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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 11th March 2015, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B. MacGregor (Parish Clerk), and District Cllr. M. Oliver

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: County Cllr. D. Croney

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3. DISPENSATIONS: none required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th February 2015 were approved.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: District Cllr. Oliver presented his report, informing the meeting that the new tripartite council had agreed the 2015/16 budget at £5,563,750 but confirmed that Council Tax was to be frozen at £111.96 per Band D property for those services provided by NDDC.

As this would be the last Parish Council meeting District Cllr. Oliver would be attending before attending before retirement, the meeting expressed their sincere thanks to him for his service over many years.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr. Croney's report had been distributed to Councillors before the meeting and a copy is provided on the Parish Council web site.

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: Mr. J. Parker asked whether the Parish Council had reported an incidence of fly tipping in the Bushes Road area and requested an update on the report of a damaged Eucalyptus tree at the Anvil Road/A354 corner.

A number of issues were also raised in relation to the potential relocation of the Pre-School to the Pimperne School field. Mrs M. Newnham, Chair of Pimperne Pre-School, formally registered interest in refurbishing and utilising the pre-fabricated buildings at the edge of the current school field, taking over responsibility for repairs and groundworks. Mr D.Toze responded by stating that the objections raised in his original letter to the Parish Council of 11 June 2014 remained valid. He raised a number of objections over the length of planning consent, the cost of upkeep, and cost of removal of the building during the 50 year lease and safety issues. Further points were made against the transfer of use of the existing buildings by Mr J. Vaughan, who wondered whether the existing school building would be a preferable location for the Pre-School and Mrs Toze, who had issues over security and access and the fact that such a move could threaten the existing school field's status as an amenity to be enjoyed by all villagers without interruption. Mr. S. Beamond spoke in support of the Pre-School as a fantastic facility for young families and called for the Parish Council to support its development.

8. MATTERS ARISING: A response regarding the lighting used on the Taymix 2/2013/0033/PLNG is awaited.

Action Clerk

9. PLANNING

a) Granted applications – 2/2014/1513/VARIA Wessex Water – improvements to the C13/D32402 junction have been approved by NDDC.

b) Outstanding applications - 2/2014/1610/HOUSE Shepherds Way – it was agreed that the Council’s objection on concerns over access from the A354 were unlikely to be accepted by the NDDC planning team, following the approval of the Dorset Highways Officer and the objection would be withdrawn.

2/2015/0053/DCC – clarification over the timescale covered by the proposed extension of the 3 temporary classrooms has been sought and a response will be pursued from DCC. **Action Clerk**

c) New applications –none

d) Woodbury – The issue of the access path to 9 Chapel Lane and the boundary fence have been taken up with NDDC enforcement personnel and a response will be pursued. **Action Clerk**

e) Tree Works – No new tree applications were recorded.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The questionnaire has been revised and abridged to amount to 4 sides of A4 and suitable maps are being sought. It is planned that the questionnaire will be issued to all households within the parish with completed forms required to be completed by the end of April. Incentives will be offered in an attempt to maximise response rates. An approach has been made to DT11 for assistance in securing a grant through My Locality. **Action Chairman**

11. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The staff and children are set to move into the school on 16th April. A site meeting is to be arranged with DCC to discuss Highways access to the new school and what measures can be undertaken to guarantee the safety of the footpath users. **Action Chairman**

12. FINANCES

a) **Financial Statement:** A statement for February was presented, showing details of income and expenditure against budget and it was advised that minor changes had also been made page 2 of the accounts for December and January.

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

		At
		agreed
		rate
1190	Clerks Salary	
1191	Clerk’s Office allowance	100.00
1192	Sandison’s – Payroll administration	174.00
1193	RG King- Priory Field fence	479.00
1194	Pimperne Valley Gardening Services	15.00

c) **Internal Financial Regulations:**

Contact is to be made with NALC and DAPTC to locate the version of the NALC Financial Regulations have been located and will be copied for the attention of the Chairman and Cllr. Mackenzie. **Action Clerk**

d) **Fidelity Guarantee Insurance Cover:** The current cover of £150,000 is considered adequate.

13. OFFICERS’ AND REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The main areas of focus at the moment are Fording Point, a new arts centre for Blandford, and Leader projects.

b) **Tree Officer:** nothing to report.

c) **Rights of Way:** Nothing to report on rights of way but new dog fouling notices are in the process of being displayed. **Action Cllr. Barker**

d) **Highways Officer:** Nothing to report. Quotations for two new grit bins are to be submitted for consideration at the next meeting. **Action Clerk**

The timber requirement for the new finger point sign will be added to play area requirements.

Action Chairman

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** The school is currently performing well with a number of activities planned for the rest of the term.

f) **Village Hall:** nothing to report.

g) **Flood Warden:** Water levels have receded. The new alert system is not yet available and the matter will be pursued. **Action Cllr. Tanner**

h) **DAPTC:** The next meeting is to be held on 1st April.

i) **Homewatch/Community Speedwatch:** Crime levels have fallen by 34% in the Blandford North area, although theft from outhouses/garages remains a cause for concern. The Community Speedwatch exercise is to resume within 2 weeks. The site opposite the entrance to St Peter's Close has now been approved by the police.

Action Cllr. Andrews

15. BUS SHELTER

The order has been raised and colour chosen and a start date is now to be chased. **Action Clerk**

16. BLANDFORD FLY

Sampling of the River Stour has been undertaken while funding is in place from the Dorset Health Protection Network, for spraying, subject to the necessary approval being received.

Action Cllr Tanner

17. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

A schedule of training events for 2015 has been received from DAPTC.

17. PROPERTY CHECKS

Nothing to report regarding main property check list. In respect to the play areas, a schedule of work has been submitted to a number of suppliers for quotation. **Action Chairman**

18. PRE-SCHOOL FUTURE PREMISES

The condition survey of the temporary classrooms is to be undertaken on by 12th March. Once the report is available a meeting of all interested parties is to be arranged, to include DCC, the Parish Council, the Pre-School, Pimperne School and the Sports Society. **Action Chairman**

19. SECTION 106

NB Main action covered under 17 above.

20. FENCE TO SPORTS FIELD

The work has now been completed.

21. CLEANING THE PIMPERNE STREAM

The Environment Agency has raised the matter with Mr Dalton and the debris should be cleared within two weeks. **Action Clerk**

22. VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

The Chairman reported that Mrs Hopkins of Pimperne School PTA would like to raise funds to obtain a defibrillator for use in the village. The meeting was broadly in favour of the idea but further research would be required over where the equipment should be stored and the level of training required. **Action Chairman**

23. WAR MEMORIAL

As the lettering has deteriorated over the winter the matter will now be addressed. Contact will be re-established with Minsterstone to request examples of their work, while further advice will be sought from Mr. Newnham, a former stonemason. **Action Clerk**

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24. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Nomination papers are now available for those wishing to stand for the Council in the forthcoming election. A formal notice of the election will be displayed on Monday 16th March.

23. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION: None

24. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: None

25. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th April at the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.