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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 13th June, 2012**, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs. P. Slocombe (Chairman), A. Argles, A. Barker, D. Hart, D. Mackenzie

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Bamforth (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: none.

3. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th May, 2012 were approved and signed, with one amendment.

ACTION

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: none.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: was read to the meeting by the Chairman.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

Mrs Jackson asked if the Council knew the reason for the presence of surveyors in School Field. The Council was unable to give any further information. There were complaints about the mud and stones left on the road by agricultural vehicles; the Clerk would write to Mr Crocker expressing the Council's concern. District Cllr Oliver had asked that his thanks be given to Cllr Barker for organising such a successful Jubilee celebration.

Clerk

7. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Code of Conduct; the Clerk reported that the Council would be asked to adopt a new model at the July meeting
- b) Adopt a neighbour scheme: there had so far been no response from the community but Cllr Andrews was pursuing with the police.
- c) The Clerk was pursuing with NDDC the issue of online training, but she confirmed that there would be a charge.

8. PLANNING

- a) No notifications of outstanding applications had been received.
- b) There were no new applications.
- c) The Council considered the following application to carry out works to trees in the conservation area:
White Lodge, Down Road, Pimperne: to crown clean, remove dead wood and crown raise 2 cherry trees and 1 laburnum. No objections.
The Council agreed the Clerk should send copies of tree applications to the tree officer.
- d) Cllr Mackenzie reported on the CPRE seminar on neighbourhood planning. The Council agreed to defer a decision on creating a neighbourhood plan until the content of the Draft Core Strategy was known.

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9. NEW VILLAGE SCHOOL

The Council resolved to defer a response to Dorset County Council on their proposals until the Council had sought legal advice. The Chairman and Cllr Mackenzie would meet with Mark Bellman of Blanchards Bailey.

Chairman, Cllr Mackenzie

10. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that new services were being transferred to Blandford Community Hospital and that an extension of the Three Choughs pre-lease agreement to September had been sought to await the outcome of funding bids. There was to be a meeting on 14 June about the Trailway broadband project.

b) **Tree Officer:** Cllr Hart reported that the trees adjacent to the properties of the Bannocks and the Allans had been dealt with.

c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker noted that the Countryside Rangers had built the steps on FP 16 and that she had reported the fallen tree on Rusty Barrow Lane to them. The Clerk would contact County ROW about FP10 above the Packhams' garden and whether any action was necessary.

Clerk

d) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner had reported by telephone that the school had enjoyed the jubilee celebrations and was looking forward to the Olympics

e) **Village Hall:** nothing to report.

f) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner had reported by telephone that there was no risk of flooding at present.

g) **DAPTC:** nothing to report.

h) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews' written report was received by the Council

11. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

a) Concern was expressed about lorries belonging to Mark Farwell travelling at speed through the village; the Clerk would write to him.

Clerk

b) The Clerk would ask DCC Highways for the results of the recent speed tube checks.

Clerk

c) The Council had no objections to the proposed diversion of part of FP20 in relation to the extension of the Trailway.

12. WAR MEMORIAL

Nothing to report.

13. FINANCES

a) The Council approved the statement of finances and annual governance statement. Cllr Hart wished to have recorded his technical reservations about approving sections 1 and 6 of the Annual Governance Statement. The Clerk noted he should set out his reservations in writing.

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

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

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		agreed
1025	S Bamforth - Clerk's salary May	rate
1026	S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses May	£27.90
1027	DAPTC - Annual subscription	£323.25

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1028 JP Consultants - internal audit

£85.00

d) The Council agreed to assess the feasibility of repairing the Pimperne laptop once Shillingstone had purchased a new laptop. The Council undertook to provide a printer when needed.

e) The Council noted NDDC's intention to recharge parish councils for the cost of by-elections from April, 2013.

14. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

The Council agreed to proceed with adopting the power and to refund Shillingstone Parish Council for half the associated costs, a total of £20.

15. PROPERTY CHECK

a) The Council agreed Mr Miles should be asked to repair the play area fencing and replace the broken seat bolt.

Chairman

16. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Wessex Water; proposed improvement of water supply grid: Chairman to attend briefing on 20th June in Blandford

Chairman

b) Stourpaine Parish Council; intention to revise Parish Plan: noted.

c) Audit Commission; consultation on re-appointment of BDO LLP as external auditors: Clerk to explain problem about definition of Reading Room fund.

Clerk

18. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

a) To resolve to re-allocate ear marked fund for Walks Project to Rights of Way in general

b) To adopt new Code of Conduct

c) To consider calendar of key dates for Council action

19. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 11th July, 2012, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm.