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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2013, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** County Cllr Croney, S. Bamforth (Clerk), 6 members of the public, including 3 representatives from the Blandford Forum Neighbourhood Plan Group

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from District Cllr Oliver.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** No new interests were declared.

**3. DISPENSATIONS:** none required.

**4. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th May, 2013 were approved and signed.

**5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** was read to the Council by the Chairman.

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** County Cllr Croney reported on her plan to hold monthly surgeries and the DCC budget. She also reassured the Council that the County Council was legally bound by the decision of the Cabinet, a sovereign body, to proceed with a lease of School Field under the agreed terms. DCC would wish to avoid the costs and delay incurred by a separate legal agreement on this matter. The Chief Executive would provide a letter ratifying the County Council's decision if the Parish Council sought further reassurance.

### **7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD**

Sarah Loch, John Stayt and Doc Addison, representatives from the Blandford Neighbourhood Planning Group (to be known as Blandford Plus) urged Pimperne to join the proposed Neighbourhood Plan of Blandford Forum, Bryanston and Blandford St Mary under which each parish would have a veto and costs would be shared on the basis of population. They asked to know Pimperne's reasons for not joining. Cllr Andrews explained that Pimperne's responses to the Draft Core Strategy consultation had differed. The Parish Council undertook to consider the proposal at their next meeting.

### **8. MATTERS ARISING**

a) Arrangements for review of asset register, risk assessment, insurance arrangements, internal audit and audit reports; the Finance Group would meet to discuss these and bring drafts to the next meeting.

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b) Possible relocation of waste bin: the Clerk reported that the Dorset Waste Partnership was monitoring usage before agreeing to any change.

## 9. PLANNING

a) No notifications of outstanding applications had been received. The Clerk would further pursue the application for lights at the former Taymix site. **Clerk**

b) The Council considered the following new application:

2/2013/0510/PLNG Barnview, Letton Close, Pimperne: to raise roof to the rear and install front and rear dormer windows to form a chalet style house (demolish conservatory). No objections.

c) There were no applications for works to trees.

## 10. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council's solicitor had advised that a legal agreement to lease should be signed for School Field before proceeding with the transfer of the strip of land in Newfield Lane. The Council agreed that, subject to the advice of Mark Bellman, they would proceed with the transfer of land in Newfield Lane on receipt of a letter of intent from the Chief Executive of DCC, ratifying the Cabinet's decision the School Field lease. The Chairman reported that the Village Hall Trust had been surprised by the request for vehicular rights to use the car park and were now negotiating a licence with DCC. **Clerk**

## 11. FINANCES

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

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

1089	S Bamforth - Clerk's Salary May	At agreed rate
1090	S Bamforth - Clerk's Expenses May	12.15
1091	JP Consultants - internal audit	85.00
1092	DAPTC - subscription	318.52

c) Consideration of the approval of the increment in the Clerk's salary was deferred to confidential session at the end of the meeting.

## 12. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that patient groups were being established in all doctors' surgeries, that the DT11 Trailway Broadband project had become more complex and that a centre for community resources was still being sought.

b) **Tree Officer:** Nothing to report.

c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker reported the unstable stile on FP10 was to be repaired and there were no other matters of concern.

d) **Highways Officer:** Cllr Argles reported that a number of potholes in Newfield Road had been repaired and that traffic in the village had increased during the recent closure of the A354 for resurfacing. He would report the large pothole at the junction of Bushes Lane and the Shaftesbury road and the uneven drain cover at St Peter's Close. Cllr Barker would obtain a quotation for bark chippings to be laid under the Chestnut Tree. **Cllrs Argles, Barker**

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner reported on the arrival of 2 new teaching assistants and the planned end of term events.

f) **Village Hall:** The Chairman reported that further expenditure was required, mainly on the kitchen.

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g) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner said that there was nothing of significance to report and that he would encourage DCC to clear the stream of vegetation later in the year.

h) **DAPTC:** the next meeting was on 17<sup>th</sup> July.

i) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews reported that there had been two incidents in Pimperne and noted that all non-urgent calls should now be made to 101.

### **13. NEW NOTICEBOARD**

The Chairman noted that replacing the board at the village shop would cost in excess of £1000 and so he would liaise with the shop owner and Mr King (at a rate of £15 an hour) to move the existing board to the side of the shop.

**Chairman**

### **14. WAR MEMORIAL**

The Chairman reported that he had made pre- application submission to the War Memorials Trust and was awaiting the outcome.

**Chairman**

### **15. BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW OF DISTRICT COUNCIL WARDS**

The Council noted that there would be a consultation from late August to November on the proposed changes to ward boundaries.

### **16. CORRESPONDENCE**

A resident had made a complaint to Damory Coaches about the service during the recent roadworks and diversion; Cllr Andrews would check if he had received a response. If not the Council would send a letter to Damory backing his complaint, copying to the DT11 Transport Officer.

**Cllr Andrews, Clerk**

### **17. PROPERTY CHECK**

The Council noted Cllr Argles' report; Mr Miles had now carried out all necessary repairs. The Chairman noted the poor condition of the Salisbury Road bus shelter and suggested putting remedial action on the next agenda. The Council would monitor flyposting in the village.

### **18. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- a) To consider making an award for community service
- b) To consider action over village bus stops

**19.** The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2013, in the Village Hall.

**20.** The Council resolved to enter into confidential session to discuss a staff matter and the increment due on the Clerk's salary.

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm.