

PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 14th October 2015, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs. P. Slocombe (Chairman), A. Argles, H. Evans, T. Harman, D. Mackenzie, J. Tanner.

IN ATTENDANCE: B. MacGregor (Parish Clerk) and two members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. M. Richley

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3. DISPENSATIONS: none required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th September 2015 were approved.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: A District Council report had been received by the meeting.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: none received.

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: Mr. Parker drew attention to his recent email to the Tree Officer, Highways Officer and Parish Clerk, identifying a number of concerns over overgrown hedges and trees around the village and implored the Council to take action on these. He was assured that the matter would be addressed later in the agenda.

8. MATTERS ARISING: Councillors expressed their thanks to Cllr. Evans for cleaning the Portman Road bus shelter. Measures will now be taken to market the shelter via Gumtree and/or DAPTC.

Action All

The Chairman reported that Rob Lukins Fitness is to donate a defibrillator and cabinet to the village. A formal letter of thanks will be sent to Mr. Lukins. **Action Clerk**

Concern was expressed with Mr. Buckley's request to fly his model aircraft on Priory Field with regard to noise and proximity to the A354, to residences and to horses in the adjacent field. Insurance implications of this request are being followed up by Pimperne Sports Society.

9. PLANNING

a) Granted applications – The following applications have been approved by NDDC:

- 2/2015/0216/LBC – Fairfield House, Church Road

- 2/2015/0776/FUL – Stud Farm, Down Road

- 2/2015/1226/HOUSE – The Long House, Salisbury Road

Woodbury – No further update to report. Further communication is to be made with Mr. S. Clark at NDDC Planning to maintain pressure on the developers, also copying in Mr J. Hammond, Development Services Manager. **Action Clerk**

b) Outstanding applications

- 2/2015/0053/DCC – Retention of 3 temporary classrooms.

- 2/2015/0886/HOUSE – The Cottage Salisbury Road to Letton Croft – single storey extension. –

c) New applications

- 2/2015/1365/REM - Land at 50 Salisbury Road Pimperne – the Council decided to object to this application on grounds that it was not in-keeping with the surrounding area.

d) Tree applications – The tree at 7 Manor Farm Close is not situated in the conservation area and can be cut back. A TPO is not required for the rowan tree near Portman Road it stands within the conservation area.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A draft scoping document has been prepared by Planning Consultant Jo Witherden and a meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Group is to be arranged to consider this.

Action Chairman/Clerk

11. NEW/OLD PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Brief details of the lease for the playing fields of the old school, as outlined in an email from Mr. M. Osborne of DCC were approved by all Councillors. The details included a 50 year term at a peppercorn rate. The field is to be used for community recreational use and no buildings are to be erected without the Landlord's consent. The Council's approval is to be conveyed to DCC.

Action Clerk

Continuing delays over the installation of superfast broadband at the new school cause concern, while other problems have been identified in respect to the automatic window/door opening systems and the lighting. These matters, together with the issue of sharing school amenities with the village and the matter of crop spraying by adjacent farmers are to be raised at a meeting of the Full Governing Body.

Action Chairman/Cllr Tanner

12. FINANCE

a) Financial Statement: A statement for September was presented, showing details of income and expenditure against budget. The funds transfer of the sums required for the bus shelter from the Reading Room to the current account remains outstanding.

Action Clerk

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

		At agreed rate
1229	Clerk's Salary	
1230	DAPTC-Good Councillors Guide	17.00
1231	D. Mackenzie -Web hosting	10.80
1232	Clerk Expenses -stationery	29.74
	Countryside Services -grass	
1233	maintenance	720.00

c) Mid-Year Internal Audit: The accounts and bank statements for the period April – September 2015 are to be passed to the internal auditor.

Action Clerk

d) Internal Financial Regulation Review – no action required.

e) 2016/17 Budget – Initial work on next financial year budget will be undertaken by the finance sub-committee.

Action Chairman/Cllr. Mackenzie

14. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) DT11: The AGM, which was poorly attended, included a presentation from Live Well. The DVAMP (Dorset Visual Arts Market Place) bid has been submitted and feedback is expected in November. A Town Team presentation held at Nordon included mention of the re-introduction of a coach link from Blandford to London.

b) Tree Officer: It was agreed that a number of formal requests will be made to the following households to cut back overhanging branches and foliage:

Mr & Mrs Drennan, 8 Parr Grove – unsafe eucalyptus tree branch and vegetation at the Anvil Road corner.

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Mr & Mrs Blake, 1 Priory Gardens – growth encroaching the pavement.

Mr. Langdown, 1 St Peter's Close – overhanging trees and shrubs reducing the width of the pavement on Church Road.

Parr Grove and Fiveways – overhanging trees and shrubs encroaching onto Church Road.

St Peters Close/Church Road - Previous requests to Spectrum Housing to be chased.

Action Clerk

The Willows – contact to be made with DCC and established with the management company.

Action Cllr. Tanner/Clerk

c) **Rights of Way:** A working party to clear the stream at Paul Bakers Way will be arranged for the Spring. Another request will be made to Mr. P. Dalton to arrange for the Pimperne stream in Church Road to be cleared.

Action Clerk

d) **Highways Officer:** As a response from DCC Highways to the various requests made for improvements is still awaited, the matter is to be taken up with County Cllr Croney.

Action Clerk

The 4 new grit bins are to be located at the top of Portman Road, Chapel Lane, the corner of Down Road and Frampton Road and at the bottom of Down Road. Filling to be arranged with DCC. It was agreed that 10 shovels would be purchased for use at each grit bin.

Action Chairman/Clerk

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** An open morning is to be held on 21st November. Names and contact details of PTA reps are to be sent to Cllr. Mackenzie to ensure school matters are included in the Newsletter.

Action Chairman/Cllr. Tanner

f) **Village Hall:** Nothing to report

g) **Flood Warden:** The flood alert system trial is still to be undertaken. **Action Cllr. Tanner**

h) **DAPTC:** The Chairman will be attending the 15th October Northern area meeting, while Cllr. Mackenzie will attend the AGM.

It was agreed that the Council's response to the five motions proposed should be as follows:

i) Chideock PC -support

ii) Chieideock PC –do not support

iii) Colehill PC –do not support

iv) West Moors PC -support

v) Blandford Forum TC -support

15. HOMEWATCH/COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

The Homewatch report for August/reported just one incident in Pimperne. Four new volunteers have offered to join Community Speedwatch team.

16. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

As Cllr Mackenzie is unable to attend the Councillors Update-East in November the place will be offered to Cllr. Richley.

Action Clerk

17. PROPERTY CHECKS

A broken seat in the bus shelter is being addressed.

Action Cllr Argles

Extensive repairs are being undertaken on the Junior Play Area by Mr. R. King.

The matter of joint fundraising to improved equipment will be taken up with the school.

Action Chairman/Cllr. Tanner

18. SECTION 106

While the sum of £7,000 remains available for use on capital projects related to the play areas, contact will be made with Mr De Iongh to determine when this is due to expire.

Action Chairman.

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19. TRANSPARENCY CODE FOR SMALLER COUNCILS

The necessary information is now available on the web site.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

The Council's response to "Working Together", the Pilot Project for Locality Working in Dorset, is to be submitted by 30th November.

Further to an approach from Cllr R. East of Fontmell Magna PC, the Council will consider a request to join the A350 Community Group.

Action All

It was agreed that the Council will once again purchase a wreath for the forthcoming Remembrance Day service.

Action Clerk

21. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION: It was confirmed that the telephone box opposite the Farquharson Arms has "protected status".

22. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

"Working Together" consultation.

23. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 11th November.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.