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## **PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL**

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024.  
7pm at Pimperne Village Hall.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs P Slocombe (Chairman), B Adams, A Argles, J Beckford.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dorset Councillor Jespersen, Mrs J Fairman (Clerk), 4 Members of the public

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs J Tanner, T Harman, H Sutton, J Tanner.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

-The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

**Chairman**

### **5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT:**

-DC have approved their budget for 2024-2025 of £376 million, which is a rise of 5%. Cllr Jespersen confirm that there have not been any cuts to front line services. DC provides 450 services to 380,000 household.

-Due to recent changes in legislation, DC have votes to double council tax premium on long term premium empty properties in Dorset with effect from April 2024, and second homes April 2025.

-Pimperne 20mph scheme (within the village) has been approved and DC have issued instructions for new signage to be prepared, which would most likely be erected in the first quarter of the new financial year.

-Speed Traffic surveys are being carried out at the Letton end of the A354 by DC Highways with a view to review the buffer speed limit. The Chairman requested that Cllr Jespersen ensure that the surveys are to be carried out at the Salisbury end of the village.

-Cllr Jepsersen had discussed the possibility of Arlecks lane being pedestrianised with the Road Safety Team, who suggested that surveys be carried out on the lane which would be paid for by PPC and would not necessarily result in this action being taken.

-Cllr Jespersen advised that new chevron signs will be placed at Anvil bend.

-Pimperne is being considered for a trial of a new speed watch camera, which would be one of 12 trialled across the county, after funds have been released in the new financial year.

-Cllr Jespersen confirmed that following a request from the Chairman, she had written and discussed the Calling-In of the Hybrid Wyatt Homes application. Mr Simon Hoare MP had been sent all the relevant paperwork. The DOS are in communication with DC regarding this matter.

-The poor landscaping and the low cutting of the hedge at the EV Charging points has been raised with the DC Enforcement Officer, we await further response.

-Cllr Jespersen had been made aware of the sewage leakage in Pimperne and would be raising the issue with Environmental Health to ask if they would approach Wessex Water directly regarding this matter.

## **6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:**

-A resident reported that there had been another accident on the A354 coming down the hill into the village from the Salisbury end, with substantial damage to vehicles.

-A resident requested an update on the White Gates. The Chairman confirmed that we had been awaiting a meeting with DC Officer Mr Marsh and Mr Ellaway, however following a meeting with DC Highways last week it was established that the meeting with Mr Marsh was not necessary as the positioning of the gates had already been decided by DC Highways.

We await the quote for the gates.

**Chairman/Clerk**

-A resident enquired about whether dogs were meant to be on leads in the former school field. It was confirmed that they should be on leads and further signage will be placed at the entrance from Marsh Way.

**Chairman/Clerk**

-A resident raised the point with reference to the doubling of Council Tax for premium empty second homes that not all would be doubled as the Secretary of State could change the % of the raised premium based on the physical characteristics of the dwelling and the circumstances of the owner. Cllr Jespersen replied that there would be grounds on which people could appeal and pointed out that properties that are used for Air BnB and are rented out would not be affected.

**Cllr Jespersen.**

-It had been noted that there had been whole shelves of books removed from the shelves of the BT Kiosk book swap and that someone had left very old nursing magazines in there which should have been binned.

## **7. MATTERS ARISING:**

-Kissing Gate costing: Col. Oliver had confirmed that he was happy to have Kissing Gates installed on his land but would like to know what type would be used. Cllr Argles to confirm with DC Ranger Graham Stanley which type he had quoted £900.00 for 2 gates. The Clerk/Chairman to apply for the release of S106 monies to pay for the gates. PPC approved the payment to be made on condition that Col. Oliver was happy with the choice of gate.

**Cllr Argles**

-Armed Forces Covenant- No action at this point.

**Clerk/Chairman**

**8. URGENT MATTERS:** None raised.

## **9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

a) **New Applications:** None received.

b) **Approved Application:** None

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 which had been supplied by the Chairman. The Response: Team visited the site. DC Officer, Mr Naraine reported that an overgrown site cannot be dealt with by a Protection Notice and suggested s S215 be raised via the DC portal, this action had already been taken. The Chairman requested Cllr Jespersen's assistance with this matter. **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. **Clerk/Chairman**

**-S106 Franwill Site:** DC Officer Claire Walker has requested the PPC's views on what should be on the s106 for this development. The Chair to organize a working party to work on this request. **Clerk/Chairman**

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

-The Chairman to organize an inspection of the trees planted on the former school field **Cllr Sutton/Chairman**

**11. Finance:**

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

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

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate.
HMRC PAYE	£ 96.00
G Gilding	£ 60.00
Mr R King (Play area repairs)	£ 91.00
Village Hall Hire	£ 15.00

**Clerk/RFO**

-The Chairman/Clerk to review and update the Asset Register. **Chairman/Clerk**

**12. Officers Reports:**

**a) Tree Officer –No update.**

**b) Rights of Way-**

-Cllr Argles reported the handrail at the footpath beside the church had been fixed. **Cllr Argles**

**c) Flood Warden:**

-PPC have been in correspondence with Wessex Water regarding the sewer leaks by the Willows and Chestnut Farm, Church Road. WW have carried out some lining work, but due to poor weather had to stop so they have more to do. WW sent a tanker out last weekend to investigate the sewer leak at Chestnut Farm, they found a blockage which had been caused by sanitary products. We request that residents to not dispose of sanitary products in their systems, PPC have further contacted WW to ask why they have not sanitised the affected areas. **Chairman/Clerk**

**d) Highways:**

-The Chairman and Cllr Argles met with DC Highways Officers Mr N Lenthall and Mr R Skeats to discuss the extensive list of highway works that has been requested by PPC. Many items on the list are to be resolved by DC Highways at some time in the new financial year. **Cllr Argles.**

**-SID –** The SID had not been performing DC officers had been called out and carried out some maintenance work, and the SID is now working. DC quoted £650.00 per annum to maintain the SID, as any problems with the SID occur mostly during the winter months, PPC resolved to wait until next winter to see if there were any issues with the SID and would revisit this should it be considered necessary. **Clerk/Chairman.**

**e) Village Hall:**

-Village Hall Committee are currently seeking quotes for new flooring in the meeting room, and the main entrance doors.

**Chairman**

-The Village Hall Committee will need to find additional funding to pursue the installation of Solar Panels for the VH Roof. This will be discussed at the meeting for S106 funding for the Franwill estate.

**Chairman**

-The police were called when children attending a party for 13–14-year-olds, were poorly supervised and went over to Home Field and were knocking on doors and running away, and generally causing a disturbance. The VH Committee will be discussing evening parties causing problems for residents.

**Chairman**

**-f) DAPTC:**

-The DAPTC have been circulating information regarding training for Cllrs. The clerk explained that training courses will be offered to new Cllrs on the PC after the May elections. **Cllr Adams**

**g) Transport Officer:**

-The Bus Stops team at DC have confirmed that the bus stop at the Farquharson Arms will be reinstated when the development is complete.

**Cllr Harman**

-The flag on the Letton Lodge pole will be raised to a more conventional height. The QR Codes will be incorporated into timetables at each bus stop over a period of time. The team have sent a QR code, however the details are on the QR relate to the VH and needs to be amended as there is not a bus that runs near to the VH.

**Cllr Harman.**

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

**Cllr Beckford.**

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

**Cllr Harman**

**13. Speedwatch/ Homewatch.**

-PPC have been advised that there have been garden thefts during the night from properties in Church Road and Portman Road, villagers are advised to be vigilant and ensure that their property is locked.

**Chairman**

**14. Property checks**

**a) General:** No current update.

**Cllr Beckford**

**b)-Play areas:**

-The train slide in the Junior Play area needs cleaning, this will be done in the Spring. **Cllr Beckford.**

-The hedge just inside the senior play area needs to be cut back. The Chairman to request that Martin Park cut the hedge.

**Cllr Beckford.**

**15. Correspondence:**

**-D Day 80 year Celebration 6<sup>th</sup> May-** Some villages will be lighting beacons. Some villages that are not lighting beacons, are purchasing Lights of Peace from the RBL for the churches to light on the 6<sup>th</sup> at the same time as beacons are lit. The lights also can be used again on Remembrance Day in November, PPC voted that if the church wanted a Light of Peace the PC would purchase it. The cost is approx. £50.00.

**Clerk/Chairman**

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

**-Date & time of next Parish Council meeting:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00pm – The Village Hall. Meeting closed: 20.42 pm.