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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 13th May 2015, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B. MacGregor (Parish Clerk) and two 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:** County Cllr Croney and District Cllr. Schwier.
5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none.
6. **DISPENSATIONS:** none required.

7. COUNCIL OFFICERS

The following officers and representatives were appointed:

- a) DT11 representative: Cllr. Slocombe
- b) Tree Officer: Cllr. Mackenzie
- c) Rights of Way Officer: Cllr. Argles
- d) Highways Officer: Cllr. Argles
- e) Flood Warden and Community Resilience Representative: Cllr. Tanner
- f) Village Hall representative: Cllr. Slocombe
- g) DAPTC representatives: Cllr Mackenzie.

8. MEETING DATES

The Council agreed to continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month, at 7.00pm.

The Clerk circulated dates for 2015-16.

9. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

The format of the notice was agreed with interested parties requested to respond to the Parish Clerk by 1st June 2015.

Action Clerk

There then followed a routine meeting of the Parish Council.

10. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th April 2015 were approved.

11. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Following his successful election to the NDDC Cllr. Schwier has been designated as the Lead Councillor for Pimperne. A copy of the planned schedule of meeting dates is to be sent to him. **Action Clerk**

12. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: County Cllr. Croney had advised that it had been agreed to re-open the C13, subject to certain safety issues.

13. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: No matters were raised.

14. MATTERS ARISING: The Council was pleased to note that Blandford Fly treatment had now been undertaken.

15. PLANNING

a) Granted applications – 2/2011/0969/ PLNG Woodbury- Cllr Mackenzie updated the meeting on a site visit undertaken by Mr. Steve Clark of NDDC. He agreed that the foundations were in the wrong place and would represent a breach of planning conditions if construction were to start, but advised that NDDC’s hands were tied unless and until work commenced. Although the condition of the fence is essentially a civil matter, he nevertheless undertook to write to the developer to draw attention to its poor state and the inconvenience it was causing for the neighbours.

b) Outstanding applications – 2/2014/1494/HOUSE – 11 Frampton Road – the outcome of the appeal is still awaited.

2/2015/0053/DCC – Retention of 3 temporary classrooms - a response is still awaited from DCC.

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c) New applications – 2/2015/0604/VARIA- K.J. Pike & Sons As the application was not a significant change of use and was unlikely to create noise or light pollution, it was agreed that this would not be opposed.

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d) Tree application– None received

16. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The deadline for receiving completed questionnaires was extended and a total of 123 questionnaires have been received, a response rate of 25%. An approach has been made through Savills for a meeting with the owner of the Taymix site and the matter will be passed to the Neighbourhood Planning Group.

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The Chairman updated the meeting on changes to the areas of development identified by the Blandford Plus Neighbourhood Planning Group and revised recommendations for settlement boundaries arising from the review of the North Dorset District Plan.

Action Chairman

17. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school opened on schedule on 16th April and is now fully occupied, with the turning head and access road complete. The overflow car park is in use and the village hall car park is to be re-surfaced during half-term week. However, re-surfacing of Newfield Road in the preceding week will involve the use of a three-way traffic light system which could cause traffic tailbacks in the village.

18. FINANCES

a) **Financial Statement:** A statement for April was presented, showing details of income and expenditure against budget.

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

1200	Countryside Services - Grass Maintenance	720.00
1201	Pimperne Village Hall - Room Hire	57.50
1202	Hitachi Capital Invoice Finance - Bus Shelter	3156.00
1203	The Blandford School - Newsletter printing	348.00
		At agreed rate
1204	Clerk's salary - at agreed rate	
1205	R G King - repairs to play area	112.25
1206	Clerk's expenses - McAfee; postage	27.55
1207	P. Slocombe Expenses - Picture frame	8.65
	Total	4774.47

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It was agreed that the funds for the bus shelter should be transferred from the Reading Room account.

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c) **Review Standing Orders** – Cllr. Mackenzie’s review of the NALC standing orders guidelines was discussed and it was agreed in Section 18c that the limit beyond which a formal tender should be used in procurement should be £10,000.

d) **Review financial regulations** – a number of amendments were agreed and the Regulations will be re-issued.

Action Clerk

e) **Financial Synopsis** – an updated version was circulated and agreed.

f) **Annual Statement** – the annual statement for 2014/2015 was presented.

19. OFFICERS’ AND REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The main focus of attention at present is on the Fording Point project and the forthcoming Health & Wellbeing event.

b) **Tree Officer:** Cllr. Mackenzie advised that while the willow tree at the Anvil, is not subject to a TPO, its situation within the conservation area provides a measure of protection.

c) **Rights of Way:** The footpath past Keepers Cottage was unlawfully closed recently and the landowners had been informed. A hand over meeting is to be arranged with Angela Barker

Action Cllr. Argles

d) **Highways Officer:** A meeting is to be held with Dorset Highways, County Cllr. Croney and Paul Scothern regarding road safety matters in Church Road and in the vicinity of the new school. The new grit bins have been ordered.

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e) **Pimperne Primary School:** The Open Day was a great success with many villagers taking the time to visit. The school is dealing with a number of snagging issues and minor problems following the opening.

f) **Village Hall:** The AGM was held on 11th May.

g) **Flood Warden:** The new reporting system is not yet available for trial.

h) **DAPTC:** The minutes of the last meeting have been circulated.

i) **Homewatch/Community Speedwatch:** Three incidents were recorded in Pimperne in April – an attempted burglary in shed at Hyde Farm, damage to a car near the C13, and a distraction burglary in Church Road. A summary of the Homewatch report is to be included on the village web site.

Action Cllr. Mackenzie

A further Community Speedwatch exercise was held on Church Road at the approach to the school.

20. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

The Calendar of Events has been revised and re-issued. A number of training sessions for Councillors are being organised by DAPTC.

21. PROPERTY CHECKS

Cllr Argles reported that a panel in the roof of the (old) bus shelter roof needs to be replaced.

This and further maintenance repairs to the play areas will be discussed with Mr. R. King.

Action Chairman

22. PRE-SCHOOL FUTURE PREMISES

Letters have been sent to Pimperne Pre –School and Dorset CC, confirming that the Parish Council is unable to support the use of the temporary classrooms and requesting their removal. The Pre-School has advised that it is withdrawing its interest in using the classrooms.

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A meeting with County Cllr Croney, the Parish council the Pre-School, and Sports Society will be arranged after the Highways meeting.

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23. SECTION 106

Mr H. De Iongh's revised advice that Section 106 funds can only be used on new equipment has prompted a re-think. The money will be used as the basis for a match funding approach to Awards for All through DT11.

Action Chairman

24. VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

Further details on have been provided by Rachael Hopkins. The full cost is likely to be of the order of £2,200. It was agreed that the Parish Council will support future fund raising activities through the offer of match funding to reach the raise the target. A similar facility is available through Lloyds Bank.

Contact will be made with Mr. R. Williams who has kindly offered to provide training on a pro bono publico basis.

Action Chairman

25. WAR MEMORIAL

The re-painting of the lettering is to be undertaken before the end of May.

Action Clerk

26. CORRESPONDENCE None

27. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION: Future agendas should make reference to the fact that video recording can be undertaken at Parish council meetings. Suggested wording is to be provided.

Action Cllr. Tanner

28. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: None

29. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be 10th June.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.