

PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 9th March 2016, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs. P. Slocombe (Chairman), A. Argles, H. Evans, T. Harman, D. Mackenzie, M. Richley, J. Tanner

IN ATTENDANCE: B. MacGregor (Parish Clerk)
I. Colley and C. Tattersall (Wessex Water) – item 1 only.

1. WESSEX WATER PRESENTATION: An interesting presentation was made by two representatives from Wessex Water on their Middle Stour Tributaries Investigation, which provided information on current sources of public water supply and the measures taken to provide stream support to improve the chemical and environmental quality of the water sources. It was agreed that a synopsis of the key findings should be included in the Spring Newsletter and a copy of the presentation should be requested. **Action Clerk**

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

4. DISPENSATIONS: None required.

5. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th February 2016 were approved.

6. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT: A joint report covering both District Council and County Council matters had been received. The Chairman reported on discussions with Cllr. Croney over the current lack of a District and County Council input into the Parish Council meetings. It was noted that the situation is unlikely to change for some months, owing to the resignation of District Cllr. Schwier and the requirement for a by-election on 5th May.

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: Nothing to report

8. MATTERS ARISING: Mr. Truswell is open in principle to the Council's offer to pay for the invoice for the new wicket directly in order to reclaim the VAT but a full discussion of the mechanics of the arrangement are still to be held. **Action Clerk**

Contact is to be made with Blandford St Mary Parish Council over possible interest in the Portman Road bus shelter. **Action Clerk**

9. PLANNING

a) Granted applications –

- Woodbury – no further news

- Wessex Water Pumping Station, – Cllr. Argles raised concerns over the impact of lighting on the structure on Bushes Road. The matter will be raised with NDDC Planning. **Action Clerk**

b) Outstanding applications -None

c) New applications – 2/2016/DCC – Variation of Condition 3 of planning permission - 2/2011/0554 to allow use of temporary gypsy caravan site for the Great Dorset Steam Fair. No objections were raised.

- 2/2016/0047/FUL – 33 Walters Drive, DT11 8UX – Erect replacement dwelling with integral garage and detached outbuilding to provide workshop and store. While the Council has no objection to the proposal in principle, concerns were raised over the overbearing size of the planned development, particularly over the size of the garage and the encroachment on the

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boundary with the neighbouring property. The latter will be discussed with the neighbours before a final submission is made to NDDC Planning. **Action**

Clerk

d) Tree applications –

An application is still awaited from a resident in Down Road to remove a diseased hazel tree.

Action Cllr. Mackenzie

Work has been undertaken on a beech tree in Orchard Cottage in Old Bakery Close.

Information on protocols in respect to planning disputes on hedges are to be passed on to all Councillors.

Action Cllr. Tanner/ Clerk

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The PlaceCheck walkabout report has now been received and will be reviewed at the next Neighbourhood Planning Group meeting on 14th March, together with the progress on the various action points for the four sub-groups. The meeting will also discuss the Group's formal response on the Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr. Tanner advised that all Parish Councils will receive a copy of the new North Dorset Local Plan Part 1, which was formally accepted on 15th January.

11. NEW/OLD PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The DCC Premises officer has advised that a sale has been agreed in respect to the old school with a target completion date of June 2016. The temporary hall will not be removed before the end of June and the sale of the site.

The Chairman advised that the Council has asked DCC for large trees to be removed and boundaries to be improved.

12. FINANCE

a) Financial Statement: A statement for February was presented together with a revised statement for January, incorporating an unrepresented cheque.

b) Defibrillator:

The Chairman reported that, with the £120 proceeds from the March coffee morning, sufficient funds had been raised to purchase the cabinet, which will be now installed at the village shop. A decision on access methods is still be made.

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

1262	Clerk's Salary	344.52
	Dorset Planning Consultant- NP	
1263	Consultancy	854.80
	Dorset Planning Consultant- NP	
1264	Consultancy	849.80
1265	Angel Architecture –NP Cons	1006.50
1266	Getmapping plc – online subscription	57.60
1267	Arden Landscape Design – NP Cons	906.50
	Dorset Planning Consultant- NP	
1268	Consultancy	1000.80
1269	P. Slocombe expenses	38.71
	Total	4913.23

d) Internal audit and insurance arrangements – The Finance working group had updated and presented the following documents for consideration at the meeting:

- Asset Register

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- Internal Audit Review Parts 1 and 2
- Financial Regulations
- Risk Assessment
- Practitioner's Guide and Synopsis
- Transparency Code
- Terms of Reference for Internal Audit
- Internal Audit – Terms of Engagement

These documents were agreed unanimously by the meeting. The documents will now be delivered, with a covering letter to Mr J. Paul, the internal auditor. **Action Clerk**

The level of the fiduciary guarantee review is to be reviewed.

Action Chairman/Cllr. Mackenzie/Clerk

13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) DT11: DT11 will be able to assist in securing grants for new/replacement play equipment.

b) Tree Officer: Action has yet to be taken at 1 Priory Gardens and the matter will be taken up with Dorset CC.

Action Clerk

The condition of the trees at the nursery side of the bus stop and in front of the Long House on the A354 will continue to be monitored.

Action Cllr. Mackenzie

c) Rights of Way: The damaged stile by the entrance to Priory Sports field has been removed.

d) Highways

The Chairman has requested a response from Mr. R. Skeats over the Highways related issues discussed on Friday 29th January, namely 20mph speed limit, HGV restrictions, Church Road footpath widening and road safety measures at the A354 Anvil bend. **Action Chairman**

e) Pimperne Primary School: The official opening of the school by the Princess Royal is eagerly awaited on 21st March.

f) Village Hall: Lighting is to be replaced in the main hall, together with other electrical works to bring the facilities up to meet 2016 standards.

g) Flood Warden: The stream continues to flow and is not causing any significant problems at present.

h) DAPTC: The next meeting will be attended by the Chairman on 10th May.

Action Chairman

i) Transport: Cllr. Harman reported that Blandford to Salisbury bus has been re-rievied and will be re-named the Service 20. A meeting to discuss Community Bus service options is to be held on Monday 14th March.

Action Chairman

j) Best Kept Village: A request for volunteers to assist in litter picking and stream clearance on 26th April will be included in the Spring newsletter. **Action Cllr. Evans /Cllr. Mackenzie**

14. HOMEWATCH/COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Two incidents were reported in Pimperne in the February Homewatch report. Weekly Community Speedwatch events are to be arranged on Thursdays at various points around the village.

15. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

Cllrs Richley and Harman have been enrolled on the East and West courses 1 and 2 of the Essential Councillor respectively.

16. PROPERTY CHECKS

The two new grit bins have still to be filled by Dorset CC.

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Quotations has been received from Wicksteeds for the removal of existing and replacement of the junior play area equipment, with timber products at £23,000+VAT and metal at £34,000 +VAT. A quotation from Sovereign Play Equipment is awaited and a meeting is to be arranged with Streetscape in the near future.

Action Chairman/Clerk

Two quotations have been received for new signs for the play areas and a third will be sought.

Action Chairman/Clerk

17. SECTION 106

Section 106 funds will be used on new play equipment.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs J. Vacher has volunteered to organise a tea party on 5th June at the village hall to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday, while Sunday 4th September has been earmarked for a village fete. Further details will be provided at the Annual Parish Meeting on 27th April.

19. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Invitations are to be sent out for the Annual Parish Meeting to speakers County Cllr. D. Croney, Mr. J. De Silva, Mr. D. Andrews and Mr. J. Truswell.

Action Clerk

Following discussions with Ms. J. Nixon of NDDC at the PlaceCheck event, it was agreed that the Council should seek to re-appraise the conservation area to include Chapel Lane.

Action Chairman

20. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

None.

21. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on 13th April.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.