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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B. MacGregor (Parish Clerk), County Cllr. Croney, District Cllr. M. Oliver and three members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**3. DISPENSATIONS:** none required.

**4. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 were approved and signed.

**5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** District Cllr. Oliver presented his report, covering developments at Woodbury Cottage, and providing an update on NDDC merger plans. The budget workshop meeting is set for 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** County Cllr. Croney's monthly report had been received via e-mail by the Council, and an update on the progress made on flood damage repairs and reparation was circulated. It was noted that stream clearing in Paul Bakers Way/ Church Road is the responsibility of DCC and not as stated. **Action County Cllr. Croney**

**7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:** A request was made for further details on the Neighbourhood Planning meeting following the decision to defer the meeting until 25<sup>th</sup> October.

**8. MATTERS ARISING:** None

### **9. PLANNING**

a) Granted applications – None

b) Outstanding application- None

c) New applications - None

d) Tree Works – no objection was made over the planned removal the Ash tree in Shepherds Way, Portman Road, although a suitable decorative replacement was requested.

### **10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The public meeting is now to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am, with Mr Paul set to present a short report on progress at Shillingstone, before a question and answer session. A letter of invitation is to be delivered to all households. **Action All Councillors**

### **11. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Work continues to progress but the working group is still awaiting a detailed programme of works. The official completion date remains 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015, and plans are underway to arrange a suitable opening ceremony.

### **12. FINANCES**

a) **Financial Statement:** A statement for September was presented, together with a revised statement for August, incorporating the required VAT adjustments identified in the internal audit. The matter of PAYE charges is to be discussed with both Sandisons and DAPTC.

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

1165	DAPTC Clerks Conference	£50.00
		At
1166	Clerk's salary	agreed
		rate
1167	Clerk's expense	14.85

c) **External Audit:** Following the identification of minor issues over the inclusion of grant monies in Box 2 rather than Box 3, clarification is to be sought from DAPTC. **Action Clerk**

d) **Pimperne War Memorial:** Although competitive quotations had been obtained for re-painting the lettering on the memorial, it could prove difficult to complete the work satisfactorily before Remembrance Day. It was agreed that the condition should continue to be monitored through the winter period. If significant further deterioration occurs, a longer-term solution could be considered perhaps in readiness for 2018, perhaps with assistance via the Huddy Trust.

e) **Insurance:** Insurance has been renewed through the the three-year Long Term Agreement.

f) **2015-2016 Budget:** The finance working group are to meet to commence preparations.

**Action Chairman/Cllr Mackenzie.**

g) **Internal Financial Regulations:** Existing regulations are to be reviewed

**Action Chairman/Cllr Mackenzie**

### 13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** Health and Wellbeing "Week" was well run but poorly attended with just 250 visitors over the three days. The event is likely to be held every other year. DT11 is now looking for ideas for the LEADER programme.

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

c) **Rights of Way:** nothing to report.

d) **Highways Officer:** The overgrown shrubs in Church Lane have been cut back and the work on the A354 has been completed, while damaged paving slabs have been repaired at Letton.

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** The PTA Market was a great success and there is a good positive atmosphere around the school at present. The original bell and surroundings are to be re-hung at the new school.

f) **Village Hall:** A new roller shutter will be installed in week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> October.

**Action Chairman**

g) **Flood Warden:** The Community Flood Warden Survey has been completed and submitted to DCC. The main concern at present is the potential for flash flooding on the A354 in the vicinity of the Farquarson Arms. The Council will endeavour to obtain its own flood signs to enable these to be erected at short notice when required, rather than awaiting police action.

**Action Cllr. Argles**

h) **DAPTC:** The next meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October will be attended by Cllr Mackenzie, with Cllr. Andrews due to attend the November AGM.

The Council agreed to support Chideock PC's proposal that objectors to planning applications should be allotted an equal amount of time as applicants to make an illustrated presentation to Local Planning Authority Control Committee reviews.

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The Bridport Town council draft resolution to seek to remove the statutory requirement for an Annual Parish Meeting was rejected.

**Action Cllr Andrews**

**i)Homewatch/Community Speedwatch:** The SNT Newsletter is to be circulated upon receipt.

**Action Cllr. Andrews**

The next Homewatch meeting is set for 23<sup>rd</sup> October. An adequate number of volunteers have received full training and the first speedwatch surveillance exercise was to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> October. Future sessions are likely to be conducted on a weekly basis with each team taking alternative weeks.

#### **14. BUS SHELTER**

A site visit is has been arranged for 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**Action Chairman/Cllr. Argles**

#### **15. THE AREA IN FRONT OF ST PETER'S CHURCH**

a) A seat around the new tree has been constructed and installed by villager Mr. D. Richardson. A formal letter of thanks will be prepared.

**Action Clerk**

A commemorative plaque and gift are to be arranged and contact has been made with Forum Focus for a photograph to be taken on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

**Action Chairman/Cllr. Barker**

b) It was agreed that grass cutting will be undertaken by Brent and charged at £5/cut and invoiced at the end of the year.

**Action Cllr. Barker**

#### **16. BLANDFORD FLY**

Although a response has been received from MP Bob Walter, further communication will be made, suggesting that pressure should continue to be applied to Public Health England.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

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

The Asset Register is to be amended include the new HP Printer and the impact of potential depreciation is to be assessed.

**Action Chairman/**

**Cllr.Mackenzie/Clerk**

**18. PROPERTY CHECK:** All salt bins have been filled. Re-siting of the Portman Road bus shelter into the Salisbury bound side of the A354 is top be investigated.

**Action Chairman/Cllr. Argles.**

#### **19. PRE-SCHOOL FUTURE PREMISES**

A meeting between the Sports Society, Pre-School and the Parish Council is yet to take place.

**Action Chairman/Cllr. Tanner**

#### **20. SECTION 106**

Concern was expressed over the condition of some of the equipment in the Junior Play area. Funds continue to be held on the council's behalf awaiting receipt of plans to show the re-location of the swings, but further opportunities for grants or match funding are to be investigated.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

#### **21. FENCE TO SPORTS FIELD**

Further quotations are awaited for the replacement fence (post and wire) with WV Poole and Brian Smith to be contacted.

**Action Chairman**

#### **22. CLEANING THE PIMPERNE STREAM**

Although the foliage has been cut back around the stream at the bottom of Arlecks Lane, the debris is still to be removed. A formal response will be sent to Mr. Dalton following his letter of 29<sup>th</sup> September.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

Thanks were expressed to Cllr. Barker and her team of volunteers involved in clearing Paul Bakers Way and Pimperne stream.

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### **23. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF DORSET**

A consultation has commenced on drawing up new division boundaries, with responses required by 1<sup>st</sup> December. Further details will be forwarded to all councillors. **Action Clerk**

### **24. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) DAPTC have invited parish councils to consider ways to encourage community interest in elections. **Action All Councillors**

b) A consultation on Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople site allocations has been launched by DCC. Submissions are requested by 24<sup>th</sup> October.

c) Dorset Superfast Broadband meeting 17<sup>th</sup> October – councillors will not attend but are invited to pass any questions or points to raise with Nic Nicol of DT11 **Action All**

d) DWP Stakeholder Consultation – Comments are to be passed to the clerk for collation and submission to DWP. **Action All**

e) GDSF “Wash Up” Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October – The Council’s views on this year’s event are to be submitted to Chris Flanagan at NDDC. **Action Clerk**

### **25. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

Cllr. Barker outlined her frustration with fly posting around the village, where a number of posters are being left in place long after the event has passed and urged councillors to be vigilant in removing these.

**26. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA** None

### **27. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.