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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 12th November 2014, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B. MacGregor (Parish Clerk), District Cllr. M. Oliver and one member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. D. Hart and County Cllr. D Croney.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

3. DISPENSATIONS: none required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th October, 2014 were approved and signed.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: District Cllr. Oliver presented his report, updating developments on merger plans. The three bodies, West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland, and North Dorset District councils have now formally agreed to merge and accept the proposed business plan. The planned changes are taken against a background of a 50% reduction in Government funding over the period 2011-2015 and are expected to save the 3 councils £6m by 2020.

A clay pigeon shoot has commenced near the Taymix site without planning permission being sought and has resulted in complaints from local residents about noise. An enforcement case has been opened and events are being closely monitored to ensure the cumulative duration of the shoots does not exceed the 28 day period allowed.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: County Cllr. Croney's monthly report had been received via e-mail by the Council.

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: Mr. Harman asked about car parking arrangements for the new school in the light of recent press reports on problems experienced in Durweston. It was explained that parents will be provided with guidelines over permitted drop off/pick up times. The school is confident that the issue of parking should not prove to be a problem but the situation will be closely monitored once the new school is operational.

8. MATTERS ARISING: Cllr. Barker's concerns over the removal of out of date fly posting were noted and continued vigilance is required to ensure that only current notices are displayed.

Action All

9. PLANNING

a) Granted/refused applications – None

b) Outstanding application- The current circumstances over the issue of lighting at the Taymix yard are to be investigated.

Action Clerk

c) New applications - 2/2014/1304 – Fairfield House, Church Road – no comment

2/2014/1288 – 7a Manor Farm Close – no comment.

d) Tree Works – 2/2014/1349 – Little Tredington, Church Road – no comment

- 2/2014/1376 – 3 Old Bakery Close – Cllr. Hart's view that NDDC needs to verify that the Red Maple tree is not covered by the blanket TPO.

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10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan Public Meeting on 25th October was well attended with 9 parishioners volunteering to join the Neighbourhood Planning Group, with the first meeting set for 3rd December. The Chairman and Cllr. Tanner and Mr. Harman are to attend the planned Neighbourhood Planning Networking meeting arranged by Nick Cardnell, North Dorset Neighbourhood Planning Officer, on 24th November.

11. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hoarding has been put in place around the Junior Play Area as work commenced on the new access footpath. The official completion date for the school remains 6th March 2015 but a contract programme is still awaited.

12. FINANCES

- a) **Financial Statement:** A statement for October was presented, showing details of income and expenditure against budget.
- b) **Funds Transfer:** The Council approved the transfer of £3,156.00 from the Reading Room Fund to fund the new Pimperne bus shelter.
- c) **Cheque Approval:** The Council approved the payment and instructed the signature of the following cheques:

1168	Village Hall Hire	£23.00
		At
		agreed
		rate
1169	Clerks Salary	£50.00
1170	Gift Vouchers - Tree Seat	£46.65
1171	Clerks Expenses - Stationery	£45.00
1172	Blandford School - Neighbourhood Plan Flyers	£156.00
1173	Blandford School - Newsletter Printing	£18.83
1174	Refreshments - Neighbourhood Planning Meeting RG King - Junior Play Area	£383.73
1175	Maintenance	£10.50
1176	D. Mackenzie - Web hosting	

- d) **2015-2016 Budget:** The draft budget was presented. It was agreed that some sums should be allocated for neighbourhood planning as it should not be assumed that grants will be obtained for the whole cost. The budget is to be re-presented.

Action Chairman/Cllr Mackenzie.

- g) **Internal Financial Regulations:** The Finance Working Group is in the process of reviewing the asset register, financial regulations, audit procedures, in the light of new guidance from NALC. A copy of the Practitioners Guide is to be printed. **Action Clerk**

A copy of the DAPTC guidelines for Standing Orders is to be issued to all councillors and the matter is to be added to the agenda for the next meeting. **Action Cllr. Mackenzie/Clerk**
Copies of recent Audit Briefings are to be requested from BDO. **Action Clerk**

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13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Transport Action Group (TAG) is to provide all households with details of local bus services and community car schemes. The current work programme for DT11 is under discussion.

b) **Tree Officer:** nothing to report.

c) **Rights of Way:** A letter has been drafted for submission (with supporting leaflet) to Mr. Peter Dalton in respect to Footpath 16. New signs are required to identify the correct path opposite Newfield Cottages.
Action Cllr. Barker

d) **Highways Officer:** A request to DCC for the village's own flood signs has been turned down and health and safety grounds. The gullies between Letton and Hammetts Farm remain a problem, while further requests have been made to clear the footpath near the bus shelter on Salisbury Road and overhanging shrubs and trees in Arlecks Lane. A meeting will be held with Rolly Skeates, Technical Officer, Dorset Highways on 14th November.
Action Chairman, Cllr Argles, Cllr. Tanner

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** The school has had an OFSTED inspection, with formal results awaited.

f) **Village Hall:** A new ladder is to be purchased to attend to gutter problems and replace dislodged curtains.
Action Chairman

g) **Flood Warden:** Groundwater levels are satisfactory although the situation will be monitored following recent rains. The main concern continues to be flash flooding on the A354.
Action Cllr. Tanner

h) **DAPTC:** Cllr. Andrews attended the November AGM and reported that the Chideock PC proposal was accepted and the Bridport Town proposal was rejected.

i) **Homewatch/Community Speedwatch:** The SNT reported one incident in Pimperne in October. The first Speedwatch surveillance exercise was undertaken with one person identified as exceeding the speed limit.

14. BUS SHELTER

Plans have been submitted to DCC and a decision is awaited.

15. THE AREA IN FRONT OF ST PETER'S CHURCH

The tree dedication ceremony was a great success, and thanks were expressed to Cllr. Barker for her organisation. A letter of thanks has been received from Mr. Richardson for the gift vouchers.

16. BLANDFORD FLY

Further communication has been made with MP Robert Walter on the matter and the petition comprising 2,450 names was to be presented to NDDC on 13th November.

17. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

A new Calendar of Events for 2015 had been issued by Cllr Mackenzie. Further amendments may be required in the light of potential changes to Standing Orders.
Action Chairman/ Cllr.Mackenzie/Clerk

The Essential Finance course set for 13th November was cancelled, but the VAT Workshop on 2nd December will be booked.
Action Clerk

18. PROPERTY CHECK: No change. The positioning of the seats on the school playing field will be addressed once the move to the new premises is completed.
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19. PRE-SCHOOL FUTURE PREMISES

The two buildings at the school are leaking badly and the school is taking extra measures to deal with this. A meeting between the Sports Society, Pre-School and the Parish Council is yet to take place.

Action Chairman/Cllr. Tanner

20. SECTION 106

The matter will be reviewed once the new equipment/modifications is in place at the Junior Play Area.

Action Chairman

21. FENCE TO SPORTS FIELD

Quotations are awaited from WV Poole and Brian Smith.

Action Chairman

22. CLEANING THE PIMPERNE STREAM

A further letter has been sent to Mr. Dalton regarding clearing the debris from the stream.

Pressure will continue to be applied if no response is received.

Action Chairman/Clerk

23. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF DORSET

The Council agreed not to respond on the consultation exercise undertaken by the Boundary Commission.

24. CORRESPONDENCE

a) A request has been received from Blandford Forum Town Council towards the cost of providing public conveniences in the town.

25. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

26. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA Grants to Local Services in Blandford Forum.

27. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th December at the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.