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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2013, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** District Cllr Oliver.  
2 members of the public were present

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received and accepted from Cllr Hart.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** no additional requests.

**3. DISPENSATIONS:** none required.

**4. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 were agreed.

**5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** was received by the Council.

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** was received by the Council via email and read out at the meeting.

### **7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD**

a) The planned switch off with regard to street lighting at Manor Farm Close between certain hours has yet to take place. Crime has reportedly reduced where this has been actioned. The Council will inform residents if any further information on dates is forthcoming.

b) Trees from the Woodland Trust are still available but an application must be made by 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The new school will be receiving 30 saplings in March. The Sports Society have been reluctant to take any young trees for fear of trampling and due to lack of resources to tend the young trees during their first years of planting. Cllr Hart has suggested the Village Hall; the Village Hall Committee will decide. Cllr Andrews suggested that young trees may be required once the current school field is available for village use. The Chairman will ascertain if the Village Hall and/or Sports Society require any trees but there may be further opportunities to apply next year.

**Chairman**

### **8. MATTERS ARISING**

a) Possible relocation of dog waste bin: Cllr Argles has raised with Highways the possibility of moving the bin near Chestnut Farm and will monitor the response. **Cllr Argles**

b) Proposed planting of trees on the Sports Field: see Democratic Period above.

c) Damory Coaches: A letter has been received from Damory Coaches which states again that no temporary bus stop was positioned in Anvil Rd. Council will respond accordingly. **Chairman**

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- d) Garden waste – 2 Hyde Gardens: Cllr Barker has spoken with the occupants. Council will monitor the situation.
- e) Bus Service Consultation: DCC have put this back for further consultation.

## 9. PLANNING

- a) There are no outstanding applications.
- b) Planning Application - 8, Boyte Road Pro2/2013/1204/PLNG. Council decision of no comment. **Chairman**
- c) Trees: Work has been requested on the ash tree at 9 Chapel Lane covered by a TPO. Council has no comment.  
The overgrown hazel at Fiveways to be reported to Highways for action. **Cllr Argles**
- d) Electronic Planning Consultation Process: A workshop will be held on January 7<sup>th</sup> to introduce councils to the new procedures. Chairman or Cllr Mackenzie to attend. Cllr Mackenzie to check if planning portal documents are downloadable. **Chairman, Cllr Mackenzie**

## 10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- a) Attendees of the presentation on 4<sup>th</sup> November were impressed with the content of the meeting. A copy of the presentation by DCLG has been circulated. The Council will proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan, commencing with registration of the designated area.
- b) The Council will proceed with registering the whole parish as a designated area. Application for a grant to assist with the plan will be lodged with Mycommunityrights. A presentation will take place at the Annual Parish Meeting following information to all households with the Spring Village Newsletter. The use of Survey Monkey will be investigated. **Chairman**

## 11. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Work has finally started on the new services. All road signs were installed as requested.

## 12. FINANCES

- a) The financial statement for October was presented, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget.
- b) The Council approved the payment and instructed the signature of the following cheques:

1118	Pimperne Village Hall Committee	31.50
1119	Poppy Appeal	20.00
1120	The Play Inspection Company	143.88
1121	HMRC – Clerk's PAYE	233.80

- c) Localisation of Council Tax Support: It is currently thought unlikely that any grant will be passed on this year, therefore the budget has been drafted with this in mind.
- d) Dog Fouling Stickers: The council agreed to go ahead with purchase of 50 stickers. **Cllr Barker**
- e) Draft Budget: Due to uncertainty regarding Localisation of Council Tax Support, councils have been advised that budgets may be submitted later than usual, possibly up until March. The draft budget was presented for discussion.

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

a) **DT11:** Nothing to report.

b) **Tree Officer:** Hazel tree at Fiveways – see Planning above.

The chestnut tree by the Church has been inspected by a specialist from DCC who has recommended that the tree be removed as it has now become dangerous due to disease. County will remove and grub out the root and supply a list of suitable replacements which can resist the existing fungus. The area under the tree is the responsibility of Highways who will be requested to weed kill, rotivate and grass seed the area as a minimum. This area is within the conservation area and is important to villagers and all those who use the Church.

**Cllr Argles**

The logs surrounding the area also need to be removed and possibly be replaced with white posts and a chain link. Cllr Tanner noted that, when the tree was last pollarded, villagers were invited to take the wood for turning and firewood, and requested that the same happen when the tree is removed. The Chairman will follow this up with County.

**Chairman**

c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Mackenzie reported that County Councillor Croney has been in touch with regards to the trail riders application and would like to meet with some councillors to walk the proposed route on a fact finding mission.

**Chairman, Cllr Barker**

d) **Highways Officer:** Cllr Argles reported that Highways have inspected the railings opposite the Farquharson Arms which are deteriorating and falling into the road.

Highways have also inspected the stream to ascertain if it requires clearing.

The dangerous tree opposite the Old Forge on the A354 has been reported but no reference number was provided due to problems with the reporting system.

Cllr Argles is monitoring the situation regarding potholes, and one in particular, in Down Rd.

No further response has been received from Mr McCarthy regarding suggestions to ease the problems of inconsiderate parking.

The steel fencing in St Peter's Close has been removed. Cllr Argles will check if it needs replacing.

**Cllr Argles**

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** Preparations are well underway for Christmas. Sadly the music teacher is leaving after many years service.

f) **Village Hall:** Repairs have been made to external seats and new floor coverings are to be installed in the kitchen and toilets.

g) **Flood Warden:** Ground water levels are fine. The flood wardens' seminar took place at the end of last month.

h) **DAPTC:** Cllr Andrews is attending the Code of Conduct training on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec and will ask why there are many differing Codes of Conduct. Cllr Andrews attended the DAPTC AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov and circulated a report. The second motion regarding mandatory consultation with AONB on planning issues was not carried to the disappointment of a number of councils.

i) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews will attend the Police Enquiry Office Provision meeting. The next Homewatch co-ordinators meeting is taking place on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.

### **14. GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR**

Extension of planning approval for the temporary travellers' site is being sought. Council will respond accordingly, noting the need to open the site earlier in future years.

**Chairman**

### **15. NORTH DORSET BOUNDARY REVIEW**

Council agreed that a designated councillor for an area was much preferred to the proposed 3 members in a much larger ward and will respond accordingly.

**Chairman, Cllr Mackenzie**

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#### **16. DORSET POLICE ENQUIRY OFFICE**

Savings within Dorset Police are to be made through real estate, however savings will be minimal if Blandford Enquiry Office is closed as the rest of the building will remain in use. Cllr Andrews will attend the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov and register the Council's objections.

**Cllr Andrews**

#### **17. DOG WASTE BINS**

See 8 a) above.

#### **18. REPLACEMENT OF BUS SHELTER**

John Cummings at DCC is due to take a look at the existing shelter.

**Chairman**

#### **19. WESSEX WATER PLANS**

The Chairman attended an exhibition at Ashley Wood Golf Club. No work will come into our parish until 2015.

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

The calendar is up to date. It was agreed that relevant training received elsewhere would be accepted. Cllr Hart will attend the Councillors' Update Session on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.

#### **21. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK.**

Two applications have been received to date. The deadline has been extended to 16<sup>th</sup> Dec and an advertisement placed in the Benefice Newsletter which will be delivered to all households.

#### **22. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) War Memorials Trust. A letter has been received suggesting that the memorial is cleaned if necessary.

b) Stour Valley Partnership Revenue and Benefits. Councillors were requested to take note.

c) People Sleeping Rough. A survey by NDDC will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.

d) Sexual Entertainment Revenue Policy. The draft policy is available to view at NDDC.

#### **23. PROPERTY CHECK**

The Play Inspection Company report has been received. There are a number of defects which can be addressed in the Spring, however there are two that require immediate action. **Chairman**

Cllr Argles reported that the grit bins have been refilled and are now unlocked; no action required at present on any items.

#### **24. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

Cllr Tanner requested that the oldest resident of Pimperne who attended the village school be invited to turn the first sod for the building of the new school. **Chairman**

#### **25. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

**26.** The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2013, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm.