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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 11th June, 2014, 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: 4 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: were received from County Cllr. Croney and Mr Bryn MacGregor (Clerk).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

3. DISPENSATIONS: none required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th May, 2014 were approved and signed.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: District Councillor Oliver gave his report.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: County Cllr. Croney's monthly report had been received via e-mail by the Council.

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: No matters raised.

8. MATTERS ARISING: None

9. PLANNING

a) Outstanding applications – 2/2014/0205/PLNG Part of garden to 50 Salisbury Road has been granted subject to conditions.

b) New applications received – 2/2014/0591/FUL Stud Farm Change of Use – Agricultural Storage Shed to Gymnasium. Council had no comment to make.

c) There were no applications for works to trees. The chestnut tree in Old Bakery Close is in need of work therefore an application will be forthcoming. Cllr Hart urged councillors to contact him if they are aware of any work being carried out to trees that should have been referred to the Council.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman advised that Sarah Jennings and Trevor Warwick have prepared a document with regard to the amount of assistance they are able to give to each authority preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The document is subject to agreement. It was confirmed that Pimperne Parish Council are working strictly to the agreed protocols. The next action is to call a meeting to engage the community; it is hoped that Sarah Jennings will attend, subject to agreement. The meeting is likely to take place in September to avoid the holiday period.

A business case must be prepared to assist with application for a grant. The final plan must be externally examined therefore the services of a planning consultant will be required. The cost of the referendum will be borne by the District Council. A small committee of Cllrs Tanner, Argles, Mackenzie and the Chair, Cllr Slocombe, was formed to put together the business case, progress the grant application and organise the meeting. **Action Chairman**

11. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The completion date remains unchanged. The ceremony of the cutting of the first turf has taken place, including the whole school. The swings in the current play area will have to be replaced, plus the balance beams. The cost will be borne by Dorset County Council. Council approved the

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replacement swings. PPC need to be informed before work commences. Note was also made that the relocated hedge is unsatisfactory. DCC will be contacted. **Action Clerk/Chairman**

12. FINANCES

a) The written financial statement for May was presented, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget. It was noted that VAT must be recovered now that the paperwork has been returned from Internal Audit. **Action Cllr. Mackenzie/Chairman**

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

		At agreed rate
1143	Clerk's Salary	
1144	DAPTC – Councillors Update	30.00
1145	DAPTC – Annual Subscription	327.12
1146	D Mackenzie - newsletter	8.99
1147	P Slocombe – Annual Parish Meeting	51.36

c) The Annual Return, Bank Reconciliation and Significant Variances Report were agreed by Council and signed by the Chairman.

13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) DT11: The AGM was held last week at which the DT11 Chairman Scott Norman resigned as did the Vice Chairman Diane Cooper. A new Chairman, Nic Nicol, was elected, with Mrs Bobby Church as Vice Chairman and Peter Slocombe reconfirmed as Treasurer.

b) Tree Officer: Nothing to report. New regulations regarding Tree Preservation Orders are to be issued.

c) Rights of Way: Cllr. Barker reported that FP16 is due to be tackled. Trailway Application: No evidence in living memory of the existence of or definition by the farmer of the route shown in the latest map provided by DCC. A response will be sent to DCC. **Action Clerk/Chairman**

d) Highways Officer: The planned closure of the Blandford bypass will have little effect on Pimperne. The tree roots in Portman Road and near the Church are scheduled for action. The issue of the build-up and leaves and other debris in Church Road is to be raised with Dorset Waste Partnership. **Action Cllr. Argles**

Grass cutting has been raised by residents concerned by the long grass in some areas and the failure to remove cuttings. Cllr Argles confirmed that grass cutting will be done less frequently than in the past due to the need for cost cutting at DCC. Verges which threaten to cut visibility posing a threat to motorists and pedestrians will be cut more frequently. The North Dorset cutting schedule will be requested. Cllr Argles to contact Rolly Skeats. **Action Cllr. Argles**

The reported schedule of defects to be followed up with County Cllr Croney. **Action Cllr. Argles**

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr. Tanner reported that much is happening in this busy summer term. Future dates of note include transfer day of 2nd July, sports day on 4th July and "Choir Day" on 9th July. The Governing body of the school may need to be reconfigured following a new directive from the Government.

f) **Village Hall:** The Chairman reported that the new hot water boiler is in and working. The roller shutter now required repair. Weed killing of the paved areas is ongoing.

g) **Flood Warden:** Cllr. Tanner attended an exhibition on flood planning in Salisbury on 7th June. Pimperne has been chosen as a good example of how to cope with flooding and will appear in a future publication by DCC. Ground water levels are higher than usual but not problematic. Constant vigilance is required at this time of year as summer storms can cause flash flooding on

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the A354. The vegetation in the stream in front of The Willows has been cleared but DCC have yet to clear from the bridge onwards.

h) **DAPTC:** Cllr. Mackenzie attended the meeting on 15th May. Presentations were given by Dorset Fire and Rescue and Dorset Waste Partnership. Topics discussed included the Local Action Groups. DAPTC recommended councils support the North Dorset LAG. Full notes of the meeting to be circulated. **Action Cllr. Mackenzie**

i) **Homewatch:** Cllr. Andrews reported that 3 incidents occurred in Pimperne, two of which concerned the new school building site. The last form for the Community Speed Watch checks has been received. Cllr Andrews hopes that training can commence before the forms have been processed.

14. BUS SHELTER

The Chairman provided Cllr Argles with measurements and a drawing for the new shelter. Cllr Argles approached two potential suppliers. A preferred supplier has been identified. Site measurements must be confirmed before details are submitted to DCC for approval.

Action Chairman/Cllr. Argles

15. THE AREA IN FRONT OF ST PETER'S CHURCH

"Dragons teeth" are to be installed to prevent car access, with elm edging board to hold the top soil and define the edge. Dorset County Council will provide the edging and also edge around the tree itself to prevent grass growing right up to the base of the tree. Cllr Argles will write to Rolly Skeats at DCC, and copy to James Bennett, to request that a good margin be left between the edging and the road to enable the 'dragons teeth' to be installed. **Action Cllr. Argles**

16. BLANDFORD FLY

The Council remains concerned over the matter and correspondence with the local MP is ongoing

Action Chairman

17. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

The calendar has been re-issued but will be amended to move VAT reclaim to March. The Chairman will be booked on to the Chairmanship seminar on 17th June. **Action Cllr. Mackenzie**
The Clerk is recommended to attend the Clerk's Seminar on 18th September. **Action Clerk**

18. PROPERTY CHECK

Cllr. Argles reported that the seat on the way to Blandford has now been 'unearthed' from the surrounding vegetation.

19. PRE-SCHOOL FUTURE PREMISES

A report has been prepared by Mr Toze stating the potential problems should the existing mobile classrooms on the current school field be 'let' to the pre-school once the new school is open. Serious concerns were raised regarding any future use of the existing mobile classrooms. The Chairman will write to Mr Paul Scothern at DCC, copied to County Cllr Croney, with a copy of Mr Toze's report, stating that the Parish Council do not wish to alter the terms of the lease, and requesting Mr Scothern to clarify the situation from his point of view regarding the offer to use the mobile classrooms. The Council will discuss further at the next meeting. **Action Chairman**

20. SECTION 106

The Chairman has been in touch with Mr De Iongh. Once the new swings are in place we can advise where we stand with regards to the play area. Mr De Iongh has offered to assist with any application for S106 funds.

Action Chairman

21. CORRESPONDENCE

Annual Forum of the Cranborne Chase AONB takes place on 1st July if any councillors wish to attend.

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DCC Community Engagement - the next 'roadshow' takes place on Friday 13th June in Morrisons car park

Rural Opportunities Bulletin – grants are available from the Premier League and the FA Facilities Fund for building and refurbishing sports grounds. This may be of interest to the Sports Society.

Action Clerk

22. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

None raised.

23. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Please advise the clerk before the next meeting.

24. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th July 2014.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.