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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 10th October, 2012**, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public, District Cllr Mike Oliver and County Cllr Angus Campbell.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Susie Bamforth (Clerk).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

3. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 12th September, 2012 including Cllr Tanner's amendment were approved and signed. The breakdown of the payment for Microsoft software would be further discussed with the Clerk. **Chairman**

ACTION

4. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was presented by District Cllr Mike Oliver.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: was presented by County Cllr Angus Campbell.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

Vehicular movement exiting and entering Taymix, especially Damory buses and coaches, is causing many problems for residents of Old Bakery Close and is a danger to motorists in general. Damory staff are also parking in Old Bakery Close thus preventing residents from doing so, and from 5:30am onwards the noise of car doors slamming is becoming intolerable. Additionally, night shift workers within the site are causing a nuisance with loud music, shouting and noise from throwing of heavy articles into skips echoing around the site and affecting residents. The Parish Council will write to NDDC with the points raised, including the floodlights, with a copy to Cllr Oliver who will then follow up. **Clerk, Chairman**

The Tree Officer was requested to check the Horse Chestnuts in the vicinity of Taymix as they appear to have the same disease as that by the Church. **Cllr Hart**

Cllr Mike Oliver thanked Mr David Toze, the Chairman and County Cllr Campbell on behalf of the School and Governors for their hard work in achieving a suitable settlement for the School and the Village Green.

Mr David Toze requested that a formal letter of thanks be sent from the Parish Council to Chloe Smith as her letter written as a 10 year old was a vital piece of the campaign for the Village Green. **Clerk, Chairman**

7. MATTERS ARISING

a) Repairs: Chairman has spoken to Mr Miles who should be commencing work within the next 7 days.

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- b) NDDC online training; Cllr Tanner has advised the Clerk of times when he is available to discuss suitable units. He is awaiting a list from NDDC and will chase. **Clerk, Cllr Tanner**
- c) Best Kept Village Competition: Cllr Mackenzie reported that Pimperne had achieved success as the Winner of the Large Village Previous Winners category and had also received a special award from NDDC. A cheque for £225 was received. Thanks were passed to Cllr Barker for her hard work in securing another win for Pimperne.

8. PLANNING

- a) No new applications have been granted.
- b) The Council considered the following new applications:
2/2012/1125/PLNG K J Pike and Sons Ltd, Yarde Lane, Pimperne: variation of condition from planning permission 2/2012/1020/PLNG to raise the height of building no 2 by 1.8m. No objection. Chairman to complete required form. **Chairman**
2/2012/0841/PLNG Taymix Transport Ltd, Salisbury Road, Pimperne: to erect 9 200 watt induction floodlights (retrospective). The floodlights already in use cause light pollution and are a nuisance to residents of Old Bakery Close. The Council objected to the proposal on the grounds of light pollution, nuisance and environmental effect. **Clerk, Chairman**
- c) Draft Core Strategy: The Chairman reported on the last 2 meetings held with Blandford Town Council representatives. The Draft Core Strategy will be open for public consultation from 29 October until 21st December. An exhibition on the consultation will take place on 1st November at Blandford Parish Centre. Notes from the last meeting will be made available for all Cllrs before the next Parish Council meeting. Cllrs to be advised of the date of the next Draft Core Strategy meeting. **Cllr Tanner, Chairman**

9. NEW VILLAGE SCHOOL

The design phase is continuing. Further correspondence is awaited from Paul Scothern, Project Manager. A meeting is to be held with the Parish Council to iron out the final issues with the play equipment. A programme of works will then be issued.

10. SCHOOL FIELD

The Chairman thanked Mr David Toze for the tremendous work he had put in to secure the school field as a community recreation area. The Chairman read out DCC Cabinet meeting resolution: the school field will be leased as a public open space for a minimum period of 35 years with no break clause once the new Pimperne School is constructed and operational. Confirmation of DCC Cabinet minutes is awaited.

11. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

- a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that DT11 was now looking at the feasibility establishing a community hub in an alternative property in Blandford. A well attended presentation was given to DT11 by CPEND, covering relevant items such as Trailway Broadband, SturQuest etc.
- b) **Tree Officer:** nothing to report.
- c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker reported that the overhanging trees to the rear of the Old Rectory had still to be dealt with; she would contact John Williamson of County Rights of Way to meet and discuss the situation. Cllr Barker requested, and it was agreed, that in future Cllr Barker would deal with all matters regarding Rights of Way. **Clerk, Cllr Barker**

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- d) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner that the new Head was settling in well and has produced some an excellent report for Governors and a comprehensive newsletter for parents. Cllr Tanner will in future compile a digest for circulation to Cllrs. **Cllr Tanner**
- e) **Village Hall:** the Chairman reported that the new kitchen will be commenced on 5th November. Tickets are available from the Village Shop for the 20th anniversary of the hall celebration and barn dance on 3rd November.
- f) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner reported that the brook was running freely. No response received from DCC yet regarding clearing of the weeds. A Flood Warden seminar is due to take place.
- g) **DAPTC:** It was noted that the AGM was on 3rd November and the next area meeting on 6th Nov. Cllr Mackenzie to attend both. **Cllr Mackenzie**
- h) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews noted one incident in Pimperne – theft of catalytic converter. However, there have also been 3 thefts of lead from dwellings since the report was produced. Security lights are recommended as a deterrent. Cllr Andrews will put a poster on the noticeboard. Next Homewatch Co-ordinators meeting 8th November. **Cllr Andrews**

12. DAPTC AGM.

Cllr Mackenzie will vote ‘yes’ on all 3 resolutions.

13. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- a) Cllr Barker is following up the overhanging trees at the back of the Old Rectory (see above). Cllr Hart reported Mr Philpott and Mr Holland would take on responsibility for the hedge at Fiveways if the existing pyracantha was reduced in height and the current rubbish removed. Cllr Hart has suggested that Mr Philpott write to County Highways requesting that the pyracantha be grubbed up.
- b) Diversion order for Footpath 20 passed to Cllr Barker.
- c) The potholes in Newfields Road are worsening. Clerk to write to County. **Clerk**
- d) Cllr Barker reported that the ground under the chestnut tree in front of the Church is once again in need of clearing. County state that this is their land. Highways Officer (when elected – see 19 below) to write to County requesting they clear the area and lay shavings.
- e) Wessex Water have repaired the leak by the bus stop.
- f) A pothole has appeared on the A354 past Old Bakery Close. Include in the letter re Newfields Road potholes. **Clerk**
- g) A complaint was received by telephone from Mrs Thompson whose property backs onto Footpath 10 regarding the amount of dog waste. She has requested that the Dog Waste poster refer to fines levied. Cllr Mackenzie to change the poster. **Cllr Mackenzie, Cllr Barker**
A letter to be written to inform the Dog Warden. **Clerk**
- h) Pedestrian crossing for Yarde Farm. The Clerk has found a link which shows what information is required to apply for a pedestrian crossing. Cllr Hart will have a look pending the appointment of a Highways Officer. **Cllr Hart**

14. FINANCES

- a) The Chairman presented a written financial statement for September, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget. Cllr Hart queried the VAT figure and the Office Equipment Reserve. Cllr Hart will write a note to the Clerk, copied to the Chairman and Cllr Mackenzie. **Cllr Hart**
- b) The Council approved the payment and instructed the signature of the following cheques:

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1045	S Bamforth - Clerk's salary September	At agreed rate
1046	S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses Sept incl Microsoft Office	£174.93
1047	Debby Mackenzie –Website hosting	£10.80
1048	BDO LLP – external audit	£198.00

c) The Annual Return was approved and accepted by Council. The Issues Arising Report was presented to the Council. The Chairman and Cllr Mackenzie will meet with the Clerk to discuss and address the issues raised. **Chairman, Cllr Mackenzie, Clerk**

d) Council agreed that review of the Risk Assessment, Asset Register and Internal Audit will take place in May each year. Review of the current Risk Assessment, Asset Register and Internal Audit will take place at the next meeting in November. **Clerk**

e) It was agreed that Finances should be placed near the beginning of the agenda in future to enable sufficient time to consider. **Clerk**

15. FLOOD PLAN

Cllr Tanner presented the Flood Plan. There are 3 letters to be sent to relevant households in the event of a flood alert or warning, depending on the level of risk. The number of households potentially affected has decreased markedly with more recent studies by the Environment Agency. Cllr Tanner to send the Flood Plan to Cllr Mackenzie for inclusion on the website.

Cllr Tanner, Cllr Mackenzie

16. CALENDAR OF KEY DATES

The Council will in future review risk assessment, asset register and internal audit in May. Clerk to amend. **Clerk**

17. PROPERTY CHECK

a) Cllr Argles reported this remained unchanged. Grit bins to be unlocked in advance of poor weather.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Blandford Information Centre. A donation/grant of £6k has been received from Tesco enabling the TIC to continue.

b) Police and Crime Commissioner Election Notice. This will take place on 15th November. The notice will go on the noticeboard. **Cllr Andrews**

19. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

a) Standing Orders – Code of Conduct.

b) Election of a Highways Officer

c) Area under the Chestnut Tree

d) Review of Risk Assessment, Asset Register and Internal Audit.

20. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 14th November, 2012, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm.