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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 9th November, 2011**, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs. P. Slocombe (Chairman), D. Andrews, D. Mackenzie, D. Hart, A. Barker, J. Tanner

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Bamforth (Clerk), 3 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from County Cllr Campbell and District Cllr Oliver

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: none.

3. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th October, 2011 were approved and signed.

ACTION

4. CO-OPTION

Antony Argles was co-opted on to the Council to fill the vacancy created by Cllr Oliver's resignation. The Council approved his attendance at new councillor training on 23rd November.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: none

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Tanner read a written report from the District Councillor which the Clerk would circulate to Councillors. **Clerk**

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

Mr King suggested that the Parish Council had criticised the hedge cutting at Fiveways; this was refuted by the Council. Cllr Tanner reported that the light in the BT kiosk in Church Road was no longer working; the Clerk would report to BT. Cllr Tanner expressed concern that school buses being operated by Damory Coaches did not have seat belts; the Clerk would write to the County Council. Mr Bannock mentioned the tree in Paul Baker's Lane affecting his property; the Clerk would pass his telephone number to the tree officer who was due to visit the village. Mr Bannock also raised concerns about speeding vehicles and the increased traffic and hazards caused by the new Damory bus depot. He suggested an extension of the speed limit on the A354 and the creation of a mini-roundabout at Fiveways. Cllr Hart mentioned rumours of 400 new houses being built; the Chairman and Clerk confirmed such a rumour to be entirely groundless.

Clerk

8. MATTERS ARISING

a) Cllr Hart reported on the Great Dorset Steam Fair wash-up meeting which had been well minuted. The local community had been largely happy with the steam fair arrangements this year, but there had been increased traffic on the by-pass and there was concern that the organizers would only accept use of the new temporary travellers' site on an annual basis.

b) Cllr Mackenzie reported that she and Cllr Barker had agreed the phrasing of signs to deter dog-fouling and these would now be laminated and posted in the village.

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9. PLANNING

a) The following application had been granted:

2/2011/0969 Woodbury, 10 Chapel Lane, Pimperne: to erect 2 semi-detached dwellings and form 5 parking spaces (demolish existing cottage).

b) The Council considered the following new application:

2/2011/1212 Land at Stud Farm, Down Road, Pimperne: install 4 ground mounted solar photovoltaic arrays
No objections.

The Council considered the following application to carry out works to a tree under a tree preservation order:

1884/TPO/SLW/11 1 Mount Villas, Portman Road, Pimperne: to fell 1 yew. No objections.

c) The Council would ask NDDC to notify the Council of the details of the Asda planning application when received. **Clerk**

d) The Council considered the letter from NDDC about the move to an online planning process; DAPTC had advised that the necessary projector would cost £325 with 2 spare bulbs at an additional cost of £200. The Clerk would verify with NDDC that specification was required. **Clerk**

10. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported on the recent presentation on the Three Choughs Community Resource Centre, noting that funding was now being sought.

b) **Tree Officer:** Cllr Hart confirmed his satisfaction with the tree application at 1 Mount Villas, Portman Road. Cllr Barker confirmed that the Jubilee Committee were happy for County to take on the planting of a commemorative tree; the Clerk would so inform the County Tree Officer.

The Council decided trees such as hawthorn or flowering cherry would be suitable for planting in Portman Road; the Clerk would ask the Tree Officer to ensure adequate protection because of the potential damage from mowing and strimming of the verge. **Clerk**

c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker reported that she had obtained a quotation to clear FP 16 as discussed with the County Rights of Way Officer which the Clerk would submit to County. The Chairman noted that new path markers were required in various places **Clerk**

d) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner reported that parent workshops and a PTA shopping evening were planned and that the Ghanaian exchange teacher would be arriving for a week on 19th November.

e) **Village Hall:** The Chairman reported that the external light had again been replaced, at a cost of £200.

f) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner reported that groundwater levels were satisfactory and that the Environment Agency were trying to establish the ownership of the stream by the Knightstone housing estate and noted that adjustments were being made to the flood plain map.

g) **DAPTC:** Cllr Mackenzie reported on the DAPTC AGM, which both representatives had attended, noting that all the presentations were available on the DAPTC website. Cllr Andrews reported on the Northern Area meeting, noting that DAPTC hoped to keep subscription increases to 1%, that NDDC had not yet set a date for new car parking charges and that NDDC was reviewing the SHLAA to reflect local needs

h) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews reported that the first daylight burglary in some years had occurred in the village. Homewatch signs would have to put up by County and Cllr Andrews was investigating this matter further.

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11. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- a) The Chairman read to the Council Highways' response to the matters raised during his meeting with them in the village. The Clerk would write to County Highways, raising the matters suggested by Mr Bannock and asking about the possibility of introducing a weight restriction in the village, copying to County Cllr Campbell and asking him to respond.
- b) The Chairman reported that three grit bins had been ordered to be placed in School Lane, Portman Road and Frampton Road. The Chairman would liaise with Highways on exact location. Alan Lukins had confirmed his readiness to assist with salting and gritting roads as required for which the Council expressed its thanks. The Council confirmed that any winter road and pavement clearance could be carried out voluntarily and independently of the Parish Council. **Chairman**
- c) The Council discussed the problem of overhanging trees; the Chairman would pursue the problem in Paul Baker's Lane and the Clerk would write to the relevant property owners in Down Road and the Old Rectory. Cllr Andrews would investigate the ownership of the traffic cones used on occasion in the village. **Clerk, Chairman, Cllr Andrews**

12. FINANCES

- a) The Clerk presented a written financial statement for October, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget.
- b) The Council approved the payment and instructed the signature of the following cheques:
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| 987 | S Bamforth - Clerk's salary October | At agreed rate |
| 988 | S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses October | £14.40 |
| 989 | DAPTC - Clerks' seminar | £7.00 |
| 990 | Pimperne Village Hall - meetings, July - September | £43.50 |
| 991 | Poppy Appeal - Remembrance Day wreath | £17.00 |
- c) The Council considered the draft budget circulated and would consider further at the next meeting, including the cost of maintaining the churchyard, the possibility of adding names to the war memorial and future plans for the junior play area.
- c) The Clerk would amend the financial instructions and model financial regulations as necessary for adoption at the next meeting. **Clerk**

13. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr Mackenzie reported that the new website was about to go live.

14. VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Cllr Mackenzie had met with Mrs Coull to discuss content and confirmed that the printing cost of the new format would remain the same. Cllr Mackenzie said she would welcome councillors' ideas on content.

15. PROPERTY CHECK

- a) The Chairman reported that Mr Miles had been instructed to carry out the repairs indicated as necessary by the Digley safety inspection.
- b) Cllr Andrews suggested the Portman Road bus shelter needed cleaning. The Chairman would ask Mr Richley if he would take on maintenance of the Letton noticeboard. **Chairman**

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c) Cllr Andrews would carry out the next month's check.

16. DOG SHOW

The Council approved the use of the multiplay area for a village fund dog show to raise funds for the diamond jubilee celebrations, with the responsibility to clear resting with the organizers.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) DAPTC; briefing on high speed broadband provision: Clerk to attend.
- b) NDDC; briefing on gypsy and traveller site consultation: noted
- c) DAPTC; councillors' update seminar: no attendance
- d) DT11; request for funding for Three Choughs Community Resource Centre: noted

18. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a) To consider draft budget
- b) To adopt financial regulations
- c) To consider financial contribution to Three Choughs Community Resource Centre

19. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 14th December, 2011, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.45 pm.