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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017, at 7.00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** County Cllr. D. Croney, District Cllr. P. Brown, Parish Clerk and nine members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. Harman declared an interest in the third item to be considered under 9c as he lives in a neighbouring property.

**3. DISPENSATIONS:** None

**4. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were approved by the meeting.

**5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT:** District Cllr. Brown's report had been received by Councillors. Owing to lower housing completion rates, in 2016 North Dorset no longer has a "5 Year Housing Land Supply", ensuring that it will be more difficult for planning authorities to refuse developments even if they conflict with the local plan.

NDDC is setting up a support system with a budget of £238,000 to help local authorities to set up Community Land Trusts, which can enable local communities to act as developers for 100% affordable housing schemes. County Cllr. Croney updated the meeting on a new Saturday bus service from Blandford to Salisbury through Nordcat. (considered further in Section 13g.)

**6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:**

Mr. Rainbow requested certain items on the agenda need to be more explicit, particularly if they relate to items raised by local residents.

**Action Clerk**

Mr. Shaw expressed concern that the timing of the planning application related to 1 St Peter's Close was such that input from the school and parents could be compromised. He also outlined his objections to the proposed development on the grounds of public safety, the impact on the gateway to the village and requested that the application should go before the main planning committee. Mr. Andrews also opposed the application and strongly supported the view that it should be addressed by the main planning committee.

Mr. Parker suggested that further work is required to remove overhanging branches and foliage on the "inner circuit" of the village particularly between Fiveways and Paul Bakers Way. He also reported that the ash tree by the bus shelter on Salisbury Road had recently lost a branch and needs to be cut back.

Mr. Strange expressed concern over the number of cars parked and offered for sale by the entrance to the Franwill Industrial Estate and across the road and requested the Council to investigate. He also raised the issue of visitors to the gym speeding up Down Road.

Mr Cross informed the meeting that he had established contact with a national organizer of community stores through other business dealings and offered to rekindle this acquaintance should the need arise.

**7. MATTERS ARISING:**

None

**8. URGENT MATTERS:** The Chairman advised that Bryn MacGregor had resigned from the position of Parish Clerk and will leave at the end of August. The meeting thanked Mr. MacGregor for his services. Councillors will be seeking a replacement at the earliest opportunity and will be meeting to agree how responsibilities will be allocated in the interim. **Action All**

## **9. PLANNING**

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

- Woodbury – Further contact is to be made with NDDC Planning Enforcement to request that a Section 215 notice is served. **Action Clerk**

### **b) Outstanding applications**

– 2/2016/1763/Various Sites –BT telephone box – no progress to date.

- 2/2017/1763/ KJ Pike & Sons Ltd – still under consideration. An update will be sought from the Case Officer. **Action Clerk**

### **c) New applications**

- 2/2017/0933/FUL Hammetts Farm House – replacement agricultural building- no objection

- 2/2017/0789/HOUSE 24 Old Bakery Close – loft conversion and dormer window – no objection

- 2/2017/0803/HOUSE 1 St Peter’s Close - new dwelling and garage – It was agreed that this will be opposed on the following grounds:

- It presents a visual intrusion

- it is out of keeping with local styles

- poor access in proximity to a tight bend, narrow road and pavement used by parents and children

- the design differs from that suggested in a pre-application discussions with the planners

It was also agreed that the Parish Council should request that, if the planning officers are minded to approve, the application should be discussed at the main planning committee meeting.

- 2/2017/1193/HOUSE Elidia, Church Road – new conservatory – no objection

**d) Tree applications** – No new applications.

### **e) Other planning issues**

The possibility of listing the Hayloft in the grounds of Berkeley House is still to be explored.

**Action Chairman/Cllr. Mackenzie**

## **10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The pre-submission plan has been completed, following the completion of sections on local green spaces, Stud House and an environmental study on one of the key proposed development sites.

## **11. OLD SCHOOL FIELD**

The developers have removed the high chain-link fence by the play area and replaced some of the gates, apparently in agreement with Dorset County Council and the Diocese.

A request will be made to County Cllr. Croney for assistance on this matter. **Action Chairman**

Residents in Boyte Road have complained about excessive growth encroaching on their garden and requests will be made to DCC to remedy this. **Action Chairman**

## 12. FINANCE

**a) Financial Statement:** The statement for July was presented and accepted. Funds have been boosted by receipt of £4,011.05 through a Neighbourhood Plan grant which needs to be spent before the end of the calendar year.

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

		At agreed rate
1367	Clerk's Salary	
	Pimperne Village Hall Comm. – Room	
1368	hire	57.50
1369	The Blandford School –Leaflet printing	60.00
	Information Commissioner – DP DERC –	
1370	Environmental Survey	60.00
1371	St Peter's Church - Contribution	800.00

### **c) Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

Cllr. Mackenzie reported that there are no requirements to update these based on advice from DAPTC or NALC.

In respect to Standing Orders it was agreed that members of the public can only speak outside the Democratic Period at the request of the Chairman.

**d) BDO Audit Briefings:** Updates will be investigated. **Action Cllr. MacKenzie**

## 13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

**b) Tree Officer:** The ash tree by the bus shelter on Salisbury Road will be reported. **Action Cllr. Mackenzie**

**c) Rights of Way:** Cllr Argles reported that field behind the Church is up for sale at a price of £200,000.

A response from Tara Hansford at Dorset CC regarding funding opportunities is awaited.

**Action Clerk/Cllr. Argles**

**d) Highways –** The DCC Highways Liaison officer has visited School Lane and agreed that remedial work should be completed once the construction phase is over. She also identified 7 other problems that need to be addressed on the village's roads.

**e) Village Hall:** Quotations are now being sought for the replacement curtains.

**Action Chairman**

**g) Flood Warden:** Drainage was good on the A354 by the Farquharson Arms after the recent heavy rains but problems were identified at Letton.

**h) DAPTC:** The latest Northern Area Meeting, attended by Cllr. Richley, included a presentation on planning. It was indicated that Planning Enforcement will only intervene to enforce if there is a reasonable legal chance of success.

**i) Transport:** Cllr. Harman updated the meeting on the new Saturday service from Blandford to Salisbury offered by NordCat, which needs to be booked in advance. An 8-week trial will commence on 12<sup>th</sup> August and the service will be free to bus pass holders, subject to an initial £5 registration fee.

**j) Community Officer:** Defibrillator training will be held at the village hall on 12<sup>th</sup> August.

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

Mr. Andrews reported that the Dorset police surgeries will once again be offered at the Great Dorset Steam Fair and advice on the nuisance of drones has been posted on the noticeboard. Speedwatch activity will re-commence in week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> August, and regular reports on county-wide activities are now available.

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

The main item for review in September is the Asset Register.

**Action Chairman/Cllr. Mackenzie**

#### **16. PROPERTY CHECKS**

a) General – Nothing to report

b) Play areas – Further quotes will be sought, based once the full availability of funds is confirmed, with the views of the school, parents and children to be taken into account.

**Action Chairman/Cllr Peters**

#### **17. DEFIBRILLATOR**

Cllr. Peters will liaise with Mr. Rob Williams to arrange future training sessions.

**Action Cllr. Peters**

#### **18. GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR**

The 30mph speed limit will be in force from and the temporary traveller site open from 18<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **19. PIMPERNE SHOP**

Cllr. Harman advised that the shop had experienced a marked decrease in customers and trade since the opening of LIDL. It was agreed that it would not be advisable to register the shop as a community asset as the overall asset value is tied up with the property.

Details of LEADER grants for capital projects relating to community shops have been obtained but these can only be pursued once suitable premises have been identified.

#### **20. CORRESPONDENCE**

Further to Mr. Strange's comments under Section regarding the issue of parking around the entrance to the Franwill Industrial Estate, the matter will be drawn to the attention of Mr. Amey and Dorset CC **Action Clerk**

A response will be prepared on Dog-related Public Space Protection Orders, ensuring that the old school field is designated a dog-free area.

**Action Clerk**

In response to comments from Mr. Rainbow it was agreed that fixings on the notice board will be improved to prevent tampering.

**Action Clerk/Cllr. Peters**

In respect to naming individuals in the Minutes, it was agreed that contributors to the democratic period should be asked if they are happy for their details to be set out in the minutes.

**Action Chairman**

#### **21. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:**

The newsletter will be published towards the end of August and all Councillors are available to distribute.

#### **22. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

Review Asset Register

#### **23. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm