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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2019, at 7.00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Chairman Peter Slocombe, Cllrs T Harman, J Beckford, B Adams, A Argles, H Sutton.

IN ATTENDANCE: J Fairman (Clerk), 31 members of the public.

NON ATTENDEES:

1: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-Cllr J Tanner, Dorset Cllr S Jespersen.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: -None

3. DISPENSATIONS: None required

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th August 2019 were approved

5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT:

-None received.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: The following questions/issues were raised by members of the public:

Mrs B Emery- Dog walkers are still letting their dog off their leads on the former school field despite there being notices requesting not to- Can the signage be made bigger?

-Mark Armitage- The area outlined on the for development by Wyatt Homes on their flyer appears to be larger than previous plans- Chairman responded that all would become clearer on the public meeting being held by Wyatt Homes in the village hall on 25/09/19 between 4-7pm.

-Jill Fletcher- The steam fair was a success but could it be raised at the wash-up meeting that there should be better signage indicating the Information Centre/First Aid and the bus stop to catch the bus back towards Blandford.

-Edward Lukins- Wished to clarify and give background to why he has made this revised application-he stated that North Dorset has fallen short in the supply of affordable housing and by building 30 houses on this site his scheme would offer 40% affordable housing thus contributing towards North Dorset's targets. Mr Lukins felt that the additional traffic in Down Road would not be an issue as he believed that the traffic had in the past been busier than it is presently due to farm/dairy traffic. Mr Lukins does not feel that it is important to observe and adhere to the Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan as this would not benefit North Dorset's affordable housing deficit.

Susan Murison- Asked Mr E. Lukins if there would be sufficient parking for each house as in 2 spaces as it would be unacceptable for any overflow parking to take place in the lane.

-Michael Donne- The plans have allocated parking spaces, would the houses with a garage count as 1 parking space as roadside parking should not be an option.

-Mr E Lukins assured her that there would be 2 spaces per household, in some cases the garage would count as 1 space.

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-Barry Russell-Pimperne already has a successful gym, which brings additional traffic along Down Road at peak times- this development will potentially bring an additional 60 vehicles to use Down Road to access their properties, is this not going to cause major congestion in the bottle neck areas at the bottom of Down Road and Arlecks Lane which is only suitable for single lane traffic?

-Paul Silva- The households in the future may need spaces for 3 cars as families grow so that is potentially 90 additional vehicles regularly using Down Road- this road is becoming a dangerous area to pedestrians.

Barbara Emery-Traffic already needs calming in Down Road as many vehicles already travel too fast.

-Adding 15 additional houses just to be able to provide affordable housing is unacceptable.

-Joanne Russell- There already have been over 10 new houses built in the village recently, the roads are not suitable for the extra traffic that this development will create. This area is already quite unsafe for pedestrians/cyclists and horse riders particularly where there aren't pavements and the roads are narrow. We need to preserve the village as part of the AONB, and we need to consider the impact on wildlife.

Mark Armitage- Arlecks Road being narrow without pavements is already dangerous for dog walkers and pedestrians. An additional 60 cars will make this even more difficult.

Edith Day-stated that she owns the wall at the bottom of Down Road, which is over 200 years old and listed, there is no way that it will be demolished to make the road wider.

-Mr Lukins comments regarding the traffic in Down Road are inaccurate as it is wrong to compare the volume of traffic he remembers from the past to the actual traffic using the Down Road now. There is already too much traffic using Down Road and we need to stick to our Neighbourhood Plan.

-Michael Donne- have provisions been made to manage construction traffic whilst building works are in progress- Mr E. Lukins assured that it would be not be an issue- and added that in his opinion it would be better to develop the entire site now rather than build on it again in 15 years' time.

Joanne Russell-Why should Pimperne be responsible for taking the slack, where North Dorset have fallen short of their targets?

-Barry Russell- Wyatt Homes proposal to build north of Manor Farm Close and this development the total of new houses will conflict with the Neighbourhood Plan.

-Cllr Slocombe commented that he had been assured by Wyatt Homes that they had observed the Neighbourhood Plan and we shall see when they reveal their plans at the open meeting on 25/09/2019.

Barbara Emery- What was the point of us investing in and voting for the Neighbourhood Plan for someone to rough ride over it?

Linda (Boyte Rd)- Asked Mr E. Lukins what he proposed to do with the site of the property that his father had lived in on Down Rd-Mr Lukins confirmed that he planned to demolish the property and build 4/5 cottages there with off street parking.

-Michael Donne- Does Mr E Lukins intend to also build in the industrial estate in the future?

-Mr E Lukins confirmed that he intended to leave it as it is.

Angela Lawton- Will there be an updated traffic survey as the existing one does accurately reflect the traffic in the village?

The democratic period was closed at 7.30pm.

7. PLANNING

a) Applications

-02/2019/0968/FUL-Location Stud Farm-Demolish existing agricultural buildings and erect farm café building- carry out all external associated landscaping and retain 25 no. parking spaces to be used for the café.

-As the café had already been approved on a previous planning application the Parish Council has no objection to this planning application- on the condition that the points raised by the Cranborne Chase and Wiltshire AONB regarding this application are taken into account.

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-02/2019/0990/OUT-Land North of Down Road-Develop Land by the erection of 30 no. dwellings, form new pedestrian link to the school and village hall, form new access and highway widening of Down Road.

-The Parish Council strongly objects to this planning application as it goes against the Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan which took 6 years to compile and get through subjected examination and finally agreed by referendum of the village.

-Cllr Argles made the following comments: The Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan was compiled with fairness and equality in mind, ensuring that future housing development in Pimperne was spread throughout 3 designated areas with a maximum of 15 houses allowed on each site. Thus ensuring that not one part of the village alone would bear the brunt of over development. This would allow for the same % of affordable housing as this application but spread out. This does not include infill which would be additional housing. To put 30 houses on the one site is unfair, and not what the villagers themselves signed up for when they voted in the referendum. The parish were granted £15k in Government funds to assist in the making of the Neighbourhood Plan. We will fight this application all the way and will request that it is put forward to committee.

b) Approved Applications

c) Outstanding Applications

d) Other Planning Issues

-North Dorset Strategic and Heritage Study-Stage 2 Assessment- We have again had to respond to this updated study which has not observed the boundary between Blandford and Pimperne and has includes areas in Pimperne into its plan. Our response was prepared by our consultant Jo Witherden. **Clerk/Chairman**

-Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan-Version 2.

Cllr Slocombe attended an exploratory meeting as an interested party. This plan is still including areas of Letton within its plan. A public hearing will be scheduled in the coming weeks where Pimperne will be represented by our Consultant Jo Witherden. Areas outlined as A + B in their plan are part of the Pimperne parish and not Blandford. Interested parties may attend the public hearing, date to be advised.

-Former Methodist Chapel-Has fallen further into disrepair and has again been bought to the attention of Jen Nixon, Conservation Officer who has recently visited the Woodbury site. Has referred the matter to Building Control enforcement team for advice. **Clerk/Chairman**

e) Tree Applications-

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8. MATTERS ARISING: -

- Woodbury Boundary- See other planning issues (above).
- Overgrown Tree-Manor Farm Close-Response received from Sovereign Housing- who state that as there are not any safety issues around this tree they cannot sanction works to the tree, but has asked the property manager to visit the site to give a second opinion. **Chairman/Clerk.**

9. URGENT MATTERS: None

10. FORMER SCHOOL FIELD

- Delays in lease being sorted out matters in the hands of Dorset Solicitors, will ask Dorset Cllr Jespersen to speak to Solicitors.
Chairman/Clerk

11. FINANCE

a) Financial Statement:

- Financial Statement for August approved.

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

Clerks Salary	At agreed rate
Came&Co Insurance	£ 925.00
Sevensioux	£ 20.00
PKF Littlejohn Ext Auditors	£ 360.00
S Harpet BT Box refurb materials	£ 202.79

- c) External Audit now complete and report now on website. **Clerk/RFO/Chairman**
- d) Newsletter honorarium agreed for M Richley, £100. Per annum **Clerk/RFO/Chairman**

12. Standing Orders:

- Agreed minor changes and adopted. **Clerk**

13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) Tree Officer – Agreed to go ahead and order saplings from the Woodland Trust, Trees will need to be planted March 2020- Write to Wessex Water re: water supply to water trees/
Cllr Sutton/Chairman/Clerk

b) Rights of Way:

- Blandford Camp Footpath –
- Cllr Argles: Write to Mr Taylor to get permission
Cllr Argles/Clerk/Chairman
- School Lane Footpath – No update **Clerk/Chairman**
- Posts that need replacing in Newfield Road and Salisbury Rd have been reported-Will follow up with email **Cllr Argles**

c) Highways:

- A350 Community Group –No update **Clerk/Chairman**

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- Dragons Teeth, Newfield Road – Looking to replace with rocks **Clerk/Chairman**
- Pimperne Village Signage- **Chairman/Clerk**
- Cllr Argles suggested that the only sign required would be a ‘Welcome to the Parish of Pimperne’ positioned at Letton. **Chairman/Clerk**
- Open BT Chamber A354-write to BT **Chairman/Clerk**

d) Village Hall-

- ADSL unit installed in kitchen to ensure full internet access for the Post Office. **Chairman**

e) Flood Warden:

- No report **Cllr Tanner**

f) DAPTC-

- AGM 09/11/2019- 9.30-1pm. **Cllr Adams**

g) Transport Officer

- To contact Damory with regard to failure of the bus stopping at the request stop for a partially sighted customer. **Cllr Harman**

h) Community Officer:-

- To research the costing for new Defibrillator and casing to be housed in former BT Kiosk. **Cllr Beckford**

14. HOMEWATCH/SPEEDWATCH

- No report **Clerk/Chairman**
- Most recent speed watch held 09/09/19-3 speeding drivers recorded **Chairman**

15. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN-

- Village Newsletter to be distributed within the next two weeks **Clerk-Chairman.**
- Insurance Arrangements approved **Clerk/Chairman**

16. PROPERTY CHECKS

- a) General
- b) Play areas-
 - Junior Play Areas- Mining bees reported in the slopes of the play area- Notices to be put up **Chairman**
 - Write to Wicksteeds re paintwork on equipment fading **Clerk/Chairman**
- c) Noticeboards – Proofs received being checked **Chairman/Clerk**
- d) Parish Council free standing noticeboard- Prices to be obtained for installation. **Chairman/Clerk**
- e) Bus Shelter A354- Paperwork submitted to insurance claim. Insurance company have requested second quote- **Chairman/Clerk**

17. BT Telephone Box –

- Refurbishment finished – hand over to be arranged looking into 2nd defibrillator costings. **Chairman/Clerk/Cllr Beckford**

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18. The Great Dorset Steam Fair-

- Great success this year, no traffic problems.
- wash up meeting scheduled for 6th November 2019.

Cllr Harman

19. Correspondence:

- Wyatt Homes- Public meeting arranged in the village hall for Wednesday –25th Sept. Wyatt homes have sent out invitation letters to residents of Manor Farm Close & St Peter’s Close but the meeting is open to all parishioners.

Chairman/Clerk

20. Items for the next Agenda

- Application for Quality Council
- Hedgehog signage

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22. NEXT MEETING

- Meeting closed at 9.25pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 9th October 2019, at 7pm in the Village Hall.