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## **PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL**

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 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), 6 Members of the public

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None received

**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 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

-The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

**Chairman**

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

-Cllr Jespersen reported that following the cancellation of HS2 the government has awarded £2. million in funds for 2 years. DC has added £6. Million pounds to these funds which is going to be allocated to speed up the program of road repairs in the County.

-Cllr Jespersen reported that due to the newly introduced Government guidelines of how the new Local Plan should be made. DC has resolved to make the new Dorset Local Plan following the new regulations which means that the Plan will not be completed until May 2027.

-Cllr Jespersen had contacted the Environment Agency to report the recent incident where Wessex Water had not sanitised areas of Pimperne after the recent sewage leak. They confirmed that they would not be involved with this matter, however they confirmed that Wessex Water were obliged to clear up after the leak.

-Cllr Jespersen reported that the developer for the Franwill Estate had proposed significant changes to the proposed development. PPC would not be making comment on the changes until a new formal Planning Application has been received.

-Cllr Jespersen had received acknowledgement from Simon Hoare MP that the 'calling in' of the Wyatt Homes hybrid application was in the system and that planning permission for this could not be obtained until this matter has been looked at.

-The Chairman requested that Cllr Jespersen seeks an update from Police and Crime Commissioner David Sidwick regarding the Auto Speed Camera that Cllr Jespersen had requested that Pimperne should be included in Dorset trials.

### **6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:**

-A resident reported that there is a dead tree nr St Peters Close and there is concern that it may be a hazard to pedestrians. The tree is owned by Sovereign. Cllr Sutton to investigate. **Cllr Sutton.**

### **7. MATTERS ARISING:**

- Colonel Oliver has approved the specification for the new kissing gates , and has stipulated that he wanted to be present when installed to ensure that they are put in the correct place. The Clerk will request the paperwork to apply for the funds from the s106 monies from Home Field.
- The recent inspection of the play areas highlighted areas that needed to be repaired, most urgently a lose bolt on the baby swing – this has been repaired by Mr King. The Clerk to print the full report so that Mr King can make the other highlighted repairs.
- PPC would like to thank Martin Richley for his hard work producing the Spring Newsletter, which is currently being delivered around the parish.

**Clerk/Chairman**

### **8. URGENT MATTERS:**

- The PC had been asked whether there is a Dog Protection Order for the former school field. The Clerk confirmed that there is not a Protection Order on this land, the signage requesting that dogs be kept on leads was a polite notice by the PC who wanted to ensure that all dog waste was collected by their owners, and that this was more likely to happen if the dogs were kept on leads.
- It was decided that new signage should be bought to ensure that all entrances to the field display the same message.

**Clerk**

### **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. -See item 5 above.

**Clerk/Chairman**

**d) Refused Applications:**

**e) Other Planning Issues:**

**-Woodbury site:**

-PPC had attempted to get a CPN order issued by DC against the landowner, but they are unwilling to do so as they state that it would not be applicable for this site. We request that Cllr Jespersen investigate this issue.

**Chairman**

**-Franwill Site S106:** PPC are in correspondence with DC Planning Officer regarding the s106 requirements. The PPC had a small working group looking into the requirements which currently include the following:

- To replace the tree and seat in front of the church with a memorial garden.
- Floral displays throughout the village
- Extend the rubberized safety surface to the Junior Play Area.
- The continuation of the Basketball Court.
- Replace fencing to both the Junior and the Multi-play area.
- Carry out improvements to the Village Hall
- Establish a Village Archive.

**Clerk/Chairman**

**-Farquharson Arms Development:** The developer was given an order to replace the removed chimneys – this has not been done developer to be contacted. **Clerk/Chairman**

-EV charging stations – landscaping is yet to be done

-Section 106 Home Field, still in negotiation for releasing the funds.

**f) Tree Applications:**

-Cllr Sutton was made aware that a tree in Letton Park with large roots which potentially could obstruct access for emergency services had a TPO on it which would mean that permission would need to be sought from DC Tree Officers before any action could be taken. DC Tree Officers to be contacted. **Cllr Sutton.**

**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 and Cllr Sutton 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 February 2023.

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

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate.
HMRC PAYE	£ 96.00
Viking	£ 78.36
The Play Inspection Co	£ 216.60
Lamp of Peace	£ 55.00
The Village Hall Hire	£ 45.00
Viking	£ 24.88
The Hampshire Flag Co	£ 246.73
The Blandford School Autumn Newsletter Inv. not rec.	£ 354.00
Azets Payroll Services	£ 240.00

**Clerk/RFO**

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

-PPC resolved that the Clerk could request Mr J Paul to carry out the internal audit. **Clerk**

**12. Officers Reports:**

a) **Tree Officer** –No update. **Cllr Sutton**

b) **Rights of Way**- No update. **Cllr Argles**

**c) Flood Warden:**

-The stream is running high.

-Pumping has occurred again since our last meeting.

-Cllr Tanner reported that although we are getting flood warnings from the Environment Agency, however they are not specific to Pimperne.

-Cllr Tanner asked whether there had been any update regarding the repair of the culvert in Church Road. The Chairman stated that we would ask Cllr Jespersen for her help with this matter. **Cllr Tanner/Chairman**

**d) Highways:**

-Cllr Argles expressed concern that Newfield Road surface is crumbling away at the edges and will be reported. **Cllr Argles**

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**-White Gates at northern end of the village:**

- PPC were advised that DC had all the information needed to prepare the quote for the white gates, however they have now requested another site visit. **Cllr Argles/Chairman**
- DC Highways have confirmed that they will replace the sign at Portman Rd. **Clerk**
- DC have confirmed that the chevron signs at Anvil Bend will be restored. **Chairman**

**e) Village Hall:**

- The fascias have been replaced with white p.v.c.u. **Chairman**
- The Chairman has received quotes for flooring and the entrance door, more quotes need to be obtained. **Chairman**

**-f) DAPTC:**

- Local Elections will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, new cllrs will be offered training. **Cllr Adams**

**g) Transport Officer:**

- Cllr Harman had been contacted by the Bus stop team informing of 2 proposed bus stop locations, it had been suggested to move the bus stop at the former Farquharson Arms to outside the property called, 'Cordova' (the homeowner to be consulted), secondly a bus stop to be placed on the north side from the bridge towards The Willows. We await confirmation. **Cllr Harman.**

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

**Cllr Beckford.**

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

**Cllr Harman**

**13. Speedwatch/ Homewatch.**

- Speed watch sessions to resume soon. **Chairman**
- Villagers are asked to vigilant as there have been reports of thefts from vans and outhouses. **Chairman**

**14. Property checks**

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

**Cllr Beckford**

**b)-Play areas:**

- Fencing needs to be replaced.
- The blue and red train and slide needs to be cleaned in the spring. **Cllr Beckford**
- The bark beneath the swings in the senior play area has worn away and needs attention.
- A resident had met with the Chairman and Cllr Tanner in the play area to discuss an incident involving her child and the trampoline. Wicksteed have been informed and we have requested a site visit. PPC will also ask Wicksteed how best to remove the accumulated rubbish beneath the trampoline. The residents child has made a full recovery **Chairman/Clerk**

**15. Correspondence:**

- 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 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.00pm – The Village Hall. Meeting closed: 20.28 pm.