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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. J. Tanner (Vice-Chairman), A. Argles, A. Barker, D. Hart, D. Mackenzie

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B. MacGregor (Parish Clerk), District Cllr. M.Oliver.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from County Cllr. Croney, Cllr. Slocombe and Cllr. Andrews.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**3. DISPENSATIONS:** none required.

**4. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 were approved and signed.

**5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** District Cllr. Oliver presented his report, updating the meeting on the latest developments regarding the possible merger of North Dorset, West Dorset and Portland and Weymouth District Councils. Although each of the councils will retain their respective sovereignty and identity, the proposals involve the appointment of a single Chief Executive and set of managers to serve 235,000 people.

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** County Cllr. Croney's monthly report had been received via e-mail by the Council.

**7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:** No matters raised.

**8. MATTERS ARISING:** None

### **9. PLANNING**

a) Granted applications – It was noted that 2/2014/0616 Nutshell had been granted albeit with a number of conditions.

b) There were no new planning applications.

c) There were no applications for works to trees.

d) NALC technical consultation on planning- NDDC's suggested range of planning suffixes is to be re-distributed to Councillors.

**Action Clerk**

A request is to be made to NDDC that the list of planning suffixes are attached to each new planning notification email as an explanatory index and improve familiarity with the new system.

**Action Clerk**

### **10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

A public meeting is to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> October and the event was publicised in the village newsletter. Cllr Argles expressed some concern over progress and requested that a meeting of the Steering Committee is held early in week commencing 22 September.

**Action Chairman**

### **11. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Although the final completion date remains March 2015, concern was expressed over progress and the numbers of workers on site. A detailed schedule of work is to be requested.

**Action Cllr. Tanner**

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## 12. FINANCES

a) **Financial Statement:** A statement for August was presented, but needs to be re-issued to ensure the inclusion of the £580.71 fundraising sums under ear-marked funds.

**Action Clerk**

Alternatives to the Scottish Widows account for the Reading Room Fund deposit account are to be explored, with guidance from DAPTC sought in the first instance.

**Action Clerk**

b) **Insurance Renewal:** the Council approved insurance renewal through Came & Company, taking advantage of the three-year Long Term Agreement.

**Action Clerk**

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

	At agreed rate
1160 Clerks Salary	
1161 Advertisement Benefice Magazine	34.00
1162 BDO LLP Audit Fees	120.00
1163 Countryside Services	687.50
1164 Broker Network Ltd.	819.80

d) **Mid-Year Internal Audit:** The audit report has been completed. It was advised that VAT is only reclaimable on payments invoiced to the Parish Council and adjustments therefore need to be made to the accounts.

**Action Clerk**

f) **War Memorial:** A further quote is to be obtained for re-painting the lettering.

**Action Clerk**

## 13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** Health and Wellbeing "Week" is to be held across Blandford from 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> September.

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

c) **Rights of Way:** nothing to report

d) **Highways Officer:** Issues raised by Mr Parker regarding overgrown shrubs in Church Lane and drainage work on the A354 are to be followed up.

**Action Cllr. Argles**

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** A Q&A session has been included in the school newsletter. A new uniform has been introduced and the school has begun to provide hot meals for all pupils.

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

g) **Flood Warden:** An update on the progress on the flood damage repairs and restoration items is to be sought from County Cllr Crony.

**Action Clerk**

It was agreed that the Council should seek to arrange its own flood signs to enable these to be erected at short notice when required.

**Action Cllr. Tanner**

The DCC Community Flood Wardens Survey is to be completed by 21<sup>st</sup> September.

**Action Cllr. Tanner**

h) **DAPTC:** The next meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October will be attended by Cllr Mackenzie, with Cllr. Andrews due to attend the November AGM.

i) **Homewatch:** Three incidents were recorded in Pimperne in August. Training has been arranged for 16<sup>th</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> September for the Community Speedwatch Project.

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**14. BUS SHELTER**

A site visit is to be arranged with the preferred supplier Shelter Solutions.

**Action Chairman/Cllr. Argles**

**15. THE AREA IN FRONT OF ST PETER'S CHURCH**

The posts and chains have been removed following the installation of the dragon's teeth. The council agreed that Cllr. Barker should proceed with her plans for grass cutting, while plans are in hand to provide a seat around the tree.

**Cllr. Barker**

**16. BLANDFORD FLY**

It was agreed that pressure should be maintained to try to ensure that spraying continues in 2015, possibly through working closely with other local parish councils to maximize impact.

**Action Chairman/Clerk**

**17. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN**

The Asset Register was reviewed and it was agreed that insurance values should be updated to reflect the updated index linked cover.

**Action Cllr. Mackenzie/Clerk**

**18. PROPERTY CHECK:** Nothing to report.

**19. PRE-SCHOOL FUTURE PREMISES**

A meeting is to be arranged between the Sports Society, Pre-School and the Parish Council.

**Action Chairman/Cllr. Tanner**

**20. SECTION 106**

Funds continue to be held on the council's behalf awaiting receipt of plans to show the re-location of the swings.

**21. FENCE TO SPORTS FIELD**

A further quotation is awaited for the replacement fence (post and wire). **Action Chairman**

**22. CLEANING THE PIMPERNE STREAM**

A letter has been sent to Mr. Dalton requesting the clearing of the stream in Church Road.

Further pressure is to be applied if no action is taken.

**Action Clerk**

Work to clear the stream in Paul Bakers Lane has been set up for 21<sup>st</sup> September.

**23. CORRESPONDENCE**

A request for historical information on the building of the village bus shelter will be discussed with selected villagers.

**Action Clerk**

**26. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION-**

As Cllr Mackenzie is unable to attend the Best Village awards on 18<sup>th</sup> September, other councillors are invited to attend.

**Action All Councillors**

The plaque in the Junior Play area requires amending as the contact details are out of date.

**Action Clerk**

**27. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA** None

**28. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm.