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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 14th June 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.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr. D. Croney, Parish Clerk and one member of the public.

1: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. J. Tanner

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3. DISPENSATIONS: None

4. MINUTES: Subject to revised wording to Matters Arising suggested by Cllr. Harman, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th May 2017 were approved by the meeting.

5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT: In the absence of a formal report, County Cllr. Croney presented a verbal update. Meetings have been held with County Council management with regard to the school and health and safety issues will be addressed rapidly, with the landscape issues addressed thereafter.

In respect to the Old School Field the Parish Council was requested to identify the key issues it considers are non-negotiable and suggest any points where there may be more room for manoeuvre.

Action All

Proposals from DCC in respect to the footpath widening in Church Road are to be forwarded to the Parish Council in the near future.

A consultation event on the A350/C13 work improvements is to be held at Stourpaine village hall from 2-8pm on 19th June and is open to all.

Cllr. Croney is discussing community transport links with a number of Parish Councils in the Tarrants and requested input on the local appetite for car share schemes and bus systems in Pimperne.

Action Cllr. Harman

The next Divisional meeting to be held at Pimperne village hall on 19th July will focus on community activities in Blandford.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

A resident wished to confirm that his comments on the Speedwatch team should be regarded as observations rather than a complaint.

He also observed overgrowth on footpaths on the “circular walk” in the centre of the village and suggested that Councillors should investigate further.

Action Cllrs. Argles/McKenzie

7. MATTERS ARISING:

It emerged that the leaflet describing the special offer price for Pimperne residents had unfortunately not been delivered to all households. To ensure fairness to all a further leaflet drop will be made to the “missing” addresses with the deadline extended to 8th July.

Action All

8. PLANNING

a) Granted applications:

- Woodbury – Contractors have been requested to quote for clearing the Chapel by the owner and progress is eagerly awaited.

- 2/2017/0566/CPE Certificate of Lawfulness, The Stables

b) Outstanding applications

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

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- 2/2017/1763/ KJ Pike & Sons Ltd

c) New applications

None.

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

In respect to 3 Portman Road, the fact that bricks used in the extension do not match the original is to be drawn to NDDC's attention.

Action Clerk

8. URGENT MATTERS: None discussed.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The next meeting of the NPG to be held on 16th June will discuss plans for presenting the pre – submission plan, in particular the provision of an A4 leaflet summarising the presentation made to the June coffee morning.

10. OLD SCHOOL FIELD

A summary of the Parish Council's viewpoint on the key issues will be provided for discussion at the next PC meeting.

Action Chairman /Clerk

12. FINANCE

a) Financial Statement: The statement for May was presented and accepted. The VAT recovery claim was successful and the receipts will appear in the June accounts. **Action Clerk**

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

		At
1359	Clerk's Salary	agreed rate
1360	Blandford School – Newsletter printing	300.00
1361	DAPTC – Training	35.00
1362	Dorset Planning Cons –Neighbourhood planning	568.26

c) Annual Return: The Annual Return, Significant Variance Report and Bank Reconciliation were presented for approval and will be submitted to the external auditors. **Action Clerk**

13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

b) Tree Officer: It was agreed that the Council would sign up for the Plant a Tree Legacy Tree.

Action Cllr. Mackenzie

c) Rights of Way: The overgrown footpath between Col. Oliver's land and the sports field will be cut back.

Cllr. Argles

The Willows management company will be contacted to cut back the overhanging bush opposite the Farquharson Arms.

Action Clerk

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

Action Cllr. Argles/Clerk

d) Highways – Queries on the information available on DCC Highway's Sharepoint system are to be addressed via the Clerk.

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A significant amount of information is available online via the Sharepoint system but is difficult to copy. The Parish Council's log in details for Sharepoint are to be passed to all Councillors.

Action Clerk

e) Village Hall: Fundraising activity will continue to replace the curtains in the main hall and the stage, while some external decoration will be required.

Action Chairman

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g) Flood Warden: Nothing to report.

h) DAPTC: The next meeting is to be held in July at Blandford Woodhouse Gardens.

i) Transport: Cllr. Harman updated the meeting on revisions to local bus service operations which are to take effect from 24th July but indicated that full timetables were still awaited.

j) Community Officer: The litter pick went well with Dorset Waste Partnership providing high visibility jackets, gloves and “litterpickers” and removing the waste.

Arrangements are largely in hand for the Open Gardens event on 8th-9th July, although improvement to the siting of the banner on the A354 adjacent to the bridge is required and the risk assessment is still to be completed.

Action Chairman/Cllr. Peters

17. HOMEWATCH/COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Nothing to report on Homewatch, while Speedwatch is planned to recommence in w/c 19th June

18. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

Cllr. Peters will attend the second part of the Essentials for Councillors course on 1st July.

19. PROPERTY CHECKS

a) General – Nothing to report

b) Play areas – The Council’s application to the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme has been successful and the project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores during July and August.

Strenuous efforts will be made to publicise this at the school and within the local area to maximise votes.

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A quotation has been received for replacing some of the equipment in the Junior Play Area and further quotes will be sought.

Action Chairman/Clerk

Details of a Bournemouth-based supplier of recycled plastic equipment are to be provided.

Action Cllr. Harman

22. DEFIBRILLATOR

Mr. Rob Williams will be asked to put on an initial training session for a maximum of 14 people, with the session to be advertised in the autumn newsletter.

Action Chairman/Cllr. Mackenzie

23. CORRESPONDENCE

Suggested resolutions for the DAPTC AGM are to be submitted by the end of July

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The Chairman will be representing the Parish Council at the licensing and installation of the new priest on 20th June.

24. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

None

25. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Wessex Water presentation

New play equipment

26. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday July 12th.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm