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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 11th May 2016, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Clerk and 6 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:** Cllr. D. Mackenzie and District Cllr. P. Brown.
5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
6. **DISPENSATIONS:** None required.
7. **OFFICER APPOINTMENTS:**

The following appointments were agreed:

- 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 Officer – Cllr. Tanner
- f) Village Hall representative – Cllr. Slocombe
- g) DAPTC Representative – Cllr. Richley
- h) Transport – Cllr. Harman
- i) Dorset Best Village – Cllr. Evans

8. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th April 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT: A report covering District Council activities had been received. It was announced Mr. Piers Brown had been elected as the District Council and would be appointed Lead Councillor for Pimperne. The Parish Council look forward to working with him. Attendance of local Parish Chairpersons at the Hambleton County Division Meeting on April 21st was very low. The question of whether future meetings should be open to all Parish Council members or just Chairmen is to be clarified with Cllr. D. Croney.

Action Chairman/Clerk

Cllr Tanner updated the meeting on other significant local issues that could affect Pimperne residents. These included the proposed merger of housing associations, Spectrum and Sovereign; consultation on the proposed re-organisation of A&E services in Dorset, and a raft of alternatives identified for introducing a new combined authority for Dorset. He also confirmed that the Norden site is up for sale but a suitable location for a “hub” to enable residents to obtain local access to NDDC services had yet to be agreed.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: A number of residents of Old Bakery Close and neighbouring roads registered their concerns over a planning application to develop Orchard Cottage in Old

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Bakery Close. While the residents were not against an extension in principle, the current plans were opposed on matters of size (mainly height), loss of light and privacy.

7. MATTERS ARISING: The defibrillator and cabinet is to be fitted on 13th May at the village shop.

Leaflets promoting the Village Tea Party on 5th June have been delivered to all households and it is hoped that the event will be well supported.

Although two local councils continue to show interest in the Down Road bus shelter, a decision is not expected in the near future. The shelter is to be advertised on Gumtree. **Action Clerk**

8. PLANNING

a) Granted applications:

- Woodbury – no further news.

- 10 St Peter's Close. NDDC Planning will be visiting the site to determine whether a breach of planning control has taken place.

b) Outstanding applications:

- 2/2016/DCC – Variation of Condition 3 of planning permission - Nothing to report.

- 2/2016/0047/FUL – 33 Walters Drive, DT11 8UX – No decision to date.

- Wessex Water Pumping Station. The overnight lighting issue has been resolved.

c) New applications:

– 2/2016/0500/HOUSE – Orchard Cottage, Old Bakery Close, DT11 8BS. It was agreed that the neighbour's views should be taken into account. Although the Council has no objections in principle to extending the property, objections would be made to the current application on the basis that it is considered overbearing, primarily in terms of height, and potential loss of amenity and privacy. Contact should also be made with the Planning Officer to request that, if he/she is minded to approve the application, it should be taken to Committee. **Action Clerk**

- 2/2016/0566/HOUSE Sequoia, Letton Close, DT11 7SS. It was agreed that the Council is unlikely to object to the application, unless there is significant opposition from neighbours, whose views are to be canvassed. **Action Cllr. Richley**

It was further agreed that one of the conditions to the plans should be that access roads should be kept clear during the construction phase on refuse collection days.

d) Tree applications –

- 2/2016/0394/TP TREE 13 Old Bakery Close – the application was rejected.

- 2/2016/0501/TP TREE 14 Old Bakery Close. NDDC have confirmed that there is a statutory requirement to re-plant if the tree is felled as it is protected by a TPO.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A draft plan is to be produced by the end of July, with a public consultation on the findings to be held in September. The pre-submission consultation is set for January 2017, with the Plan going to examination in spring 2017.

Cllr Tanner advised that the legal challenge to NDDC's Local Plan Part One by Sherborne School and the Cancer UK was rejected, leading the way for an early review of the Plan to take place.

A re-appraisal of the Conservation Area will be led by the Heritage/Natural Historical Environment Sub group.

10. NEW/OLD PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A site meeting has been requested with Ms J. Leaton of DCC at the old school site to discuss removal of outstanding items, while a plan showing the boundaries of the site has also been requested. **Action Chairman**

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It was agreed that the Chairman would be able to take legal advice if necessary, following the meeting.

Action Chairman

In respect to the new school, the end of defects inspection has taken place. A meeting has been requested with DCC to discuss associated works, including weed growth through the tarmac, barrier work and fungus growth on the dragons' teeth.

Action Chairman

The overflow car park will not be available this term to allow re-construction work to be undertaken. Cllr Harman requested that, upon its availability, the area should only be utilised in its original intended capacity and should not be used on a regular basis on both safety and "wear and tear" grounds.

11. FINANCE

a) Financial Statement: A statement for April was presented.

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

1277	Clerk's Salary	344.52
1278	Blandford School – Newsletter printing	276.00
1279	S&C Slatter - Cricket wicket	5665.20
1280	Martin Park Garden	734.00
1281	RG King – Stream bank repair	57.00
	Total	7076.72

d) Annual Return, Significant Variation Report and Bank Reconciliation.

Clerk to complete.

Action Clerk

e) VAT reclamation. An application for a refund of £973.38 has been submitted to HMRC.

f) SAAA scheme. The Council's request to contract in to the scheme was accepted.

12. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) DT11: The outcome is awaited on a bid for new play equipment to be shortlisted as one of the three local causes to be featured in Tesco's Bags of Help funding scheme. Three shortlisted schemes are set to receive awards of £12,000, £10,000 or £8,000.

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

Leylandii have been planted on DCC land in Paul Baker Lane. Removal and relocation is to be requested.

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c) Rights of Way: Overhanging brambles on Footpath 10 have been cut back.

d) Highways: Resurfacing outside the willows in Church Road has been scheduled by DCC. As road safety improvements on the Anvil bend have yet to be carried out, a formal letter will be sent to Mr. Skeates.

Action Chairman/Clerk

Following receipt of background information on the 8-year saga of Iwerne Minster's attempts to secure a 20mph zone, it was felt that a more informal approach to traffic speed management using "20 is Plenty" posters could be a more effective use of resources.

e) Pimperne Primary School: The school's Year 4 students achieved a creditable first place in a national mathematics competition. A residential week is to be held at Fairholme Manor, near Southampton from 6th June.

f) Village Hall: The AGM is to be held on Monday 23rd May.

g) Flood Warden: Flash flooding remains a problem on the A354 near the Farquharson Arms and pressure is being maintained on DCC to ensure gulleys and drains are regularly cleared.

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h) DAPTC: Future meetings will be attended by Cllr. Richley. **Action Cllr. Richley**

i) Transport: It was unfortunate that Nordcat were unable to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in April. DCT are able to offer a door to door service to Blandford on Thursdays to replace the 325 service at a cost of £5. Discussions on how the Parish Council might take a more active role in promoting and/or co-ordinating community schemes are to take place.

Action Chairman/Cllr. Harman

j) Best Kept Village: The wooden banks of the stream in Paul Baker have been replaced. As the competition is now in the judging phase, residents are requested to be extra-vigilant in removing litter in public places. A village “walkabout” is to be arranged to assess areas for special attention.

Action Chairman/Cllr. Evans

13. HOMEWATCH/COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

One incident was reported in Pimperne in the April Homewatch report. Further discussion with Mr. D. Andrews is required on Community Speedwatch to identify a better solution to planning exercises.

Action Chairman

14. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

Cllrs Mackenzie has been booked on the Essential Councillor course in October and November.

15. PROPERTY CHECKS

a) 2 bins remain without grit and are likely to remain so until later in the year.

Replacement bark chippings will be sourced for the Junior Play area. **Action Chairman**

b) Play area signage. New quotations from Hardy Signs for smaller signs for erection on existing gates and/or poles have resulted in significant savings.

Action Chairman/Clerk

The tyres in the Junior play area are disintegrating and need renewal or replacement.

Action Chairman

17. GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR: Cllr Richley to attend the next meeting on 16th June.

The question of the GDSF providing contributions to local charities rather than free tickets will be broached.

Action Cllr. Richley

18. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. A. Baxter’s request for Parish Council assistance on allotment fees is to be investigated further.

Action All

19. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

The recent article in the Blackmore Vale magazine that “named and shamed” the Parish Council’s contribution to Blandford Leisure Centre was condemned. A suitable response is to be prepared.

Action Chairman/Clerk

20. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

None.

22. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on 8th June.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.