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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 12th September, 2012**, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Bamforth (Clerk), 5 members of the public.

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Mackenzie declared an interest in planning application no 2/2012/0911.

3. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 12th August, 2012 were approved and signed.

ACTION

4. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was read by the Chairman.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: received by e-mail.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

Mrs Slade asked for clarification on the planning application for Woodbury; Cllr Tanner advised her to speak with the planning case office to clarify anomalies. Mr Rose noted that concerns of Nutford residents about the development of the railway appeared to have been met by screening arrangements.

7. MATTERS ARISING

a) NDDC online training; Cllr Tanner would advise the Clerk of times when he was available to discuss suitable units. **Clerk, Cllr Tanner**

b) The Chairman reported that the outstanding items had not yet been repaired and there was now an additional item as a post by the chestnut tree had been broken.

8. PLANNING

a) The following application had been granted:

2/2012/0948 Hammetts Farm, Pimperne: to erect extension to existing barn.

The Clerk read the Enforcement Officer's report on the development at the Long House.

b) The Council considered the following new application:

2/2012/0911 10 and 11, Chapel Lane, Pimperne: to demolish existing dwellings and erect 2 new dwellings with associated parking (amended scheme to planning permission 2/2011/0969). The Council objected to the proposal as being an overdevelopment of the site as the footprint would be 40% larger than in the permitted plan, the proposed use of slate as a roof covering was inappropriate to the setting, the car-parking and garage arrangements were inadequate and that no provision was made for the chapel. There were a number of inconsistencies in the plans and

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documentation and the right of access on the site was not shown on the plans. The Council wished to have the application referred to the Development Management Committee, unless the case officer is minded to refuse the application under delegated authority, and the Clerk would ask the District Councillor to make a similar request via one of his colleagues. The Clerk would also report that drawing 13 had not been available for inspection with the working papers at NDDC and copy the Council's response to the Development Services Manager. **Clerk**

c) The Chairman and Cllr Tanner would attend the meeting with Blandford Forum Town Council on 25 September about responses to the Draft Core Strategy; the Council confirmed that that it had not yet decided whether to make a joint response to the next round of consultation on the Draft Core Strategy nor whether it wished to participate in a joint neighbourhood plan.

9. NEW VILLAGE SCHOOL

Following correspondence from the County Surveyor with terms of agreement with a break clause of 12 months' notice, the Council had not proceeded with its meeting with Dorset County Council officials and the Chairman had made it clear that no break clause within the lease was acceptable. County Councillor Campbell was pursuing the matter but any decision would have to be taken by Cabinet. The Chairman reported that the Village Hall committee had stated that any agreement with them was dependent on a satisfactory lease being arranged with the parish council.

10. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that Hall and Woodhouse had found an alternative tenant for the Three Choughs and DT11 was now looking at the feasibility establishing a community hub on the ground floor of Greyhound House.

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

c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker was meeting with Dorset CC Rights of Way to give feedback on the use of the Countryside Rangers for footpaths maintenance. The Clerk reported on the overhanging trees to the rear of the Old Rectory; she would continue to try to contact John Williamson of County Rights of Way to clarify the situation. **Clerk**

d) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner reported that the new Head had taken up his position and that the reception class was full, although numbers were a little lower higher up the school.

e) **Village Hall:** the Chairman reported that the design for the new kitchen was in its fourth draft and that the 20th anniversary of the hall would be marked by a celebration and barn dance on 3rd November.

f) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner reported that the brook was running freely but that he would ask Dorset CC to clear the weeds in the stretch for which they were responsible. He asked that the flood plan be an agenda item for the next meeting.

g) **DAPTC:** It was noted that the AGM was on 3rd November

h) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews noted that the Homewatch report only linked one incident in the area to the Steam Fair, but he suggested there had been an increase in crimes in the run up to the Fair. He also expressed fears for the future of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

11. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

a) The Clerk reported that Dorset CC proposed removing the hedge at Fiveways since the licence granted to the owner of no 4 had been revoked at her request; the Clerk would consult further with Highways and Cllr Hart would ask Mr Philpott if he would take on responsibility. The

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Clerk would also pursue with Highways the potholes in Newfield Road if these had not been repaired. **Clerk, Cllr Hart**

b) The Clerk would check with PC Barnes if any further speed checks had been carried out on the A354 and refer Mr Partridge to the national consultation on rural road speed limits. **Clerk**

c) The Clerk would respond to the national consultation on rural road speed limits welcoming the possibility of introducing lower limits. **Clerk**

d) Cllr Hart reported the difficulty families with schoolchildren had in crossing the A354; the Clerk would pursue with County the possibility of installing a pedestrian crossing. **Clerk**

e) The Council noted the proposed charges for replenishing community grit bins and confirmed it would not be taking part in the County Snow Clearance Scheme.

12. FINANCES

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

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

1038	S Bamforth - Clerk's salary august	At agreed rate
1039	HMRC - PAYE on Clerk's salary	At appropriate rate
1040	S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses August	£14.70
1041	DAPTC - Code of Conduct briefing	£10.00
1042	NDDC - printing of newsletter	£118.51
1043	Countyside Services	£630.00
1044	Broker Network Ltd - insurance	£858.38

c) The Chairman and Cllr Mackenzie had met with Cllr Hart to discuss his reservations about the Annual Return and the Clerk was now pursuing these. **Clerk**

d) The Council approved the Clerk's attendance at the DAPTC seminar on 18th September.

e) The Council approved the Clerk's purchase by her personal credit card of Microsoft Office for use on the laptop to be used in her council work, the cost to be shared equally with South Tarrant Valley Parish Council.

f) The Council noted that Clerk had worked 28hours unpaid overtime and she would have to restrict some of her tasks. Her hours would be recorded on a timesheet. **Clerk**

Cllr Tanner left the meeting at 9.00pm.

13. STANDING ORDERS

The Council agreed to defer consideration of amendments until after the DAPTC Clerks' seminar which included further briefing on the new Code of Conduct.

14. CHANGES TO COUNCIL TAX ARRANGEMENTS

The Clerk would respond to the DCLG consultation on revised changes to the method of calculating the council tax base, supporting the proposal to exclude the precept. **Clerk**

15. CALENDAR OF KEY DATES

The Council would consider the draft further at their next meeting.

16. PROPERTY CHECK

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a) Cllr Argles reported this remained unchanged.

17. GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR

The Council had no issues of concern.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Dorset CC; Draft Core Minerals Strategy: no comment.

b) Melbury Abbas Parish Council; proposal to work together on Gypsy and Traveller policies: noted

c) Audit Commission; appointment of external auditor and new charges: noted.

d) CPEND; invitation to presentation: Chairman to attend.

Cllr Mackenzie would attend the Best Kept Village Awards

19. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

a) To consider calendar of key dates for Council action

b) To consider the flood plan

c0 To consider changes to the Standing Orders

20. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 9th October, 2012, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.