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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 12th March, 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: B. MacGregor (Clerk), County Cllr. Croney and four members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: were received and accepted from District Cllr. M. Oliver.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr.Argles - declared a personal interest in planning application no. 2/2014/0064.

3. DISPENSATIONS: none required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th February 2014 were approved and signed.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT had been received by the Chairman and was read to the Council.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: was received by the Council, while County Cllr Croney also provided updates on two further matters.

It was reported that there were no further developments in respect to the Trailriders application at this time, with the hearing set to be held in May 2014.

In respect to the timescale for reparations in North Dorset following the recent floods, it was noted that while parish council submissions are to be made by the end of March, the overall timescale will be set by the County Council. Submissions will initially be assessed by Technical Officers and passed on to Highways. Individual household claims in respect of flooding are to be made for the period 16th December 2013 – 31st March 2014.

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

The following issues were raised:

- a) Flooding to Rear Garden, Priory Gardens – it was noted that the resident's concern over a back-up of the Pimperne Stream potentially caused by caused by the sluice gate located close to the bridge over the A354 was not simply over potential flooding at his property but also on the village. Communication has been made with the landowners and Raglan Housing Association over the issue of tree roots.
Cllr Tanner advised that the matter has been raised with technical experts at NDDC, DCC and the Environment Agency.
- b) Wessex Water Pumping Station – it was requested that the Council's response to the planning application should seek assurance that noise pollution should be minimised.

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8. MATTERS ARISING

a) Relocation of dog waste bin at Chestnut Farm is still awaited but efforts will be made to ensure that this action is undertaken at the same time as the planned move of the waste bin at Church Road/Paul Bakers Lane as reported in Cllr. Oliver's report. **Cllr Argles**

9. PLANNING

- a) Outstanding Application – none
- b) Planning application- 2/2014/0115 PLNG Wessex Water Pumping Station. No objection, but as previously indicated, the developers should be requested to ensure that there would be no noise and light pollution. Furthermore, assurances should be sought on the level and type of planting used with quick growing varieties required, together with a request that construction traffic should avoid the village and access via Bushes Road and the Higher Shaftesbury Road.
- c) Planning application 2/2014/0064 PLNG St Peter's Close, new dwelling and access. No objection, but assurances should be sought that existing hedge is retained and maintained wherever possible.
- d) Planning application 2/2014/0160 PLNG The Stables, studio workshop/store. No objection.
- e) Planning application 2/2014/0205 PLNG 50 Salisbury Road, new dwelling. The council is to object on the grounds that it is out of keeping with the local area, over-development and unacceptable with regard to highways.
- f) Application for tree works – none.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

a) The Chairman has written an article for the village newsletter and a further announcement will be made at the annual Parish Meeting.
Sarah Jennings of North Dorset District Council will be invited to address the meeting and explain what the plan entails. **Chairman**
It was agreed that formal permission should be sought on the decision to utilise Village Design Statement funds on the plan. **Chairman**

11. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Work has re-commenced after the flood waters subsided and the basic structure of the new bridge is in place, although mains drainage work is still to be undertaken. The project is now running 5-6 weeks behind schedule and completion is unlikely before 2015. Despite the disruption, business at the village hall has not been unduly affected.

12. FINANCES

- a) The financial statement for February was presented, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget.
- b) The Council approved the payment and instructed the signature of the following cheques:

1129	Carne Associates (dog stickers)	19.81
1130	DAPTC - New Clerk Training	35.00
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		agreed
1131	Clerk's Salary	rate
1132	Clerk's expenses - February	17.55

- c) Pimperne Sports Society- requests for funding.

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The request to increase the annual award from £1,000 to £1,700 was not agreed. In respect of the replacement the non-turf wicket, the Council is prepared to consider making a contribution to funding as capital investment in the council-owned property. However, the Council continues to have concerns that the facilities are underutilised by villagers and the Sports Society should ensure that participation and utilisation by villagers is encouraged.

The matter will be added to the agenda for the next meeting and a letter will be written to Mr Truswell.
Chairman

13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** Health and Wellbeing Week is to take place from 18th -21st September. All interested parties are invited to take part.

b) **Tree Officer:** The fallen tree in Paul Bakers Lane has yet to be addressed. A further report is to be submitted.
Cllr Argles

c) **Rights of Way:** A meeting has been arranged with the new Rights of Way Officer for 24th March to discuss footpaths 10 and 16, while a stile on footpath 8 is extremely rickety and requires replacement.
Cllr Barker

d) **Highways Officer:**

The pot holes reported in Down Road, Portman Road, Church Road/Anvil Road and Church Road have been filled.

Cllr Hart advised that, although the issue of the impact of tree roots on the footpaths and roads is something of a grey area, the essential responsibility lies with the tree owner. Owners are encouraged to seek advice from the Highways department if they have any concerns.

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** An improvement in the weather has enabled outside play to recommence and Easter preparations are in full swing. SATS tests are also on the horizon, while an OFSTED inspection is also expected in the near future.

f) **Village Hall:** A breakdown of the boiler, caused by a loss of water pressure, has been addressed and the majority of radiators now work.

g) **Flood Warden:** Ground water levels remain high but reduced flow levels have led to the removal of sandbags, although these have been stored and retained for future use.

h) **DAPTC:** The next meeting is to be held on 15th May in Blandford.

i) **Homewatch:** The SNT newsletter has been circulated. There was one incident in Pimperne in February. The police have advised of a spate of vehicle thefts, particularly around beauty spots. It was noted that while Homewatch reports provide useful information on recent crimes in the area, little information on detection rates was forthcoming, and the matter is to be raised with representatives.
Cllr Andrews

14. NORTH DORSET BOUNDARY REVIEW

Council awaits the outcome of the review.

15. DORSET POLICE ENQUIRY OFFICE

Comments are required before the end of March.

16. REPLACEMENT OF BUS SHELTER

As a further letter to Mr. Cumming at DCC has failed to elicit a response, the matter is to be raised with County Cllr.Croney.
Chairman

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

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The Chairman updated the Council on a discussion with James Bennett, the DCC Tree Officer. He explained that the area will soon be cleared, levelled, and seeded. The Parish Council will be required to provide and maintain a suitable barrier around the area to prevent parking and damage. The Council will also be required to remove the surrounding logs, although the DCC will be prepared assist with their disposal.

It was explained that there will be no changes to the choice of tree already planted and the County Council wishes to carry out the remaining work itself and requires no involvement from private individuals.

A meeting is to be arranged between the Parish Council, Mr Bennett and Dorset Highways within the next 2-3 weeks. The meeting should address the matters of responsibility for on-going maintenance and watering with Mr Bennett. **Chairman**

It was suggested that unofficial funds raised through fundraising activities could be utilised in providing suitable, attractive railings around the area.

18. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

The Calendar of Events and Training Plan were reviewed.

It was noted further training on Neighbourhood Planning would be a useful additional resource for councillors.

19. PROPERTY CHECK.

A property check submitted by Cllr Argles showed no changes.

The latest play areas inspection identified the following areas requiring attention:-
to replace the gate to the junior play area; undertake additional surfacing and weed clearances to chipping and tarmac surfaces on both areas. **Chairman**

20. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Dorset Highways Road Safety Survey - details of a short survey asking for views on driver behaviour and perceptions were added to the village website.

b) Woodland Trust – the Trust is once again offering communities, youth groups and schools the chance to apply for packs of free trees for delivery in November 2014. (Closing date 4 September 2014).

21. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

a) Cllr. Mackenzie advised that the latest edition of the Village Newsletter is complete and will shortly be sent to all villagers.

b) Cllr Tanner advised that councillors are entitled to receive copies of the electoral roll.

c) A letter has been sent to Dorset Waste Forum, formally requesting the retention of the Bring Banks situated in the Village Hall car park.

23. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Please advise the Clerk/Chairman at least 7 days before the date of the next meeting.

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24. NEXT MEETING

The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 9th April, 2014, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.58 pm.