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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. P. Slocombe (Chairman), A. Argles, H. Evans, T. Harman, D. Mackenzie, M. Richley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B. MacGregor (Parish Clerk).

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr. J. Tanner.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**3. DISPENSATIONS:** none required.

**4. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were approved.

**5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:** A joint DCC/NDDC report had been received. It was confirmed that County Cllr. Croney will not be visiting parish council meetings in future but will be holding quarterly Divisional meetings for Hambledon to be attended by PC Chairmen or nominated representatives. The first meeting will be held at Pimperne on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** none received.

**7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:** Cllr. Mackenzie raised concerns about the recent over-running of the roadworks on Bushes Road and this will be raised with DCC Highways. **Action Clerk**

**8. MATTERS ARISING:**

The Clerk confirmed that that Rob Lukins Fitness has acquired the defibrillator and is liaising with Pimperne School PTA over the provision of a cabinet. The matter will be discussed with the PTA. **Action Chairman**

**9. PLANNING**

a) Granted applications – The following applications have been approved by NDDC:

Woodbury – No action has been taken to date in respect to the boundary fence, in spite of further letters from Mr. S. Clark at NDDC Planning to Mr. Mulholland. The matter will continue to be monitored.

b) Outstanding applications

- 2/2015/0053/DCC – Retention of 3 temporary classrooms.

- 2/2015/1365/REM - Land at 50 Salisbury Road.

c) New applications

– 2/2015/1469/FUL – Telecommunications Mast at Stud Farm

While the Council had no objection in principle to efforts to improve mobile connectivity, there were concerns that the proposal would be significantly higher than the existing mast and such reservations should be part of the Council's submission.

- 2/2015/1352/HOUSE – The Cottage Salisbury Road to Letton Croft – no objection.

d) Tree applications –

2/2015/1508/CATREE – Anvil Hotel, Anvil Road – the application to pollard the willow tree was not opposed.

The Council comments are to be forwarded to NDDC Planning.

**Action Clerk**

**10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Jo Witherden's email of 10<sup>th</sup> November is to be forwarded to all PC and NPG members. An NPG meeting is to be arranged to discuss this. **Action Clerk**

## 11. NEW/OLD PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tenders were received for the old school building at the end of October and the property is now under offer. The total area is 0.45 of an acre. The old school field site is quite run down and the matter will be raised with DCC in an attempt to allay future costs when the site comes under the Parish Council's responsibility. **Action Chairman**

Cllr. Harman raised the issue of external lighting at the new school which appears to operate much more than necessary including very early morning/late evening and even over the weekend. The matter will be taken up with the Head Teacher. **Action Chairman**

## 12. FINANCE

**a) Financial Statement:** A statement for October was presented, showing details of income and expenditure against budget. The funds transfer of the sums required for the bus shelter from the Reading Room to the current account remains outstanding. The statement will be re-issued to correct a minor mistake in the sum of cheque requisitions. **Action Clerk**

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

1234	Pimperne Village Hall Committee- Hire of Hall	57.50
1235	DAPTC-2 x New Councillors Training	60.00
		At
		agreed
		rate
1236	Clerk's salary	
1237	R.G. King - Playground repairs	391.22
1238	R.G. King - Village seat painting	238.00
1239	J H Witherden -Neighbourhood Plan Consultancy	500.00
	Total	1591.24

**c) Mid-Year Internal Audit:** The internal auditors report confirmed that the accounts are maintained to a good standard but identified some improvements required in expenses claims and grant request procedures. **Action Clerk**

**e) 2016/17 Budget** – The Finance Working Group issued a draft 2016/17 budget identifying a precept of £14,049, an increase of 2.2% over the current financial year. The main areas of increased expenditure are on maintenance, with increased sums allocated for repairs to the play areas and grass cutting for the old school field. The draft budget also includes an increase in grants to the Blandford Leisure Centre. Further discussions will be held at the next meeting before finalising the budget in January 2016. **Action All**

## 13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

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

**b) Tree Officer:** While branches /shrubs have been cut back in Church Road, further work is still required in the other areas, Parr Grove, Priory Gardens, Fiveways and The Willows. Residents to be contacted. **Action Clerk**

**c) Rights of Way:** The path by Footpath 17 has been cleared.

**d) Highways Officer:** DCC Highways has confirmed that it is unwilling to accede to the PC's requests for double yellow lines approaching the new school, HGV and a 20 mph speed limit in Church Road. The matter will be taken up with County Cllr.Crony. **Action Chairman/Clerk**  
A feasibility study into widening the footpath on Church Road beyond St Peter's Close will be undertaken by DCC in the next financial year.

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Two further grit bins are to be purchased for use in Portman Road and St Peter's Close. Small hand shovels are to be purchased for all grit bins to assist in dispensing. **Action Clerk**  
A letter is to be written to Mr. P. Dalton regarding the overgrown stream in Church Road.

**Action Clerk**

**e) Pimperne Primary School:** The school now has proper internet connection, but other technology notably automatic windows and doors is proving problematic.

**f) Village Hall:** Nothing to report

**g) Flood Warden:** The stream is not flowing at present and the water table is not indicating any dangers from ground water flooding at the present time. DCC are to be requested to clear the ditches along Newfield Road.

**Action Clerk**

**h) DAPTC:** Cllr. Mackenzie presented a brief report on the AGM. The DAPTC currently has a deficit of £25k, largely due to lower training bookings. All five motions were passed by the meeting and there were presentations on "Working Together" and "Unitary Proposals for Dorset and the impact on Town and Parish councils".

#### **14. HOMEWATCH/COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

No incidents were recorded in Pimperne in October. Three new Community Speedwatch volunteers have completed training while another is undergoing the vetting procedure. Contact will be made with insurers to determine whether Community Speedwatch members are covered by the Council's public liability insurance.

**Action Clerk**

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

Cllr. Richley will attend the Councillors Update-East at Tarrant Keyneston in November and the Chairman will be attending the Chairman's Update at County Hall.

#### **16. PROPERTY CHECKS**

Repairs to the Junior Play Area have been completed. All play areas will need to be filled up with bark chippings after the winter period.

**Action Chairman**

#### **17. SECTION 106**

Mr De Ionghe has confirmed that the £7,000 needs to be utilised by December 2017, otherwise it will be returned to the developer.

#### **18. "WORKING TOGETHER" CONSULTATION**

Although the document contained little controversial, it was noted that the working party contained no representatives of Parish Councils.

The Council agreed that it would not accept a request by Thatch Insurance Services to promote its services via the web site and/or newsletter.

The Council agreed to accept an invitation to join a meeting of the A350 Community Group

**Action Chairman**

#### **19. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

None

#### **20. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

None

#### **21. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.