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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 9th November 2016, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs. P. Slocombe (Chairman), A. Argles, T. Harman, D. Mackenzie, M. Richley, J. Tanner.

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Clerk and one member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: District Cllr. P. Brown

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

3. DISPENSATIONS: None required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th October 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT: A detailed report had been submitted by Dist. Cllr. Brown. A DWP consultation that is required to be completed in December, is to be circulated.

Action Clerk

NDDC and Blandford Town Council's deliberations regarding the Blandford Fly are to be monitored and reported.

Action Cllr. Tanner

6. CO-OPTING A NEW COUNCILLOR: The Chairman advised that an approach has been made to one individual who is considering the position at the moment. Other potential target co-optees are to be considered.

Action All

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: A member of the public expressed concerns over the impact of November 5th firework displays on local livestock. Guidance is to be included in the Autumn 2017 edition of the Newsletter.

Action Cllr. Mackenzie

8. MATTERS ARISING: Mosterton PC have been pressed once again to provide a date for the removal of the bus shelter. Contact is still to be made with K.J. Pike regarding reports of increased activity at the site.

Action Clerk

9. URGENT MATTERS:

It was agreed that an order for 10 dumpy bags of chippings would be raised on Eco Sustainable Solutions to provide improved safety at the play areas.

Action Clerk

It was agreed that Mr. J. Paul should be appointed as Internal Auditor for the 2017/18 financial year.

Action Clerk

A copy of the Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Dispensation Form is to be prepared and circulated to all Councillors for their signature.

Action Clerk

10. PLANNING

a) Granted applications:

- Woodbury – Progress is expected to be made on the 216 Dilapidation Orders for the Wesleyan Chapel and the Hayloft/Stables at Berkeley House within two weeks by Mr. K. Morris of NDDC.

b) Outstanding applications

– 2/2016/1261/FUL Shepherds Way – a decision is still awaited.

-2/2016/1262/CPE- The Stables, Salisbury Road to Letton Croft – a decision is still awaited

c) **New applications** – 2/2016/1510/House –Ankaram, Letton Close – Erect single storey side extension. It was agreed that the application would be opposed, related to loss of light for the adjacent building. **Action Clerk**

d) **Tree applications** – None.

e) **Dropped kerbs** –Cllr. Tanner advised that permission is not required for these on unclassified roads.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

115 completed questionnaires were received on the Options Consultation. Analyses of responses are expected to be available by w/e 11th November. A meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Group is to be arranged. **Action Chairman/Clerk**

12. OLD SCHOOL FIELD

It was agreed that the Chairman should be granted discretion to spend up to £1,000 on legal fees with Blanchards to finalise the lease for the field. **Action Chairman**

It was also agreed that, as repairs and updating of the play trail are likely to prove expensive, the Council should take up DCC’s offer to remove existing hazards and make the site safe. **Action Chairman**

This will then leave the area as a “blank canvas” for the development of further suitable recreational use.

12. FINANCE

a) **Financial Statement:** The statement for October was presented and approved. It was noted that expenditure on the Neighbourhood plan had now exceeded the ear-marked total and a transfer of funds from the VDS Deposit Account will be required for future expenditure. **Action Chairman/Mackenzie/Clerk**

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

1322	Clerk's Salary	344.52
1323	The Blandford School - Neigh. Plan printing	120.90
1324	DAPTC - Councillor training Oct	65.00
1325	DAPTC - Councillor training June	65.00
1326	Clerk expenses -postage stamps	6.60
1327	ECO Sustainable Solutions- playground chip	927.60
	Total	1529.62

d) **External Audit** – The minor issue identified by BDO LLP in relation to Council Tax Support Grant is unlikely to recur in the present financial year. However, Ian Milne of NDDC has advised that he and his colleagues will endeavour to provide greater transparency on precept and other grant payments in future.

f) Internal Audit

As Mr. Paul has been on holiday, the half-year audit will be undertaken within the next two weeks.

Action Clerk

13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) DT11: A consultation on the CAB and Community Partnerships funding is to be completed by 28th November. While Councillors have responded individually a formal response on behalf of the Council as a whole will be made.

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b) Tree Officer: Nothing to report.

c) Rights of Way Nothing to report.

d) Highways: All grit bins have now been filled by DCC.

Two pot holes in Portman Road and a tree root problem in Church Road are to be reported to DCC, together with a request to clear the ditches along Newfield Road.

Action Cllr. Argles

A letter is to be written to DCC regarding the work undertaken on Church Road adjacent to the entrance to Chestnut Farm.

Action Clerk

Further communication is required with DCC over the matters of the junction of Milldown Road and the A350 and to request feedback on the results of the traffic monitoring on the A354 at Letton.

Action Clerk

It was agreed that the budget round for 2017/18 should include an allowance for increased expenditure on highways following the publication of DCC Highways' Working Together proposals.

Action Chairman/Cllr. Mackenzie

e) Pimperne Primary School: Curriculum changes are presenting a challenge for the school at present.

f) Village Hall: Nothing to report.

g) Flood Warden: Nothing to report, beyond a forthcoming training day in three weeks' time.

h) DAPTC: Cllr. Richley reported on the main findings from the AGM, which confirmed that there were no changes to the Officers. The motion to request a mandatory 20mph speed limit on single track roads was rejected, but the motion that AONBs should be statutory consultees on planning applications was passed, as was a motion to ensure that all cycle events involving 10 or more participants should be licensed.

i) Transport: Nothing to report

14. HOMEWATCH/COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Mr. D. Andrews has posted a notice about a distraction burglary that took place in the village.

Cllr. Richley has passed back responsibility for co-ordinating speedwatch activities to Mr. Andrews.

15. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

The main actions for October include the mid-year audit and the commencement of the 2017-18 budget process.

Action Chairman, Cllr. Mackenzie, Clerk

16. PROPERTY CHECKS

a) General – the plaque on the seat in Portman Road is to be re-fitted. **Action Cllr. Argles**

b) Play areas –

The play areas are to be treated with weedkiller prior to the arrival of the chippings.

Action Chairman

17. MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

The service is to cease from 23rd December and Cllr. Harman reported that existing users were well informed on this and potential alternatives.

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18. PATH REPAIRS BY CHURCH

Approval was given for remedial works to be undertaken to address the health & safety trip hazard identified on the manhole cover by the Lych Gate.

Action Chairman/Cllr. Richley

19. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman and Clerk are to attend a roundtable discussion with the local MP, Simon Hoare, on 9th December.

Action Chairman/Clerk

Blandford Town Council have once again requested support for the public convenience facilities. An exhibition on the Somme is to be held in the Corn Exchange from 18th-20th November with posters to be displayed around the village.

The AGM of the Dorset branch of CPRE (Campaign for Rural England, to be held on 19th November, will include a debate on the Urbanisation of Dorset.

20. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

None.

21. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

None

22. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on 14th December.

The meeting closed 9.00 pm