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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 8th March 2017, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr. D. Croney, District Cllr. P. Brown, Parish Clerk and one member of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Mrs. Petra Peters as a newly co-opted Councillor.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3. DISPENSATIONS: None

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th February 2017 were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT: The latest report, provided by Cllr. Jesperson, included updates on Council Tax, local government reorganisation, community led housing and LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) funding. County Cllr. Croney drew attention to the consultation on a new waste management centre for Blandford and urged Councillors to try to determine priorities amongst the sites proposed rather than objecting to all. Cllr. Tanner advised that a decision was still awaited on whether Blandford Fly spraying was to go ahead this year, although it was acknowledged that the matter appears to be in hand. He also advised that the future of the public conveniences and tourist information centre in Blandford was uncertain, pending negotiations to renew the lease.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: Mr. A. Hunt, Chairman of the Pimperne Gardening Club, updated the meeting on plans for a village Open Garden event. This is to be held on the weekend of 8th/9th July with an anticipated 10-12 gardens likely to be available for viewing. Refreshments will be provided at the village hall with the PC providing funding for these and promotional activity. A meeting will be held to devise promotional plans to incorporate local advertising and editorial.

Action Cllr. Tanner/Mr. Hunt

Information will also be included in the Spring newsletter which has a copy deadline of 20th March.

Action Cllr. Mackenzie

7. MATTERS ARISING: Cllr. Harman updated the meeting on his attendance at a recent conference on the Sport England Community Asset Fund. Funding of £15-50,000 could be available for ventures that could be shown to be designed to increased physical activity amongst those sections of the population that have been less active.

The Chairman and Cllr. Mackenzie had visited the Dorset History Centre on 21st February in order to generate greater evidence for the Conservation Area re-appraisal. However, progress had been limited owing to the non-attendance of Shelley Saltman, District Council Conservation Officer

8. URGENT MATTERS: None

9. PLANNING

a) **Granted applications:**

- Woodbury – No further progress.

b) **Outstanding applications**

– 2/2016/1763/Various Sites –BT telephone box – a request has been made to adopt the kiosk.

c) **New applications**

2/2017/0241/VARIA–Former Pimperne School – an application to change plans for a double garage to a double car port will not be opposed. **Action Clerk**

d) Tree applications – No new applications. The rowan tree at the old school site has been removed by the developers and a request is to be made for a replacement to be planted to the planning officer. **Action Cllr. Mackenzie/Clerk**

e) **Other planning issues**

Progress is still awaited on Section 216 notifications from NDDC Enforcement, despite continued pressure from both County and District Councillors, the original applications having been submitted in July 2016.

The following updates were reported on the three possible infringements reported to NDDC at the end of 2016:

- KJ Pike – a part retrospective change of use application was submitted at the end of January but had not been provided to the Parish Council. An extension to the consultation period will be sought. **Action Clerk**
- 50 Salisbury Road removal of thatch and replacement with slate - as this not a listed building, nor in the Conservation area, the change can not be opposed.
- Extension at 3 Portman Road - a site visit is still awaited.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A thorough narrative review of the options consultation phase has been completed to build the evidence base. A walkabout was arranged on 21st February to consider three new potential development sites:

- Area behind Stud House
- Hyde Farm – agricultural building area
- Rear of Yarde Lane

The results will be included in a revised plan to be completed by the Planning Consultant. The field between Letton and the by-pass has been designated as a local green space. A meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Group is to be arranged before the end of March.

Action Chairman/Clerk

11. OLD SCHOOL FIELD

The County Council's responses to the key points raised via solicitors Blanchards Bailey LLP have been received. DCC have not agreed to grant a protected lease beyond the 50 year period. The Chairman requested Councillors' comments on the County Council's responses.

Action All Councillors

12. FINANCE

a) Financial Statement: The statement for February was presented and approved. Hard copies of the December, January and Finance accounts are to be approved/signed.

Action Cllr. Mackenzie/ Clerk

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

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1341	Clerk's Salary	385.08
1342	RG King – Junior play area repairs	139.00
1343	CAB -grant	50.00
1344	Pimperne Sports Society – Grant	1000.00
1345	Blandford Leisure Centre – Grant	500.00
1346	Blandford TC – Public conveniences grant	50.00
	Total	2124.08

d) Internal audit review, internal audit arrangements, risk assessment and insurance arrangements. Internal audit terms of engagement and terms of reference.

Cllr. Mackenzie's updated versions of the documents were agreed and details will be forwarded to the relevant parties.

Action Clerk

e) Savings Accounts

Details of the savings accounts used by the District/County councils are to be received from County Cllr. Croney.

Action Clerk

13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) DT11: DT11 was wound up at a Special General Meeting held on 6th March at Stourpaine Village Hall.

b) Tree Officer: Nothing to report.

c) Rights of Way Nothing to report.

d) Highways –Potholes in Church Road near the Brown House and the condition of Portman Road by the bus shelter are to be reported.

Action Cllr. Argles

Further details on DCC Highways' plans for footway widening in Church Road are to be sought.

e) Pimperne Primary School: Nothing to report.

f) Village Hall: Nothing to report.

g) Flood Warden: Nothing to report.

h) DAPTC: The DAPTC Annual Conference is to be held on 23rd March. Any Councillor interested in attending should inform the Clerk before the deadline of 13th March.

i) Transport: The non-appearance of Service 20, reported to DCC, was due to a mechanical breakdown. Restrictions on the use of concessionary passes are now in force.

14. HOMEWATCH/COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Three recent incidents have occurred in the village area in recent weeks- thefts from cars in Bushes Road and an attempted break-in at two properties in Church Road. Although details have now been passed to the Homewatch Co-ordinator, concern was expressed over the reliability of the new system of police recording and notification following the termination of the monthly reports.

Speedwatch activities will resume once the weather improves.

15. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

A new calendar of events was presented. It was agreed that VAT reclaims should be moved from March to April.

Two new training bookings will be made:

- Cllr. Harman to attend Planning Training on 5th April

- Cllr. Peters to attend a new Councillors induction course on 6th May

Action Clerk

16. PROPERTY CHECKS

a) General – A request for the salt bins to be filled in Letton Close has been submitted to DCC.

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b) Play areas – The grant bid to Veolia was unfortunately unsuccessful. The area of the play bark surfacing to both the Junior Play Area and the Multiplay Area will be measured.

Action Chairman

17. CORRESPONDENCE

The Waste Management Centre consultation is to be completed by 5th April 2017.

Action Clerk

Details of the final DT11 TAG (Transport Action Group) Open Meeting on 22nd March 2017 will be posted on the notice board.

Action Clerk

18. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

All Councillors will be available to assist with Newsletter deliveries at the end of March.

County Cllr. Croney and/or District Cllr. Brown's attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting will be formally requested.

Action Clerk

19. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Any suggestions are to be forwarded to the Clerk.

Action All Councillors

20. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on 12th April 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm