

DRAFT

PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 10th January 2024.
7pm at Pimperne Village Hall.**

PRESENT: Cllrs P Slocombe (Chairman), B Adams, A Argles, J Beckford, T Harman, H Sutton, J Tanner.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dorset Councillor Jespersen, Mrs J Fairman (Clerk), 1 Member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: To record any previously undisclosed declarations of interest in items on the agenda- None received.

3. To consider granting dispensation to Councillors as required-None required.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th December 2023.

-The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

Chairman

5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT:

-Cllr Jespersen reported that DC had now published the budget which would now go before 2 scrutinizing committees. They will be spending £376 million next year, which will mean an increase of 5% to the Council Tax. Cllr Jespersen assured that front line services would be protected.

-DC Highways were called out to 82 flood emergencies over 5th and 6th of January. The recent wet weather has resulted in many new potholes appearing, Cllr Jespersen urged that people report the potholes on the DC website.

Cllr Jespersen.

-Chairman enquired if Cllr Jespersen had any update on the matters raised with Police and Crime Commissioner David Sidwick in the August meeting. Cllr Jespersen confirmed that she was not expecting a response yet as the results of the trial of auto camera in Gloucestershire were not yet available.

-Cllr Jespersen advised that the Dorset Local Plan will not be available until 2026. **Chairman**

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

-A resident requested that a road sign should be put up at Paul Bakers Lane.

-The road sign to Portman Road, needs to be secured. Clerk/Chairman to add to the Highways list of works.

Chairman/Clerk

7. MATTERS ARISING:

-Cllr Argles has been in contact with DC Ranger to establish if the stile in Mike Oliver's field can be replaced with a kissing gate. It was confirmed that this would be possible and suggested that this could be funded by S106 monies. Clerk/Chairman to contact Andrew Galpin re: S106 funds.

8. URGENT MATTERS: None raised.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a) New Applications: None received.

b) Approved Application:

-P/OUT/2020/00026: Wyatt Homes Hybrid application 490 Houses: The Chairman reported that the Cranborne Chase National Landscape (formerly known as the Cranborne Chase AONB) with the

support of Pimperne Parish Council and the CPRE, had written to the Secretary of State requesting that this application be called in. The Chairman had also contact MP Simon Hoare requesting his assistance with this matter, we await a response. **Chairman**

c) Outstanding Applications:

-**P/HOU/2023/03265** – 8 Boyte Road -Planning Appeal– Raise the edge of the roof and convert the loft space to form bedrooms with Dormer windows.

-**P/HOU/2023/05052**: Little Barrow, Down Road, Pimperne – Demolish garage, erect garage, raise the ridge of the roof and convert the loft space to form bedrooms.

-**P/FUL/2020/00411**- Land East of Franwill Business Estate, Down Road – Erect 14 no. dwellings including 40% affordable, form new vehicular access and carry out associated development. – This application is moving forward to go ahead -PPC to contact DC Officer Mr Rob Macdonald to discuss the S106 agreement for this development. **Clerk/Chairman**

d) Refused Applications:

e) Other Planning Issues:

-Woodbury site:

-The Chairman had requested that a Community Protection Notice be issued for this site. DC Officer Darren Naraine has been in contact asking for further information. He will carry out an investigation. **Chairman**

-**S106 Home Field:** The Chairman to arrange further discussion with DC Officer Andy Galpin regarding the release of further funds and how it may be spent. With respect to education contribution for Pimperne school and the Blandford school, funds have not been released.

Clerk/Chairman

-**EV Charging Station** – The Clerk to email the Planning Officer with photo evidence showing that the hedge on the A354 has been cut too low, exposing the EV Charging stations which were meant to be hidden by the hedge. **Clerk**

-Cllr Jespersen to check the landscaping on the EV site in the spring. **Cllr Jespersen/Chairman**

f) Tree Applications:

Cllr Sutton

10. Former School Field: Clerk and Chairman to chase up with DC the requested amendments to the lease regarding use of the former school field. **Chairman/Clerk**

11. Finance:

a) The Clerk had circulated the financial report for December 2023.

b) Payment Approval: The Parish Council approved the following payments.

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate
HMRC PAYE	£ 96.00
Viking New Printer/Scanner	£ 230.40
Clerk Office Allowance	£ 100.00
M Richley Honorarium	£ 100.00
Village Hall Hire	£ 15.00

Clerk/RFO

12. Officers Reports:

a) Tree Officer –

Trees on the school field seem to be in good order.

Cllr Sutton

-Cllr Sutton contact DC Officers regarding a blanket TPO for the village.

Cllr Sutton

b) Rights of Way-

- The stile at Bridge View has been reported as loose, DC Ranger to go and inspect it. **Cllr Argles**
- DC Ranger to repair the handrail on the footpath to the field behind the church. **Cllr Argles**

c) Flood Warden:

- The stream is running high, and ground water levels are high.
- Wessex Water again had to come to pump the drains as again sewage was leaking through the manholes in Church Road and some unfortunately entered the stream. Some of the residents' toilets in Church Road and Old Bakery Close were only working intermittently. **Cllr Tanner**
- Cllr Tanner reported that this situation seemed to be getting worse year on year and requested that PPC write to the Local MP Simon Hoare as the situation was a danger to public health. **Clerk**
- Cllr Tanner also enquired if we had received a date for works to recommence on the culvert in Church Rd. The Chairman confirmed that this item had been included in our list and correspondence to DC Highways and we await their response. **Clerk/Chairman**

d) Highways:

- The Chairman and Cllr Argles had reviewed the ongoing list of Highways outstanding items which had been resent to DC Highways. **Cllr Argles/Chairman**
- Further to recent requests for Arlecks Lane to be made one way or used for pedestrians only the PC had put a request in to DC Highways that they visit the site and meet with Cllrs. **Cllr Argles**
- The Chairman was in communication with DC Officer Mr Marsh to arrange a meeting regarding the White Gates. **Chairman**
- SID – Maintenance work had been carried out on the SID and DC Officer Rob Camp was to make a site visit to check the replaced battery. **Chairman/Clerk**

e) Village Hall:

- Village Hall Committee to meet to discuss improvements to be made to the hall. **Chairman**

-f) DAPTC: - Armed Forces Covenant: To be put onto February Agenda.

g) Transport Officer:

- We still wait the following: QR codes to be placed at bus stop to enable those waiting to track the busses arrival.
- Dorset Travel to position replace timetable at bus stop.
- Confirmation of the new bus stop at the Farquharson Arms awaited. **Cllr Harman**

h) Community Officer: No update. **Cllr Beckford.**

i) Climate and Ecological Officer: No update **Cllr Harman**

13. Speedwatch-

- The speed watch team have been advised by the Police not to have any more sessions until the weather improves. **Chairman**

14. Property checks

a) General: -A fence post in the Junior Play area needs securing, Mr King to repair. **Cllr Beckford**

b)-Play areas: -New play surface in the Junior Play Area is a success.

- The swings in the senior play area need to be turned to make them more effective and it was suggested that the rubberised safety surface would be ideal to be placed beneath these swings. The Chairman and Clerk to investigate whether S106 funds could cover this work. **Chairman/Clerk**

15. Correspondence:

- The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th April, 7pm in the Village Hall.

16. Items for the next Agenda:

- Update and approval of the Asset Register.

-Armed Forces Covenant.

-Date & time of next Parish Council meeting: Wednesday 14th February 2024 at 7.00pm – The Village Hall. Meeting closed: 20.55 pm.