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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 14th September, 2011**, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs. P. Slocombe, D. Andrews, D. Mackenzie, D. Hart, A. Barker, J. Tanner

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Bamforth (Clerk), County Cllr Campbell and 3 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received and accepted from District Cllr Oliver.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Mackenzie declared a personal and prejudicial interest as an immediate neighbour in item 8 (b), planning application 2/2011/0969.

3. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th August, 2011 were approved and signed.

ACTION

4. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: The Chairman read a report from District Cllr Oliver, commenting on the Great Dorset Steam Fair, the Dorset Waste Partnership the demise of the North Dorset edition of the Western Gazette, the problem created by dog waste in the village and his dismay at the Parish Council's objections to the planning application for a new village school, noting that he had raised the matter with the NDDC solicitor.

5. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

Mr Cross criticised the Council's objections to the planning application for a new school, suggested their decision was not representative of the views of the village and challenged councillors to stand down and put themselves forward again for election in the light of their decision. Cllr Andrews, as Chairman of that part of the meeting on 10th August, refuted his comments and both he and Cllr Hart confirmed that they had no objection to a school in the village, but Cllr Hart noted that his preference was for a rural community school on the existing site or to the south of the village. Mr Bannock expressed his support for new school but not on the proposed site, particularly noting the burden on the village hall car park; he also suggested that a mini-roundabout be placed at the junction of Newfield Road, Church Road and Bushes Road and expressed concern at speeding in the village. Cllr Tanner commented on the poor state of the red telephone kiosk in the village; the Clerk would take up with BT. He also noted the chaotic school bus arrangements at the beginning of term; County Cllr Campbell shared his concerns and said that he was awaiting a response from Damory Coaches. **Clerk**

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: received by e-mail. County Cllr Campbell noted that money had been set aside for a new school in Pimperne, but was not ring-fenced. He noted that the road between Letton and Pimperne did not meet the criteria for a reduced speed limit. He urged the Council to support in principle DCC's bid for improved broadband.

7. MATTERS ARISING

a) The Clerk reported that if no election was called for by 21st September, the Council would be required to fill the parish council vacancy by co-option.

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b) The Clerk reported that Colin Close, funeral director, stated there was no problem with the vehicular access to the church. Cllr Andrews reported that Mr E. Lukins had commissioned the resurfacing of the footpath across the common land and it was not yet known if this would be accessible to all users.

c) The Chairman noted that the school planning application was expected to go to committee on 21st October.

8. PLANNING

a) No notifications of outstanding applications had been received.

b) The Council considered the following new application:

2/2011/0969 Woodbury, 10 Chapel Lane, Pimperne: to erect 2 semi-detached dwellings and form 5 parking spaces (demolish existing cottage). Cllr Mackenzie made a statement about her views and, declaring a personal and prejudicial interest as an immediate neighbour, withdrew from the meeting. The Council objected to the application on the grounds of inadequate access, egress and parking arrangements, particularly given the narrowness of Chapel Lane. The Council also believed that the overbearing height and proximity of the proposed building would affect the amenities currently enjoyed by the neighbours to the rear of the property. Cllr Mackenzie returned to the meeting.

9. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that there would be a briefing on the plans for The Fording Point in Blandford, the proposed arts centre, on Saturday, 17th September..

b) **Tree Officer:** Cllr Hart reported that he had spoken with the residents of Fiveways cottages about the vegetation; the Clerk noted that County Highways was pursuing this matter.

c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker reported that she was trying to contact the County Footpaths Officer to establish responsibility for the weed growth behind the fences along FP10

d) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner reiterated his comments about the chaotic school bus arrangements and noted that the Ghanaian exchange teacher was expected later in the term.

e) **Village Hall:** nothing to report.

f) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner had reported that groundwater levels were satisfactory and that an insurance company had made a telephone check on flood risk.

g) **DAPTC:** no matters to report.

h) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews reported that the Steam Fair had gone well and the village burglaries at that time were not linked with the event.

10. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Cllr Tanner reported that work would now be put on hold until more was known about neighbourhood plans in the New Draft Development Framework. The Clerk would inform CPEND.

Clerk

11. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

a) The Clerk, as already noted, reported that County Highways was now dealing with the vegetation at Fiveways directly with the residents.

b) Cllr Mackenzie had spoken with Mr and Mrs McCarthy and had taken photographs; she suggested that keep clear markings might resolve the problem near Willow Park; the Council would discuss further at the next meeting.

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c) The Council approved the Clerk's attendance at the County Highways winter briefing and deferred discussion on grit bins and salt provision until the next meeting.

d) The Council directed the Clerk to write to County Highways in support of Tarrant Hinton's bid to lower the speed limit in the village, as Pimperne experienced similar problems, even with a 30mph limit. **Clerk**

e) The Council discussed the problems of speeding and HGVs in the village; the Clerk would check if the use of the former Taymix site by Damory Coaches qualified as a change of use and would ask Steve Howard of County Highways to make a site visit to discuss these matters with the Chairman. Cllr Andrews would liaise with the Community Beat Officer about organising a speed check on Church Road.

Clerk, Cllr Andrews

12. FINANCES

a) The Clerk presented a written financial statement for August, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget.

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

976	S Bamforth - Clerk's salary August	At agreed rate
977	HMRC PAYE on Clerk' salary	At appropriate rate
978	S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses August	£28.17
979	NDDC - printing of village newsletter	£104.16
980	Countryside Services - play area grass-cutting	£600.00
981	BDO LLP - external audit	£135.00
982	Pimperne PCC	£600.00

The issuing of the cheques would require the use of ear-marked reserves which were to be re-established after the receipt of the next tranche of precept.

c) The Chairman would circulate the draft financial regulations for discussion at the next meeting. **Chairman**

d) The Council approved and accepted the Annual Return which had been audited by the external auditor without any issues of concern.

e) The Council approved the Clerk's attendance at the DAPTC Clerks' seminar on 28th September.

f) The Council decided it could not meet the PCC's request to revert to annual contribution of £700 to churchyard maintenance in the current financial year, but would re-examine this matter in considering the budget for 2011-12.

13. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr Mackenzie had started work on the new website and would forward the model to councilors and liaise with Cllr Barker to show it to her. **Cllr Mackenzie**

14. DIGESTS IN SUPPORT OF MOTIONS

Deferred to the next meeting.

15. GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR

Cllr Hart would attend the wash-up meeting on 19th October on behalf of the Council, but with no specific remit.

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16. VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION

a) The Chairman reported that nothing further had been heard from County about negotiating an agreement on registering School Field as a village green. The Chairman confirmed that School Field was not included in the NDDV Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment; the Clerk would forward the link to councillors. **Clerk**

b) The Council noted the government consultation on the registration of village greens and would consider further at the next meeting. The Clerk would ask County if the Council's application would be considered under the old or the new system. **Clerk**

17. VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Cllr Mackenzie agreed to prepare a newsletter for the spring; she would liaise with Mrs Coull and the Council would discuss further at their next meeting.

18. DAPTC AGM

Cllrs Andrews and Mackenzie would attend and the Council would consider the resolutions at their next meeting.

19. PROPERTY CHECK

a) The Chairman would deal with the loose plaque on a Jubilee bench and had instructed the repair of a rotten balance beam in the junior play area. **Chairman**

b) Cllr Barker would carry out the next month's check.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Lord Lieutenant; arrangements for Diamond Jubilee: noted. Cllr Barker was liaising with the County Tree Officer on planting a commemorative tree. The Chairman thanked her for her efforts in organizing the village celebrations.

b) DCC; Consultation on day care and vocational services; deferred to next meeting.

c) NDDC; review of polling districts and polling places: the Council was happy with the Village Hall as polling station. The Clerk would so inform NDDC. **Clerk**

d) Sport Relief; Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile; noted.

e) DCC; request to precept to support broadband provision: the Clerk would write expressing the Council's support for broadband provision, but without offering any financial support. **Clerk**

21. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

a) To consider Cllr Hart's paper on digests in support of motions

b) To consider arrangements for village newsletter

c) To consider consultation on village green registration

d) To consider consultation on day care services

22. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 12th October, 2011, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.50 pm.