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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 12th October, 2011**, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Bamforth (Clerk), District Cllr Campbell, Mr J. Paul (internal auditor) and 1 member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from County Cllr Campbell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: none.

3. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th August, 2011 were approved and signed.

ACTION

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: received by e-mail. The Clerk would ask that he include in future reports items of local interest to Pimperne. **Clerk**

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: District Cllr Oliver reported on the increased demand on CAB services, his request to the Blackmore Vale Magazine to include an NDDC report, the consultation on parking fees, the forthcoming consultation on proposed travellers' sites and the new draft development framework. He noted that the latest Woodbury planning had been referred to committee and that the primary school planning application would now be considered by County in December. He noted that the head of the primary school had tendered her resignation and said that he had withdrawn his complaint to the Monitoring Officer.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

Ms Jackson complained about vehicles using School Lane for access to the school and asked councillors who were school governors to take action over the use of large noisy toys on School Field. She would copy to the Clerk the letter from DCC saying that the school was responsible for the field. The Chairman said the councillors would consider the matter. Councillors discussed the problem of illegal flyposting in the village.

7. MATTERS ARISING

a) The Chairman would check if the one person who had expressed interest in serving as a councillor was still available and the Council would proceed with co-option at the next meeting.

Chairman

8. INTERNAL AUDIT

Mr Paul reported on the extent of his internal audit of the Parish Council's accounts and answered councillors' questions.

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9. PLANNING

- a) No notifications of outstanding applications had been received.
- b) There were no new applications.

10. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

- a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that funding was now being sought for The Fording Point in Blandford, the proposed arts centre, and the Three Choughs Community Centre.
- b) **Tree Officer:** Cllr Hart had reported to the Clerk problems with trees at Manor Farm Close and Hyde Gardens which she had forwarded to County; she would pursue. District Cllr Oliver would discuss with Kevin Morris the problem of the yew tree in Portman Road.
- c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker reported that FP 16 was now clear and that, on the County ROW Officer's advice, was seeking a quotation for a mini-digger to clear FP10. Cllr Mackenzie would prepare signs to encourage people to clean up after their dogs. **Cllr Mackenzie**
- d) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner reported that it was still hoped to continue with the Ghanaian teacher exchange and noted how many activities and events were taking place at the school.
- e) **Village Hall:** The Chairman reported that in excess of £300 had been raised at the recent quiz night and the hall had also received donations in memory of the late Jack Hearne, at the generous request of his widow.
- f) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner reported that groundwater levels were low and that he was attending a flood wardens' seminar.
- g) **DAPTC:** Cllrs Mackenzie and Andrews would attend the AGM. The Council instructed them to support the three tabled motions.
- h) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews reported that incident levels were low. He would post a notice about the new 101 contact number and the Council would look at replacing the Homewatch sign in Bakery Close. **Cllr Andrews, Clerk**

11. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- a) The Council concluded that the new access to the Church was not creating any problems
- b) The Chairman reported that County Highways could not suggest any solution to the problems created by parking in Church Road and suggested residents contact the police if access was obstructed.
- c) The Council reported on the County Highways winter briefing and the powerpoint presentation would be circulated. The Council agreed to purchase 3 grit bins using prize money from the Best Kept Village competition; the Clerk would liaise with the Chairman. **Clerk**
- d) The Chairman reported that Church Road did not meet Highways' criteria for a 20mph speed limit, but they would consider installing repeater 30mph speed limit signs. DCC Highways was concerned about buses turning into the former Taymix site and would report back on this matter.

12. FINANCES

- a) The Clerk presented a written financial statement for September, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget. The Council confirmed that it was content with the presentation of the accounts in the original spreadsheet format.
- b) The Council approved the payment and instructed the signature of the following cheques:

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| 983 | S Bamforth - Clerk's salary September | At agreed rate |
| 984 | S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses September | £27.60 |
| 985 | Digley Associates Ltd - annual play area inspections | £96.00 |

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986 Geoff Coull - refund of website hosting costs

£10.80

c) The Chairman would send to the Clerk the draft financial regulations for discussion at the next meeting. **Chairman**

13. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Chairman thanked and congratulated Cllr Mackenzie for her work on the new website which she had presented to councillors before the meeting. Cllr Mackenzie asked councillors to forward comments and suggestion so that she could continue to develop the model. **Cllr Mackenzie**

14. DIGESTS IN SUPPORT OF MOTIONS

The Council agreed to add item 4 (b), as suggested by Cllr Hart, to the standing orders to encourage the circulation and consideration of material in advance of meetings. **Clerk**

15. VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION

a) The Chairman noted there was no further news on the Council's application. The clerk noted that the County Legal Department had confirmed the application would be considered under the existing legislation.

b) The Council noted Mr Toze's comments on the government consultation on the registration of village greens.

16. VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Cllr Mackenzie had arranged to meet Mrs J. Coull and the Council would discuss further at their next meeting, but it was agreed more news and future events should be reported.

17. PROPERTY CHECK

a) The Chairman would follow up with Mr Miles the matters of concern from the annual play area inspection and would examine the bench needing attention.

Chairman

b) Cllr Tanner would carry out the next month's check.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Dorset Police; consultation on enquiry office review: Cllr Andrews to attend.

b) Letter re beacons for Diamond Jubilee celebrations; passed to Cllr Barker.

Councillors thanked the Chairman and Cllr Barker for their efforts which had led to the village winning first prize in the DCA best kept village competition. The Chairman noted that, as he had now been appointed as a judge, a new co-ordinator would be needed in the village.

20. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

a) To co-opt new councillor

e) To consider draft financial regulations.

21. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 9th November, 2011, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm.