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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 14th September 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 (NB Cllr. Evans resigned on 7th September)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

3. DISPENSATIONS: None required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th August 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT: District Cllr. Brown advised that the next two months were likely to be highly significant for the future shape of local government with the Unitary consultation due to be completed by 25th October. A new charging scheme was introduced at Dorset's household recycling centres (HRCs) from the beginning of September with asbestos, gas bottles, hardcore/rubble, soil, plasterboard and tyres all subject to charges. The potential impact on fly tipping is to be closely monitored.

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6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: Mrs J. Vacher provided the meeting with an update on the September Fete. Upwards of 200 villagers attended the event, with the Dog Show proving particularly popular. Total takings were a little under £600, resulting in a total profit of £412.00 after prize and basic refreshments costs. Plans to use some of the funds for Christmas parties for both children and adults were well received and the Council warmly thanked Mrs Vacher for her efforts.

Cllr Tanner advised that door to door collections for RNLI will not take place this year, following a change of policy at the organization. Cllr. Tanner also requested that District Cllr. Brown would support the continued spraying of the Blandford Fly to prevent further outbreaks.

7. MATTERS ARISING: Contact will be made with Mosterton PC to arrange a date for the removal of the bus shelter.

Action Clerk

8. URGENT MATTERS:

As Cllr. Richley is unavailable for the Great Dorset Steam Fair "Wash Up" meeting on 6th October, the meeting will be attended by Cllr. Harman and/or Cllr. Tanner

9. PLANNING

a) Granted applications:

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

Action Clerk

c) New applications – 2/2016/1261/FUL Shepherds Way – a proposal for two detached houses and garages was accepted in principle. However, it was agreed that conditions should include

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adequate visibility splays for cars to exit onto the A354 without protruding over the pavement and that hedging should be re-planted with native species.

d) Tree applications – None.

e) Community Assets

Details of the processes necessary to register buildings as community assets had been investigated, and it was agreed that no further action is to be taken at this stage.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A Drop-In event for the Options Consultation is to be held at the Village Hall from 10 am–noon on 24th September where copies of the draft Neighbourhood Plan will be available for viewing. A meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Group will be held on 22nd September in advance of this.

11. OLD SCHOOL FIELD

The draft lease has yet to be received by Blanchards from DCC. A request has been made to County Cllr. Croney for assistance in expediting the process and insuring that remedial work on hedging and fencing is undertaken at DCC expense before the lease is signed. **Action Chairman**

12. FINANCE

a) Financial Statement: The statement for August was presented and approved.

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

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| 1302 | Clerk's Salary | 344.52 |
| 1303 | St Peter's Church - Churchyard donation | 432.00 |
| 1304 | Came & Co - insurance | 885.02 |
| 1305 | BDO LLP – audit fees | 120.00 |
| | Martin Park – gardening services | 734.00 |

The invoice from the Blandford School for newsletter printing costs has been queried and a credit note and replacement invoice is awaited.

c) Review of Asset Register, Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Financial Regulations -
The Finance Sub-committee's recommended changes were accepted and the revised forms are to be re-dated at 14th September. **Action Cllr. Mackenzie**

d) Insurance Renewal – The Council's insurance was renewed with Came & Company as part of the final year of the three year agreement.

e) External Audit – The annual return was approved by BDO LLP, subject to two minor issues identified in the issues arising report. Clarification is to be sought on one of these issues.

Action Clerk

f) Pension Arrangement

The Council's declaration is to be submitted before the 1st October staging date.

Action Cllr. Mackenzie/Clerk

13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) DT11: The future of DT11 remains uncertain with NDDC considering the removal of core funding. A Final decision will be made in February 2017.

b) Tree Officer: Nothing to report.

c) **Rights of Way** The accessibility of the public footpath by Blandford Camp is to be assessed, particularly on the “far side”. **Action Cllr. Argles**

d) **Highways:** DCC Highway’s Working Together document was reviewed.

It was agreed that a meeting should be sought with Mr. P. Starkey and/or Ms. C. Holbrook, the new Community Highways Officer for the area. **Action Chairman/ Cllr. Argles**

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** A number of events and activities are taking place as the school’s new management team begins to bed in.

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

g) **Flood Warden:** A leak in Church Road has been fixed by Wessex Water after numerous requests.

h) **DAPTC:** Nothing to report.

i) **Transport:** There has been little or no response from villagers following the publishing of advice and information on community transport schemes in the Autumn Newsletter.

j) **Best Kept Village:** Cllr. Richley will the awards evening on 27th September at Cerne Abbas.

14. HOMEWATCH/COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Nothing to report on Homewatch activities.

Cllr Richley has taken over responsibility for co-ordinating speedwatch activities and a full programme of sessions has commenced.

15. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

The main actions for September- the Village newsletter, external audit and approval of insurance arrangements, have been completed.

16. PROPERTY CHECKS

a) General – nothing to report

b) Play areas –

Remedial work has been undertaken on the Junior Play Area to replace one of the tyres.

Although the Council’s grant bid under the Tesco Bags appeal was unsuccessful, further submissions will be made as the scheme continues under a different guise.

Further significant quantities of loose chippings are to be sourced. The possibility of storing these within the village will also be explored, in order to optimise on unit and delivery costs.

Action Chairman/Clerk

Contact will be made with Mr. De Jonghe to ensure Section 106 funds remain available for use.

Action Chairman

16. MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

The mobile library service is scheduled to close in January 2017. The opinions of regular users will be canvassed on the suitability of proposed alternatives. Other considerations include writing an article in the Benefice newsletter, perhaps in collaboration with the other PCs in the Benefice and the introduction of a regular community hub to offer advice to villagers.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

In response to a request from County Cllr. Croney, the village hall currently has no facilities for powerpoint presentations.

19. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

None

20. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

The Unitary Proposals Consideration

22. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on 12th October.

The meeting closed at 8.57 p.m.