

## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and subsequent routine meeting held on Wednesday, 14th May, 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), 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:** were received from County Cllr. Croney and District Cllr. Oliver.
5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** The Chairman and Cllr. Tanner each declared an interest in item 21a and Cllr. Mackenzie declared an interest in item 17a.
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.
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. **Action Clerk**
10. The Council agreed to consider budget proposals as set out in the calendar of events: October - begin budget process; November – consider first draft and precept level; January-fix budget and precept level.
11. It was agreed that the review of internal audit arrangements and risk assessments should be moved from May to April. The appointment of the internal auditor is to be made in May. The Calendar of Events is to be amended accordingly. **Action Cllr.Mackenzie**

There then followed a routine meeting of the Parish Council.

12. **MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 were approved and signed.

13. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** The report contained no changes from the details presented at the Annual Meeting of the Parish. Cllr. Tanner advised that the transition grant from the District Council had not been passed on. Following a forensic analysis of the various relevant

accounts the District Council considers that it had not itself received the monies to pass onto Town & Parish Councils. And the matter had been raised with Central Government.

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

**15. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:** No matters raised.

#### **16. MATTERS ARISING**

a) Relocation of the dog waste bin. Although the request to relocate will remain in place, the matter is to be removed from future agendas.

#### **17. PLANNING**

a) 2/2013/0766 PLNG Woodbury, 10/11 Chapel Lane. It was noted that the applicant is pursuing a larger development idea than that previously proposed in a previously unsuccessful appeal and a number of concerns remain over the scale and design of the proposal and parking arrangements. A formal response on behalf of the council is to be submitted to the planning inspectorate before the 20<sup>th</sup> May deadline.

**Action Cllrs Andrews/Mackenzie**

b) 2/2014/0229 PLNG Langbourne, Salisbury Road, new vehicular access and driveway – no objection.

2/2014/0420 Nutshell, Letton Park, garage extension and car port/log store. The council is to object to the development on a number of matters including loss of light, loss of visual amenity, and visual impact on the landscape notably the impact on existing trees. **Action Clerk**

2/2014/0259, Rivers House – no objection.

c) There were no applications for works to trees.

#### **18. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Chairman advised that proposals will be put before the council at the next meeting. It was agreed that the monthly coffee morning could be considered as a potentially suitable time for an open meeting/public event, although other options would also be reviewed. **Action Chairman**

#### **19. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The completion date has been moved back to 6/3/15, although the aim remains to “move in” prior to the start of the following summer term. Work on the access footpath will require moving the swings in the playground.

#### **20. FINANCES**

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

b) The request for the annual grant to Pimperne Sports society was approved.

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

1138	NDDC -Newsletter printing	116.82
1139	RG King - New gate	84.00
		At
		agreed
1140	Clerk's Salary	rate
1141	Clerk's expenses	10.98
1142	Sports Society Grant	1000.00

d) The internal audit review is currently underway.

#### **20. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

a) DT11: The Overview and Scrutiny Working Party's review of Community Working Partnerships in North Dorset and related response from the Chair of DT11 Forum were discussed

at length. It was broadly agreed that the perceived lack of harmony between Blandford town council and the DT11 forum was perhaps exacerbated by a clash of personalities. Against such a background, it was felt that, while a number of aspects of the working party review could be questioned, the council could not agree to the tone and detail included in Mr Norman's response. The council continues to recognise the important role played by the DT11 Forum as a voice of the villages but considers that an improvement in the working relationship with Blandford town council is essential. A formal parish council response is to be submitted to Val Potheary at NDDC.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

b) Tree Officer: Cllr. Hart reported that a resident is concerned about the condition of an ash tree in Church Road. The matter is to be brought to the Attention of Highways. **Action Cllr. Argles**

c) Rights of Way: Cllr. Barker reported that FP10 and FP16 were very overgrown and is awaiting a quotation from the Countryside Rangers. It was agreed that a sum should be set aside for future work in the next budget. Concern was expressed over the state of the footpaths near Keepers Cottage.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

d) Highways Officer: The roots of the offending tree identified under 20b above are traversing the footpath and require attention, as do two further roots in Portman road in the vicinity of Nos. 3 and 11. The issue of the build-up and leaves and other debris in Church Road is to be raised with Highways.

**Action Cllr. Argles**

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr. Tanner noted that the school was now in the midst of SATS. Future dates of note include transfer day of 2nd July, sports day on 4<sup>th</sup> July and "Choir Day" on 9<sup>th</sup> July.

f) **Village Hall:** The Chairman reported that the AGM had been held and usage remains good and disruption from the ongoing school works has been limited.

g) **Flood Warden:** Cllr. Tanner reported on communication with the Local Enterprise Partnership on the use of the Ecological Sequestration Trust's technology research to develop an integrated planning, investment platform. If successful and Pimperne is selected, the research would be of great help in preparing the neighbourhood plan and strengthening plans for future flood prevention. An exhibition is to be held on flood planning in Salisbury on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

h) **DAPTC:** Cllr. Mackenzie was to attend the next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May.

i) **Homewatch:** Cllr. Andrews will be attending a co-ordinators meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May and hoped to meet the new Police Community Support Officer Greg Downs.

## **22. REPLACEMENT OF THE BUS SHELTER**

Following a meeting with Highways the planned solution will be the installation of an additional shorter shelter in front of the existing arrangement. Suitable options are to be identified and investigated.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

## **23. THE AREA IN FRONT OF ST PETER'S CHURCH**

At a meeting with Mr Skeetes of Dorset County Council, it was explained that this area is regarded as common land and as such cannot be enclosed. "Dragons teeth" are to be installed at the parish council's expense at regular intervals to prevent car access, with reflectors added to prevent accidental damage. Dorset County Council will carry out weeding and seeding as soon as possible and the replacement tree will be pruned. The County Council will also arrange for the existing logs to be cut up into fireside-sized pieces, with sufficient notice being given to ensure maximum usage by villagers.

## **24. BLANDFORD FLY**

The council is concerned over the difficulties involved in determining overall responsibility for the matter and the matter is to be raised with the local MP.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

## **25. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN**

The Chairman confirmed that the Council was up to date with tasks. The Clerk would sign up the Cllr. Andrews for the councillors' update event on 21st May. **Action Clerk**

#### **26. PROPERTY CHECK**

Cllr. Argles reported that one of the seats on the school field is loose but is not considered dangerous. No action is to be taken at present although it will continue to be monitored.

**Action Cllr. Argles**

#### **27. CORRESPONDENCE**

Bring Banks – following confirmation of the planned removal of the recycling banks from the village hall, a further attempt will be made to highlight the perceived potential impact on fly tipping.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

Section 106 – The Chairman is to clarify with Hugh De Jongh whether there are any stipulations on how the c. £7,200 sum can be spent on playground equipment. **Action Chairman**

LEADER funding for rural communities – for the next round of funding it was agreed that the council would prefer to become part of the Northern Dorset LAG rather than the planned Heart of Wessex scheme, where there was concern that the parish would be marginalised as the focus of attention was being extended into Wiltshire and Somerset.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

#### **28. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

None raised.

#### **29. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

None raised.

#### **30. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

The meeting ended at 9.45pm.