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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 9th October, 2013, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr Oliver and County Cllr Croney.
5 members of the public were present

A letter of resignation was received on September 30th from the Parish Clerk, Susie Bamforth. A letter of thanks has been sent by the Chairman on behalf of the Council. The Council wished to minute their thanks to the Clerk for her hard work and contribution to the Council.

The Parish Council thanks Cllr Mackenzie for taking these minutes.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received and accepted from Cllr Tanner.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: no additional requests.

3. DISPENSATIONS: none required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th September, 2013 were agreed.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was received by the Council.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was received by the Council.

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Barker for her efforts with regards to the application to re-classify parts of Bridleways 13 and 17 as a byway open to all traffic. Cllr Barker noted that the Council will be informed when the issue goes to committee at Dorset County Council for consideration. County Cllr Croney will follow up on our behalf.

8. MATTERS ARISING

a) Possible relocation of dog waste bin: Cllr Argles to raise with Highways the possibility of moving the bin near Chestnut Farm. The Chairman will inform Cllr Argles of the contact within North Dorset. **Chairman, Cllr Argles**

b) Proposed planting of trees on the Sports Field: Cllr Andrews reported that the Sports Society are happy to proceed. Mr Ashwell will ascertain which trees are required and contact Cllr Hart. **Cllr Hart**

c) Damory Coaches: No response has been received from Damory Coaches to the letter sent in August regarding Mr Hughes. The Council will press for a response. **Chairman**

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d) Garden waste – 2 Hyde Gardens: A communication has been received from the occupants of 2 Hyde Gardens stating that they were not responsible for the garden waste deposited on the far side of their hedge. Council to respond with a letter to the occupants. **Chairman**

e) Bus Service Consultation: The Council sent a response. The matter has been put back to the 22nd November owing to the volume of complaints and objections. The Council had queried the routes shown as running through Pimperne and were informed that any routes running through any part of the Parish would be shown as running through Pimperne.

9. PLANNING

a) There are no outstanding applications.

b) No new applications have been received.

c) Trees: A provisional Tree Preservation Order has been placed on a cherry tree at 8 Chapel Lane. This is in force with immediate effect but will be confirmed in full in 6 months time.

It was noted that work had been carried out on trees within the conservation area in Portman Road that the Council had not been made aware of, although NDDC believe a communication was sent. Nearby residents were unhappy and concerned that more trees might be removed. Cllr Hart confirmed that this tree was rotten and that no further trees were to be removed.

d) Out of Control Dogs: Cllr Barker confirmed that no further complaints had been received.

e) Stream Clearance: Cllr Argles reported that this had been carried out once already this year. The Council agreed that it needs doing again. Cllr Argles will follow up with Highways.

Cllr Argles

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Andrews proposed a motion as follows:

‘The Council resolved at its meeting of 10 July 2013 to join the Blandford Area Neighbourhood Planning Group in the preparation of a joint Neighbourhood Plan. After further consideration and having consulted officers of North Dorset District Council and representatives of Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, as proposed by Councillors Andrews, Argles, Barker and Mackenzie, the Council now resolves not to join the aforementioned Blandford Area Neighbourhood Planning Group but to produce its own free-standing Neighbourhood Plan.’

The motion was passed with all Councillors in favour.

The Chairman will advise Blandford Forum Town Council and North Dorset District Council.

Chairman

The Chairman to also advise BFTC that Cllrs Barker and Argles will also be attending the DCLG presentation on 4th November.

Chairman

11. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council’s land transfer and the village hall easement and licence were complete and copies had been received. The Road Traffic Order has been issued and signs erected. The road will be closed for 4 weeks to vehicles commencing 21st October. It was noted that no mention had been made of the installation of mains drainage at this stage.

12. FINANCES

a) The financial statement for September was presented, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget. The Chairman will contact David Jardine to request the British Legion present their cheque for the wreath as it remains outstanding.

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

		At agreed rate
1112	S Bamforth - Clerk's Salary Sept-Oct	
1113	S Bamforth - Clerk's Expenses Sept-Oct	41.10
1114	D Mackenzie – website hosting costs	10.80
1115	DAPTC – finance and clerks' seminars	37.00
1116	NDDC – newsletter printing	122.16
1117	Shillingstone PC – clerk's office costs April-Oct	154.00

c) A draft budget will be prepared by the Finance Working Group for the next meeting. It was noted that work carried out by Countryside Rangers in future may be chargeable.

Chairman, Cllr Mackenzie

13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that the Transport Action Group (TAG) had given a presentation. The Broadband application had been unsuccessful; consideration was being given to presenting DEFRA with a bill for £100,000 as an allowance for the time spent preparing the application. DT11 were considering forming a charitable company; the necessary details were being drafted should they be required. The Trailway has been a great success. EU funding has been sought to endeavour to extend the Trailway north from Sturminster Newton to Stalbridge.

b) **Tree Officer:** Nothing to report.

c) **Rights of Way:** Nothing further to report in addition to comments made earlier regarding the trail riders application.

d) **Highways Officer:** Cllr Argles reported that the cul-de-sac signs noted in the last meeting were all in place therefore no action required.

The bollards opposite the Farquharson Arms which are deteriorating and falling into the road have been reported.

No further response has been received from Mr McCarthy regarding suggestions to ease the problems of inconsiderate parking. Cllr Argles will make a sign requesting considerate parking and will monitor the situation.

Problems have been reported with steel fencing in St Peter's Close which has come adrift. Cllr Argles will contact Spectrum housing once he has investigated further. **Cllr Argles**

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner sent a report noting that the Harvest Festival had been a wonderful success with the parish church filled to overflowing. The school was achieving much success in many fields, including sport. Preparations are underway for Christmas.

f) **Village Hall:** Repairs have been made to external seats and are also underway in the kitchen and sanitary accommodation.

g) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner sent a report stating that the ground water levels are fine. The flood wardens' seminar is taking place at the end of this month.

h) **DAPTC:** Cllr Andrews is attending the Code of Conduct training on 21st October and will ask why there are many differing Codes of Conduct. Cllr Andrews is also attending the DAPTC AGM on 2nd Nov. Both AGM resolutions were discussed and all Councillors agreed in favour of both motions. Cllr Andrews will vote as such at the AGM. **Cllr Andrews**

i) **Homewatch:** No statistics have been produced for this month as yet. Cllr Andrews reported that Community Speedwatch members will need to be vetted. The police will carry out a risk assessment of proposed sites for the Speedwatch. The package will cost £300 and will need to be included in the precept.

14. GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR

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The Chairman reported on the wash up meeting. The point had been raised regarding the lack of effective staffing of the exits and entrances and the reluctance to direct traffic. The meeting was assured that staff had been fully trained and held the correct certification to carry out the role.

15. DOG WASTE BINS

The lack of a dog waste bin in the caravan field is a continuing problem for which a solution is as yet not forthcoming.

16. BUS SHELTERS

The Chairman has as yet received no response to two emails. The roof is starting to rot at the back. The Chairman will follow up the emails with a phone call to John Cummings. **Chairman**

17. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Finance Working Group will put budget ideas together, including provision for training of a new clerk and purchase of suitable office/computer equipment.

18. PARISH CLERK.

An advertisement has been placed on the Village noticeboards and the website. If no response is received locally then an advertisement will be placed in the BVM. The Chairman will contact the Internal Auditor to advise him and to ask about the asset split. **Chairman**

19. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Dorset Community Action lunch. Simon Thompson is the contact for those wishing to attend.

20. PROPERTY CHECK

The Council noted Cllr Argles' report; no action required at present.

21. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a) To consider budget proposals
- b) To consider Training Plan
- c) Neighbourhood Plan – the next steps

22. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 13th November, 2013, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.55 pm.