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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and subsequent routine meeting held on Wednesday, 8th May, 2013, 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: District Cllr M. Oliver, S. Bamforth (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

1. Cllr Peter Slocombe was elected as Chairman of the Council.
2. The Chairman signed and the Council received his declaration of acceptance of office and undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct.
3. Cllr J. Tanner was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council.
4. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** none.
5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** No new interests were declared.
6. **DISPENSATIONS:** none required.
7. The following officers and representatives were appointed:
 - a) DT11 representative: Cllr Slocombe
 - b) Tree Officer: Cllr Hart
 - c) Rights of Way Officer: Cllr Barker
 - d) Highways Officer: Cllr Argles
 - e) Flood Warden and Community Resilience Representative: Cllr Tanner
 - f) Village Hall representative: Cllr Slocombe
 - g) DAPTC representatives: Cllrs Andrews and Mackenzie
8. The Council agreed to pay the annual subscription to the DAPTC, up to the level set in the budget.

ACTION

9. The Council agreed to continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month, at 7.00pm; the Clerk would circulate dates for 2013-14. **Clerk**
10. The Council agreed to consider budget proposals as set out in the calendar of events.
11. The Council agreed to review asset register, risk assessment, insurance arrangements, internal audit and audit reports as set out in the calendar of events.

There then followed a routine meeting of the parish council.

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12. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th March, 2013 were approved and signed.

13. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was received by the Council. The Council noted proposals to include Letton Hill and Letton Park in a different district council ward from Pimperne under the Boundary Commission Review.

14. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: County Cllr Campbell's valedictory report had been received via e-mail by the Council.

15. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

No matters raised. Representatives from the Blandford Neighbourhood Planning Group were unable to attend.

16. MATTERS ARISING

a) Best Village Competition; Cllr Barker would post notices on noticeboards urging people to keep the village tidy. **Cllr Barker**

B) Cllr Andrews was still liaising with the police about obstructive parking at Fiveways; the School Head would mention the matter and the use of School Lane in his next newsletter to parents. **Cllr Andrews**

c) The Chairman noted that 29 people had attended the Annual Parish Meeting and that a query had been raised about the state of the area around the chestnut tree.

17. PLANNING

a) No notifications of outstanding applications had been received. The Clerk would pursue the application for lights at the former Taymix site. **Clerk**

b) There were no new applications.

c) There were no applications for works to trees.

18. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Chairman reported that the land transfer was still in the hands of the Parish Council's solicitor and that a Chartered Surveyor was to inspect the proposals relating to the village hall and report to the Charity Commission to ensure there was no loss of charitable benefit.

19. FINANCES

a) The Clerk presented a written financial statement for April, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget.

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

1085	S Bamforth Clerk's Salary for April	At agreed rate
1086	S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses April	115.90
1087	Pimperne Village Hall - hire Jan - March	42.00
1088	Countryside Services - Grass cutting play areas	660.00

c) The Council considered the Annual Return for 2012-13 and approved the accounting statements and annual governance statement. Cllr Hart wished to have on record that he had had , during the year as in the two previous years, technical reservations over Council's compliance

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re Statements 1, 2 and 6 of the Annual Governance Statement but recognized that these, hopefully, had been attended to with the decisions taken in October and March

20. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

- a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported concern about future funding as it was discretionary expenditure by NDDC. A centre for community resources was still being sought; the Trailway extension opening was to take place on 19th May. Mr Toze agreed to liaise with the transport representative on bus services and report back to the Council
- b) **Tree Officer:** Nothing to report.
- c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker had reported the unstable stile on FP10 to the Countryside Rangers. The Chairman would liaise with the landowner about the rubble by FP3. **Chairman**
- d) **Highways Officer:** Cllr Argles reported that a number of potholes in Newfield Road had been repaired and that traffic in the village had increased during the recent closure of the A354 for resurfacing. The Clerk reported that Highways were still pursuing the clearing of the ditch and culvert in Newfield Road.
- e) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner noted that the school was now oversubscribed and that cleaning had been taken in house and consequently improved. Five governors had attended training in preparation for OFSTED inspection. Cllr Barker would raise with the Head the level of litter around the school. **Cllr Barker**
- f) **Village Hall:** nothing to report.
- g) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner reported that groundwater were at expected levels for the time of year and that Mr Lukins was storing the village's supply of sand and sandbags.
- h) **DAPTC:** Cllr Mackenzie would try to attend the next meeting on 13th May.
- i) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews was trying to recruit volunteers for a Community Speedwatch programme.

21. NEW NOTICEBOARD

The Chairman was seeking quotations for a notice board to be located under the shelter at the side of the village shop. **Chairman**

22. PLAY AREAS

The Council noted that the s106 funds were available until 2018.

23. TRAINING PLAN

The Clerk would sign up the Cllr Andrews for the legislation update event on 16th July. **Clerk**

24. CALENDAR OF KEY DATES

The Chairman confirmed that the Council was up to date with tasks.

25. WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Mackenzie had completed a pre- application submission to the War Memorials Trust and that he would submit with photographs. **Chairman**

26. BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW OF DISTRICT COUNCIL WARDS

The Council would hold a separate meeting to consider the proposals re Letton.

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27. GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Council had no comment.

28. CORRESPONDENCE

A request had been made for an additional dog waste bin near the field above the church; the Clerk would ask the Dorset Waste Partnership if one of the existing bins at the Blandford Road end of Church Road could be moved. **Clerk**

29. PROPERTY CHECK

The Council noted Cllr Argles' report; the Chairman would again ask Mr Miles to carry out necessary repairs to seats. **Chairman**

30. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

a) To consider making an award for community service

31. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 12th June, 2013, in the Village Hall.

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

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.