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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 14th November, 2012**, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Bamforth (Clerk), District Cllr M. Oliver, 1 member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received County Cllr Campbell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No new interests were declared.

3. All councillors had submitted a request for dispensation to discuss the budget and precept until the elections in May, 2014, given their pecuniary interest through ownership of land in the parish as disclosed in the register of interests. The Council resolved to grant its members such a dispensation.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 10th October, 2012 were approved and signed. The Council expressed its thanks to Cllr Mackenzie for preparing the minutes in the Clerk's absence.

ACTION

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was presented by District Cllr Oliver. District Cllr Oliver asked about the background to the flyer on the Local Plan distributed with the Blackmore Vale Magazine; he was told that it had been issued by Blandford Forum Town Council with the agreement of associated parish councils.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: none.

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

The PCC wished to know the Parish Council's view on holding an eleven o' clock remembrance service on Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Mackenzie would canvass village opinion through the newsletter.

8. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Repairs: the Chairman reported that the play area repairs had been completed and that other repairs would be carried out shortly.
- b) NDDC online training; Cllr Tanner was still awaiting a response from NDDC.

9. PLANNING

a) The following application had been withdrawn:
2/2012/0841/PLNG Taymix Transport Ltd, Salisbury Road, Pimperne: to erect 9 200 watt induction floodlights (retrospective).

The Chairman read the response to the Council's complaints to Environmental Services; he would forward the correspondence to the neighbour who had complained about the lighting.

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b) The Council considered the following new application:

2/2012/1269/PLNG Land At Sunrise Roundabout, Shaftesbury Lane, Blandford Forum: to erect 4 No. signs on the roundabout size 1016 x 610 mm (retrospective). No objections.

c) Draft Core Strategy: The Council would meet separately to consider their response to the consultation on the new Local Plan. **All councillors**

10. NEW VILLAGE SCHOOL

The Council considered the letter dated 13th November from Mr Scothern about the next steps on the school and agreed the Council was prepared to sign a licence to give DCC access to the land at the corner of Newfield Road, before it was legally transferred into DCC ownership, provided it was evident to the Council that concrete progress had been made on the lease for School Field. The Parish Council solicitor's advice would be sought before any response was issued.

Clerk Chairman

11. SCHOOL FIELD

The Council was awaiting further correspondence from Dorset CC.

12. FINANCES

a) The Clerk presented a written financial statement for October, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget. The Clerk would investigate deposit accounts with better interest rates. The Clerk reported the External Auditor's comments on their issues arising report on the Council's annual return.

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

	At agreed rate
1049 S Bamforth - Clerk's salary October	
1050 S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses October	£24.65
1051 Rob King - footpaths maintenance	£444.00
1052 Rob King - Steps FP10	£48.00
1053 DAPTC - Clerks' seminar	£10.00
1054 Pimperne PCC - churchyard maintenance	£700.00

c) The Council approved the Risk Assessment, as amended, and the Asset Register, but agreed to give further attention to the Internal Audit Review.

d) The Council agreed to consider the draft budget further at their next meeting, together with the requests for financial support for the Blandford Leisure Centre and Blandford public lavatories. The Council agreed to ear mark the Best Kept Village prize money for the provision of new noticeboards.

13. Cllr Argles was appointed Highways Officer.

14. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** nothing to report

b) **Tree Officer:** Cllr Hart noted that, having inspected the horse chestnut at the Taymix site about which a complaint had been made, he was not concerned about its health.

c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker reported that John Williamson of County Rights of Way had been assured by the householder that the overhanging trees to the rear of the Old Rectory would be cut back. Cllr Barker also reported that the Countryside Rangers would cut back the branches overhanging FP15 at Paradise Farm.

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- d) **Pimperne Primary School:** no report.
- e) **Village Hall:** the Chairman reported that the new kitchen had been fitted.
- f) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner had reported that sandbags were available for vulnerable buildings from NDDC; the Chairman reported that Mr Alan Lukins was prepared to store these.
- g) **DAPTC:** The Clerk would circulate Cllr Mackenzie's report. The Council noted that subscriptions were likely to rise. **Clerk**
- h) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews reported that PACT priorities including rural speeding, remained unchanged and noted the advice to be aware of criminals "previewing" thefts.

15. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- a) The Chairman reported that Mr Philpott was maintaining the hedge at Fiveways.
- b) Cllr Hart having received no response from the Head about families needing to cross the A354, the Council would not pursue further at this stage.
- c) Cllr Argles would discuss with the County Tree Officer the need for bark chippings under the Chestnut Tree.

16. PROPERTY CHECK

The items needing repair would be dealt with by Mr Miles

17. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Dorset Waste Partnershsip: Cllrs Barker and Mackenzie to attending briefing at Corn Exchange, Blandford on 20th November
- b) Great Dorset Steam Fair: Cllr Hart to attend wash up meeting on 10th December

18. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a) To consider draft budget
- b) Review of Internal Audit arrangements

19. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 12th December, 2012, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.32 pm.