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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017, at 7.00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** District Cllr. P. Brown, Mrs K Oxlee (Clerk) and three members of the public.

**1: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** County Cllr Deborah Croney

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

**3. DISPENSATIONS:** None required

**4. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 were approved by the meeting.

**5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT** was received by the Council. District Cllr. Brown reported that the Secretary of State for Local Government had been minded to approve the plan to create two unitary authorities in Dorset. District Cllr. Brown also confirmed that there was to be a Local Plan Review coming up over the Christmas period and he would like to encourage the public as well as the Parish Council to view the plan and make comment. There is to be a drop-in session at Nordon on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 from 10am to 7pm.

**6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:**

- Mr Raymond Hill of Valley View approached the Parish Council over the public footpath which runs from Portman Road to the A354. Mr Hill has maintained this footpath and his driveway since he moved to the property over 20 years ago, but due to failing health he asked for support from the Parish Council to maintain the footpath. He owns the land that the footpath is on and has previously requested that the footpath be reviewed. The Council agreed to visit the footpath and then review for further discussion. The council were very sorry to hear of Mr. Hills poor health. **Action: Cllr Argles/Chairman**
- Cllr Tanner confirmed that that the Blandford Biting Fly was still on the District Councils agenda and there was to be a meeting regarding re-spraying.

**7. MATTERS ARISING:**

- Cllr Richley was unable to give any update regarding the Governments Right Homes in the Right Places consultation due to the poor quality of the consultation document.

- The Chairman attended a Parish & Town Planning Session on 26<sup>th</sup> October at South Walks House, Dorchester. It was identified that North Dorset are lagging behind with regarding the 5 year supply of housing land they are required to have and are currently only at 3.42 years. North Dorset have also not yet approved their community infrastructure levy. The Chairman has raised both issues with District Cllr Brown for investigation and comment.

**Action: The Chairman**

**8. URGENT MATTERS:**

**9: APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCILLOR**

The council were advised by the Electoral & Democratic Services at NDCC that 10 electors have not come forward to request an election and thus the council are able to co-opt a councillor. The

Chairman requested that all Councillors give thought to possible potential councillors for discussion at the next meeting.

**Action: All Councillors**

## **10. PLANNING**

### **a) Granted applications:**

- 2/2017/1268/HOUSE – 6 Portman Road.
- 2/2017/0933/FUL Hammetts Farm House

### **b) Outstanding applications**

- 2/2016/1763/Various Sites –BT telephone box – no progress to date.
- 2/20170194/ KJ Pike & Sons Ltd

**c) To consider any new applications received before the meeting:** none received

**d) Tree applications** – No new applications.

### **e) Other planning issues**

Hayloft/stables – Berkeley House. This is now part of a private house and as such should now be left as the council is unable to progress.

Former Methodist Chapel – Chapel Lane. A response has been received from NDDC stating that they are unable to do anything with regard to this property as it is not seen as dangerous. The council are to investigate the importance of the property within the conservation area.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

Orchard Cottage, Old Bakery Close – there is concern that the dwelling is possibly not being constructed in accordance with the approval. The PC will again contact Carole Rogerson to confirm the construction.

**Action: Chairman/Clerk**

### **f) Conservation Area – Re-Appraisal**

Mrs Debby Mackenzie is still willing assist with the re-appraisal **Action: Chairman**

## **11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Pre-Submission draft Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment (previously circulated) were approved by the Council for public consultation. The public consultation will follow the legal requirements with a six week consultation period running from 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017. Details of the Neighbourhood Plan, S.E.A. and accompanying documents will be posted on the Parish Council website. Details of the consultation period including a comments procedure and a public ‘drop-in’ session to be held between 10.00am and 12.30pm 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in the Committee Room at Pimperne Village Hall, will be provided to householders in the Parish. It was noted that the plan mentions the Village Shop & PO. This will be amended in the comments at a later date.

**Action: The Chairman**

## **12. FORMER SCHOOL FIELD**

The council hope to be able to agree key points with County Cllr Croney at the onsite meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November. Following on from this meeting it is hoped that these key points can be discussed and agreements reached, (subject to legal confirmation) at the meeting at County Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> November.

## **13. FINANCE**

**a) Financial Statement:** The statement for September & October were presented and approved.

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

	for approval and signature on 8th November	
1383	Dorset Planning Consultant- Neighbourhood Plan	930.00
1384	Mrs K Oxlee - Clerks salary October	at agreed rate

1385	Mrs K Oxlee - Clerks expenses October	14.47
1386	Sevensioux - website administration	135.00

#### 14. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **Tree Officer** – the tree from the Tree Charter has now arrived. Cllr Tanner suggested this can be planted on the Old School Field.  
**Action: Cllr Tanner**

b) **Rights of Way:** nothing to report

c) **Highways:**

- **A350 & C13** – options are still being considered

- **Zebra Crossing – Salisbury Road roundabout** – The Parish Council have confirmed support for this scheme but no update has been received.

**Church Road Footways Scheme** – The Chairman attended a meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July but has not received any update since this date. A further chase up letter is required:

**Action: Chairman/Clerk**

d) **Village Hall:** nothing to report

e) **Flood Warden** – the ditches on Newfield Road are once again overgrown and a cause for concern. The drain at the bottom of Arlecks Lane is completely silted up and needs to be reported to DCC.

**Action: Cllr Tanner**

f) **DAPTC:** The Chairman thanked Cllr Richley for attending both the DAPTC AGM & normal DAPTC meeting. Cllr Richley confirmed that there were no change in the elections and that all 4 motions at the AGM were passed.

g) **Transport:** The Community Transport Inquiry has been launched. Cllr Harman does not feel that it is appropriate for us to make comment currently. Cllr Harman to ensure that Damory have fixed appropriate timetables to bus stops.

**Action: Cllr Harman**

h) **Community Officer:** The next defibrillator training session is booked for 25<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am. Flyers have been posted and a post made on Facebook ensuring Pimperne residents are aware of the opportunity.

**Action: Cllr Peters**

#### 15. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

The only complainant has been directed and is following this procedure.

#### 16. HOMEWATCH/SPEEDWATCH

No update to homewatch.

The Chairman attended a speedwatch session on 8<sup>th</sup> November in which 1 person was noted driving at excessive speed.

#### 17. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

-The Clerk & Chairman will attend the Bring Your Own Chair event on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017

-Mr. J Paul was appointed as auditor. The Chairman and Clerk are to meet with Mr. J Paul before the next meeting

**Action: Chairman/Clerk**

- The budget will be prepared for the next meeting.

**Action: Chairman/Clerk**

#### 18. PROPERTY CHECKS

a) General – 2 chairs on the Old School Field have been completed obscured by the hedge cutting trimmings.

b) Play areas – the Play Area Working Group has had an initial onsite meeting to review the current play equipment and to determine what space is available. The gate in the top corner of the play area needs further discussion and consideration as this may limit what can be achieved.

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The Play Area Working Group have been given details of 'wishlists' as per the children of Pimperne Primary School as well as canvassing by Jackie Vacher on recent trips to the play area. The working group will now start inviting quotes based on a budget of circa £30,000.

**Action: Cllr Harman, Cllr Argles, Cllr Peters**

#### **19. Post Office**

The Chairman met with Zoe Sprackling on 31<sup>st</sup> October, who has confirmed that an outreach PO will go ahead. The PO will be open at the following times: Wednesday 1-4pm and Friday 9.30-12.30. It is not envisaged that the new PO will be open until sometime in January as a BT landline is needed at the village hall. The PO will pay for all costs and is in the process of applying to BT for a new line.

**Action: The Chairman**

#### **20. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Blandford Town Council have written to the Parish Council requesting a contribution to the maintenance of the W/Cs in Blandford. It was agreed that money will be set aside in the budget for this.

**Action: Chairman/Clerk**

- Countryside Alliance have invited nominations for the Rural Oscars. As agreed the council have nominated The Farquharson Arms for their support of both local charities and village events.

- Waste Consultation – the council have received notification that there will be formal public consultations between 1<sup>st</sup> December and 31<sup>st</sup> January

#### **21. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:**

- Letton residents have asked to apply for a Post Office box for Letton Close.

**Action: Chairman/Clerk**

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

- A Community Hub to support the village has been suggested as an item for discussion.

- Do we need to consider leafleting the village to ascertain what residents want in regard to a replacement village shop could this be a possible community project?

- The investigation of Indemnity Insurance for Councillors as per a recent meeting of the District Council

#### **23. NEXT MEETING**

The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm