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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 8th June, 2011**, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs. P. Slocombe, , D. Andrews, A. Barker, D. Hart, D. Mackenzie, J. Tanner

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Bamforth (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr Oliver and County Cllr Campbell

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: none.

3. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th May, 2011 were approved and signed.

ACTION

4. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: The Chairman read out Cllr Oliver's written report, noting the new structure of the district council and the short service to be held on 20th June to mark Armed Services Week.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: none.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

A query was mad about the state of the new school planning application.

7. MATTERS ARISING

a) New Village School: the Chairman reported on the meeting with Ms Catherine Holland of DCC Estates to discuss the proposed footpath in the village hall car park; he would report councillors' concerns to her.

8. PLANNING

a) The following applications had been granted:

2/2011/0393 Fairchalke, Pimperne: Extension of time to Planning Permission 2/2008/0162 to erect double garage and store with studio within roof space.

2/2011/0392 Pebble Cottage, 19, Manor Farm Close, Pimperne: to erect 1 conservatory

b) The Council considered the following new application:

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. The Council had no objections but would wish to see conditions attached to provide 24 hour police protection to Turnpike Cottage and the imposition of a 30mph speed limit, extending east beyond the entrance to the site. The Council also wished to see the design and access statement clarified to define the pedestrian access.

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9. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that a lease had now been agreed for the former Three Choughs, for use as a community hub and funding was now being sought. The cost of establishing an arts centre in Bere's Yard, Blandford had been put at £700,000; it was intended that such a site be complementary to

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the town council's plans for the Corn Exchange. He had given councillors leaflets about the forthcoming Green Week.

b) Tree Officer: Cllr Hart had advised Mr Bannock of Paul Baker's lane to consult Dorset County Council about the tree undermining his property. He reported that NDDC tree officers were now taking an active interest in the failing willows at Willow Park.

c) Rights of Way: No report. Cllr Barker had cleared FPs 12 and 16. The Chairman thanked her for organising the clearance of the area around the chestnut tree.

d) Pimperne Primary School: Cllr Tanner reported that SATs had gone well and students had been commended for their behaviour on a school visit. The teacher exchange with a Ghanaian school had been delay because of visa issues.

e) Village Hall: Cllr Slocombe reported that external redecoration had taken place and the outdoor benches repaired.

f) Flood Warden: Cllr Tanner noted the extremely dry conditions and that AXA insurance representatives would be visiting the village.

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 3 break ins on the Franwill estate and that there were problems with youths overnighing at the village hall and multiplay area. The Police were holding a meeting in the Village Hall from 9.00 to 11.30 am to advise o securing outbuildings.

10. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Cllr Tanner reported that a meeting was to be held on 21st June to give feedback on the completed questionnaires and on the pilot scheme of the AONB's Historic Environment Action Plan for which Pimperne had been selected; a separate session was being organised at the village school.

11. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

a) The Chairman said there was nothing further to report at present on the track to Blandford Camp.

b) The Chairman reported that Mr Lukins had told Cllr Oliver that he would improve the surface of the path along Chestnut Farm wall; the Council agreed Cllr Oliver should insist that the main approach to the church be improved, too. **Cllr Oliver**

c) The Clerk reported that the PMU had not carried out the requested work on the A354 because it was an A road; Dorset Works would commission this work separately.

d) Mr Rainbow had expressed concern at the state of the area around the chestnut tree; the Clerk had informed him that the area was the responsibility of Dorset County Council, but she would ask Highways if they would allow the occupants Chestnut Farm to carry out works. **Clerk**

12. FINANCES

a) The Council approve the statement of accounts and annual governance statement of the Annual Return.

b) The Council approved the revised Asset Register and Risk Assessment as circulated. The Council accepted Cllr Hart's proposal that the internal auditor should be invited to meet councillors in order to review the internal audit arrangements. The Clerk would circulate the list of multiplay equipment. **Clerk**

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

d) The Council agreed to pay the additional premium to the insurance company to give 16 months' coverage.

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

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959	S Bamforth - Clerk's salary May	At agreed rate
960	HMRC - PAYE on Clerk's salary, first quarter	At appropriate rate
961	S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses May	£22.69
962	Cllr M Oliver - royal wedding party prizes	£19.90
963	DAPTC annual subscription	£320.20
964	Broker Network Ltd - insurance	£42.29

f) The Council approved new councillors attendance at DAPTC training seminars; Cllr Barker would consider attending the Gillingham session on 6th July.

g) The Council approved the increment in the Clerk's salary from £9.591 to £9.941 per hour in accordance with her contract.

13. VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION

The Clerk would tell Dorset County Council that their estimate for the hearing was two days, but that it was difficult to give a finite limit, without knowing the County Council's intentions on witnesses nor the inspector's directions.

Clerk

14. PIMPERNE STREAM

The Clerk reported that the Environment Agency was reminding the Management Company of Willows Park of their riparian responsibility, but they did not consider it an enforcement issue at this stage. The Environment Agency had also undertaken to contact Cllr Barker, acting in a private capacity, about the necessary steps before undertaking any clearance. As they had not yet done so, the Clerk would give Cllr Barker the contact number.

Clerk

15. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Chairman would discuss with Mr Coull.

Chairman

16. PROPERTY CHECK

a) Cllr Tanner would complete his check and amend the property form as necessary.

b) Cllr Andrews would carry out the next month's check.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Hugh de Iongh; possible Sport England funding for multiplay area: the Chairman and Cllr Tanner would discuss.

Chairman, Cllr Tanner

b) DAPTC; arrangements for AGM; to be included in circulation folder.

c) Mr Bevan; query re responsibility for fencing on School Field: the Clerk would reply that these were the responsibility of property owners.

Clerk

18. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

a) To discuss possible Diamond Jubilee celebration

b) To discuss village newsletter

19. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 13th July, 2011, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.40pm.