADER. **Action Clerk**

An order form for this year's Poppy appeal has been received and will be actioned.

**Action Clerk**

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

None

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

Review Code of Conduct, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations against NALC models

Review BDO Audit Briefings

## **23. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm