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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. P. Slocombe (Chairman), A. Argles, T. Harman, D. Mackenzie, M. Richley, J. Tanner

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Parish Clerk and District Cllr. P. Brown.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT:** A report had been submitted by Dist. Cllr. Jesperson.

**6. UNITARY PROPOSALS CONSULTATION:** Councillors agreed that insufficient information was provided to make an informed decision on the options available. The main questionnaire and document “Reshaping Your Councils” will be forwarded to all Councillors.

**Action Clerk**

Councillors will then be able to answer both on a personal basis, whilst providing input to an overall PC decision if sufficient commonality can be achieved. As the final deadline for completion is 25<sup>th</sup> October, responses are to be passed to the Clerk by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

**Action All**

**7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:** Cllr Tanner informed the meeting that Mrs Myrtle Barnett, the oldest resident of the village, had unfortunately passed away.

**8. MATTERS ARISING:** A date for the removal of the bus shelter is still awaited.

**Action Clerk**

The Chairman advised Mr. de Ionghe had confirmed that Section 106 funding will remain available for use until May 2018.

**9. URGENT MATTERS:** Nothing to report

### **10. PLANNING**

#### **a) Granted applications:**

- Woodbury – Progress has yet to be made regarding the Section 216 Dilapidation Orders for the Wesleyan Chapel and the Hayloft/Stables at Berkeley House and the matter will be pursued with Mr. K. Morris at NDDC.

**Action**

#### **Clerk**

**b) Outstanding applications** – 2/2016/1261/FUL Shepherds Way – a decision is still awaited.

**c) New applications** – 2/2016/1262/CPE –The Stables Salisbury Road to Letton Croft. It was agreed that the application would not be opposed, although a request should be made to ensure that the development was completed in line with relevant building regulations at the time the work was carried out.

**Action Clerk**

**d) Tree applications** – None.

e) **Community Assets** –No further action required.

f) **K.J. Pike** – The Chairman advised that a resident had remarked upon increased activity at the site, potentially in one of the areas identified for development in the Neighbourhood Plan. An acknowledgement is to be sent to the resident and further enquiries are to be made with the company.  
**Action Clerk**

## 11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Options Consultation event, held on 24<sup>th</sup> September, was well attended. Completed residents' questionnaires are required to be submitted by 22<sup>nd</sup> October. 5-6 reminder posters will be printed for display around the village.

**Action Chairman/Cllr. Mackenzie**

## 12. OLD SCHOOL FIELD

The draft lease is still awaited from DCC. The play trail has been inspected by the DCC Senior Ranger who identified a number of areas of concern related to health and safety point. DCC are prepared to make the site safe and remove existing hazards but are unwilling/unable to fund a re-instatement. It was agreed that Councillors would meet at the site at 9.30am on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October to agree a course of action.

**Action All**

## 12. FINANCE

a) **Financial Statement:** The statement for September was presented and approved. It was noted that cheque no. 001307 had been made void, following the identification of a mistake on the invoice by the suppliers, the Blandford School.

b) **Cheque Approval:** The Council approved the payment and instructed the signature of the following cheques, which include the replacement invoice from the Blandford School:

1308	Clerk's Salary	344.52
1309	The Blandford School - Newsletter printing	276.00
1310	Pimperne Village Hall Committee	46.00
1311	Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd- June fee	730.00
1312	Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd- July fee	730.00
1313	Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd- August fee	730.00
1314	Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd- Sept fee	730.00
1315	Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd- Oct fee	730.00
1316	Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd- Blandford + advice	105.00
1317	Mrs D. Mackenzie - NPG Name Badges	5.67
1318	Mrs D. Mackenzie - NPG Pens	8.00
1319	Mr. G.Coull - NPG Laminating pouches	15.98
1320	B. MacGregor -Clerk's expenses	9.82
1321	Mrs. D. Mackenzie -Web hosting	10.80
	Total	4471.79

c) **Review of Asset Register, Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Financial Regulations** - Now complete -no further action required.

d) **External Audit** – The minor issue identified by BDO LLP regarding the recording of the precept and Council Tax Support Grant is to be taken up with NDCC.

**Action Clerk**

f) **Pension Arrangement**

The Council's declaration has been submitted.

### **13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

a) **DT11:** The future of DT11 and the three other Community Partnerships plus the Citizens Advice Bureau remain under threat owing to the proposed budget cuts by NDDC. A consultation on the CAB and Community Partnerships funding is to be completed by 28<sup>th</sup> November. Details of the questionnaire are to be forwarded to all Councillors. **Action Clerk**

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

c) **Rights of Way** The public footpath around Blandford Camp has been cleared.

d) **Highways:** Work on the Anvil bend is set to be completed in November. The request form for filling the grit bins is to be submitted to DCC Highways. **Action Clerk**

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** The key issue at present relates to difficulties in ensuring DCC rectify existing building problems that have not worked satisfactorily since the school opened. A meeting is to be held with DCC's Landscape Architect to examine the playing field.

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

g) **Flood Warden:** Sandbag stocks are available for use if and when necessary.

h) **DAPTC:** Cllr. Richley will be attending the next meeting of the Northern Area on 19<sup>th</sup> October as well as the AGM on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

i) **Transport:** Nothing to report

j) **Best Kept Village:** The village won the Best Large Village Previous Winners category. The Winners plaque and cheque for £100 were presented to Cllr. Richley at the awards presentation on 27<sup>th</sup> September. Formal thanks and congratulations are to be sent to former Councillor Mrs H. Evans. **Action Clerk**

### **14. HOMEWATCH/COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

Mr. D. Andrews has posted an Autumn Home Watch update on the village notice board. A speedwatch session is planned for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am.

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

The main actions for October include the mid-year audit and the commencement of the 2017-18 budget process. **Action Chairman, Cllr. Mackenzie, Clerk**

### **16. PROPERTY CHECKS**

a) General – nothing to report

b) Play areas –

Further significant quantities of loose chippings are to be sourced.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

### **16. MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE**

Cllr. Harman will visit the mobile library to discuss potential alternatives with users.

### **18. CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr. Harman reported that Mr & Mrs Everitt have confirmed that the village shop is up for sale. Further investigations will be made into Community Asset requirements, the potential for alternative financing and other successful solutions that have been achieved in other neighbouring villages. **Action All**

Councillors were apprised of the existence of a petition being raised in the Down Road/Arlecks Lane area to highlight the potential impact of increased traffic on one of the potential Neighbourhood Planning development sites.

A quantity of free tree saplings could be acquired for use on the old school field. These are to be given further consideration, together with the possibility of taking up a similar offer from

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Wessex Water, as compensation for the disruption caused by the new pumping station and pipeline.

**19. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:**

Cllr. Harman attended the GDSF meeting and reported that traffic level concerns over the Bank Holiday weekend had been lower than anticipated. Mr. M. Oliver had requested a review of the arrangements for the temporary travellers' site which was markedly under-utilised this year.

**20. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

Co-opting a replacement Councillor.

**22. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on 9<sup>th</sup> November.

The meeting closed 9.12 pm