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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2012**, 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:** S. Bamforth (Clerk), County Cllr Campbell, 2 members of the public.

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

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none.

**3. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 were approved and signed.

### ACTION

**4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** County Cllr Campbell commented on his circulated budget speech.

**5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** was received by the Council [available at [www.pimperne.org.uk](http://www.pimperne.org.uk)].

### 6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

Cllr Tanner commented on parked vehicles blocking access to School Field.

### 7. MATTERS ARISING

a) School Field: the Chairman reported that he and Mr Toze would again be meeting with DCC officials.

b) Blandford Leisure Centre; the Council noted the further appeal for financial support from Joyce Guest, NDDC General Manager. The Council resolved to return to the matter when setting the budget for 2013-14 and the Clerk would so inform Ms Guest.

**Clerk**

c) Sycamore at the entrance to Manor Farm Close: since there appeared to have been no progress, the Clerk would continue to pursue, using a PEM and keep Mr and Mrs Allen informed.

**Clerk**

d) Blandford Forum's proposed neighbourhood plan: the Chairman reported that the planned meeting had been postponed.

### 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 a tree under a preservation order:

Letton Park House, Letton Park: to reduce 1 beech by 2- 2.5m from neighbouring property. No objections.

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d) The Council considered a request from Barton Willmore to meet with councillors to discuss development of two sites in the village; the Council saw no advantage in such a meeting and the Clerk would so inform the company. **Clerk**

## **9. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that funding was still being sought for the Three Choughs Community Resource Centre and the Fording Point arts centre. Negotiations with landowners on the next stage of the Trailway were continuing.

b) **Tree Officer:** Cllr Hart reported that the tree surgeons pruning the willows at Willow Park had suggested this work should be done every two years and that not all the new trees were willows as intended.

c) **Rights of Way:** nothing to report.

d) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner reported that he would be attending an Environment Agency briefing and noted that groundwater levels were very low.

e) **Village Hall:** The Chairman reported that a fund-raising open gardens day was being organised.

f) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner reported that the flow level in the stream was very low.

g) **DAPTC:** Cllr Andrews noted that he would attend the next Northern Area meeting at Stalbridge; the Clerk would inform DAPTC **Clerk**

h) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews reported on the recent burglary at Newfield Farm and his concern at reduced flow of information from the police.

## **10. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

a) The Chairman reported that he had met with DCC Highways officials who had suggested the Council report the problem with buses accessing the A354 from the former Taymix site to Development Control as relating to a change of use; the Council noted that NDDC had already stated that use as a bus depot was not considered a change of use. DCC would not agree to a 20mph speed limit in the village as unenforceable but would install speed tubes to measure the speed of vehicles. A mini roundabout at Fiveways would cost £10,000 and was considered unjustifiable by DCC. A weight limit for vehicles entering the village would cost £2000-£3000 and DCC officials claimed it would be impracticable.

b) The Council discussed DCC Highways' latest proposals on snow clearing and decided it did not wish Pimperne to be included in such a scheme, but hoped DCC would continue to administer a revised "Farmers Snow Plough Scheme" in the area; the Clerk would so respond. **Clerk**

## **11. WAR MEMORIAL**

The Chairman reported that he had so far not been able to discuss this matter any further with Mr Richley.

## **12. FINANCES**

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

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

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| 1006 | S Bamforth - Clerk's salary February                     | At agreed rate |
| 1007 | S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses February                   | £16.20         |
| 1008 | Shiillingstone Parish Council - stationery and telephone | £220.00        |

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1009 Rob King - Letton noticeboard

£28.80

c) The Council discussed the Sports Society's request for an increased grant; the Chairman would pursue with Mr Truswell. **Chairman**

d) The Chairman, the Clerk and Cllrs Mackenzie and Hart would meet to discuss Cllr Hart's digest on the financial regulations. **Chairman, Clerk, Cllrs Mackenzie and Hart**

### **13. VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

Cllr Mackenzie reported the latest newsletter was about to be circulated; the Clerk would ensure copies were lodged at the County Archive. The Council discussed the possibility of issuing a more frequent newsletter and would raise at the Annual Parish Meeting. **Clerk**

### **14. PROPERTY CHECK**

a) Cllr Barker reported that Mr King had repaired the noticeboard at Letton; the Chairman would check the closing mechanism. Cllr Barker also noted that rainwater gathered in a hollow in the bark chippings in the junior play area. **Chairman**

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

### **15. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) DCA; Best Kept Village competition: Cllr Barker would submit Pimperne's entry.

b) Jubilee dog show; the Clerk would check insurance for this event on parish council property

### **16. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

a) To consider new Code of Conduct requirements

b) To consider latest developments on neighbourhood planning

**17.** The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2012, in the Village Hall and the time and date of the Annual Parish Meeting as 7.00pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm.