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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 13th March, 2013**, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from County Cllr Campbell and District Cllr Oliver.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No new interests were declared. Cllr Hart had confirmed his pecuniary interest in the planning application for his property at item 9(b) of the agenda.

3. DISPENSATIONS: none required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th February, 2013 were approved and signed.

ACTION

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: a written report was received by the Council.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT : received by e-mail.

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

The Council was briefed on the recent travel workshop when it had been confirmed that some bus services would be cut from September because of the withdrawal of DCC subsidy.

Cllr Tanner arrived at 7.15pm.

8. MATTERS ARISING

a) The Council decided to change the date of the Annual Parish Meeting to 24th April.
b) Cllr Barker had submitted the entry to the Best Village Competition; a litter pick was being organised for 30th April; the Clerk would forward to Cllr Mackenzie a risk assessment. The Clerk reminded the Council that volunteers should not be aged under 16. The Chairman would ask Mr Miles to replace where needed and repaint the posts by the Chestnut tree.

Clerk, Chairman

c) Cllr Andrews would continue to pursue with the police the issue of parking at Fiveways.

Cllr Andrews

d) The Clerk had circulated a note on the DAPTC legislation update event. She reported that the powerpoint presentation on finance would not be posted on the DAPTC website.

9. PLANNING

a) The following application had been granted:

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2/2012/1535/PLNG Land between Corfe Mullen WTW BH 21 3RG and Camp Hill Reservoir, Wiltshire Corfe Mullen to Salisbury transfer scheme: installation of 64 km of underground water supply main, associated surface pumping stations (including in Pimperne) and storage tanks and operational plant and equipment, including communications apparatus

b) There Council considered the following new applications:

2/2013/0202/PLNG and 2/2013/0201/PLNG Fairfield House, Church Road, Pimperne: to erect single storey rear extension and carry out associated internal and external alterations. No objections.

2/2013/0191/PLNG Roughwood, Letton Park, Pimperne: to raise garage roof to create accommodation at first floor level. The Council had no objections but would ask that a condition be included to restrict the use of the development for the specified purpose.

2/2013/0033/PLNG Taymix Transport Ltd, Salisbury Road, Pimperne: to erect 9 no 6.98m high 200watt induction floodlights (retrospective). The Council was still concerned about the spread of light and light pollution and the consequent impact on neighbours. The Council would also want time restrictions on the lighting.

c) The Council considered the following application for works to trees under a Tree Preservation Order:

Gardeners Cottage, Langbourne, Pimperne: to crown reduce by 50% 1 yew and to fell 2 ashes, 2 sycamores and 1 beech. No objections.

10. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Chairman reported that the translocation of the hedge had been completed and that the contract for the sale of the land had not yet been drawn up by Blanchards.

11. SCHOOL FIELD

The Chairman reported that the necessary permissions had been obtained from the Department for Education for the lease of the land.

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:

1068	S Bamforth - Clerk's salary February	At agreed rate
1069	S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses February	£34.95
1070	DAPTC - Finance seminar	£8.00
1071	Cllr Mackenzie - refund of website domain name costs	£16.79
1072	Dorset CC - refund of overpayment of grant	£66.00
1073	North Dorset CAB - grant under LGA 1972 s142	£50.00

c) The Council approved the review of internal audit arrangements, including terms of reference, terms of engagement and synopsis as circulated.

d) The Council approved payment of Cllr Mackenzie's attendance at the recent DAPTC update event.

e) The Council agreed to renew the contract with Sandisons for payroll services at an increased price of £140 per annum, plus VAT.

f) The Council resolved to use the latest form of financial statement circulated, from the new financial year.

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13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

- a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that Nic Nicol had been appointed co-ordinator for the Transport Action Group.
- b) **Tree Officer:** Nothing to report.
- c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker reported that the County ROW officer would deal with the electric fence by FP9 and that the landowner had agreed to a dog flap being put on the stiles on FP8. The Clerk would report to the NDDC Tree Officer the removal of hedges by FP15. **Clerk**
- d) **Highways Officer:** Cllr Argles had reported to Highways a number of potholes; the Clerk would continue to pursue the grass cuttings left on the verges and the blocked ditch/culvert in Newfield Road. She would also check the status of the village grit bins and of the cycleway to Blandford. Cllr Argles would visit Mr McCarthy to discuss the parking problem by his property. **Clerk, Cllr Argles**
- e) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner would circulate to councillors the school newsletter.
- f) **Village Hall:** nothing to report.
- g) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner noted that conditions were now drier.
- h) **DAPTC:** Cllr Andrews noted that a new date had not yet been set for the next Northern Area meeting.
- i) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews noted that he would not be able to attend the next Homewatch meeting.

14. TRAINING PLAN

The Council approved the training plan as circulated which Cllr Mackenzie would update, noting that it would be a constantly evolving document; the Clerk would note the dates for training requested by councillors. **Cllr Mackenzie, Clerk**

15. CALENDAR OF KEY DATES

The Council adopted the revised version.

16. GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS PANELS

Cllrs Tanner, Mackenzie and Andrews would serve on the Grievance Panel and the Chairman and Cllrs Barker and Argles on the Appeals Panel.

17. STANDING ORDERS

The Council adopted the change to Standing Orders as circulated to take account of the 2012 Code of Conduct.

18. WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman noted that there were 154 letters and numerals on the memorial; he and Cllr Andrews would discuss necessary work. **Chairman, Cllr Andrews**

19. PROPERTY CHECK

The Council noted Cllr Argles' report; the Chairman would discuss with Mr Miles the necessary bench repair. **Chairman**

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20. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Blandford Town Council; request to place bench on trailway in Pimperne; the Clerk would notify them of the Council's agreement. **Clerk**
- b) Community Southwest; notification of competition: to be circulated.

21. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a) To consider use of S106 funds reserved for play equipment

22. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 10th April, 2013, in the Village Hall.

23. The Council resolved to enter into confidential session to discuss a staff matter.

The meeting ended at 9.24 pm.