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.PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 15th May 2024.
6.30pm at Pimperne Village Hall.**

PRESENT: Cllrs P Slocombe (Chairman), A Argles, C Beckford, S O’Connell, M Richley, M Strange, J Tanner.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Fairman (Clerk), 6 Members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Sherry Jespersen.

1. The Election of the Chairman and Signing of the Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Slocombe was elected as Chairman and signed the Acceptance of Office.

2. The Election of the Vice Chairman and Signing of the Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Tanner was elected as Vice Chairman and signed the Acceptance of Office.

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

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

5. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th April 2024.

-The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

Chairman

6. To appoint officers and representatives -

- a. Tree Officer -Cllr Martin Strange
- b. Rights of Way Officer – Cllr Antony Argles
- c. Highways Officer- Cllr Antony Argles
- d. Flood Warden and Community Resilience Officer – Cllr John Tanner
- e. Village Hall Representative – Cllr Peter Slocombe
- f. Transport Officer – Cllr Martin Richley
- g. DAPTC Representative – Cllr Steve O’Connell
- h. Communities Officer – Cllr Carole Beckford.

7. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2024.

-The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

8. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT: No current update.

9. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

-a resident reported growth of Hemlock on the A354, from the corner of Church Road up to Hilltop roundabout. Clerk to write to DC Highways and DC Ranger. **Clerk**

-Arlecks Lane is overgrown with stinging nettles making it difficult for pedestrians to move over to allow vehicles to pass. Chairman to ask Alan Lukins if he can cut this back. **Chairman**

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A resident asked for an update when the stiles would be replaced with kissing gates. Cllr Argles confirmed that it was meant to happen last week but didn't. Cllr Argles had contacted the Ranger but awaits a response.

Cllr Argles

-Right of Way post towards Newfield Farm is rotten and needs to be replaced, Cllr Argles to inspect and speak to DC Ranger.

Cllr Argles

-A resident reported that he had written to Wessex Water regarding the sewage leakage situation.

10. MATTERS ARISING:

-The Chairman reported that the PC had received a letter from the Planning Inspectorate regarding the Wyatt Hybrid application N&E of Blandford which will now be determined by the Planning Inspectorate rather than Dorset Council. A planning inquiry will commence on 8th October and will continue for 8 days. It has been intimated that none of the previous information will be passed on to the planning inspector and we are in contact with our Planning Consultant Jo Witherden, who will obtain clarification.

-The Farquharson Arms signage has been taken down from the site and given to Mr Steve Harper who will be cleaning up and refurbishing the sign. The sign will eventually be displayed on the wall in the Village Hall.

-The Chairman invited the new council to come forward with a plan for what we should be pursuing as a council over the next 5 years.

11. URGENT MATTERS: None raised.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a) New Applications:

-P/HOU/2024/02512: Demolish Conservatory and erect single storey extension: 22 Portman Rd: The PC observed that the plan for the new conservatory is larger than the existing structure and is in the conservation area. PC to ensure that neighbours are informed.

Chairman

-P/HOU/2024/02441: Proposal: Erect new surface mounted Summer House Location:24 Church Road- This application is in addition to the 'Summer House' erected onsite last year, which is not shown on the drawings.

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/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. **Clerk/Chairman**

e) Other Planning Issues:

-Woodbury site and former Methodist Chapel

-PC still await a response from DC Enforcement Officer.

Clerk/Chairman

-S106 Homefield – Still negotiating with DC regarding the release of funds.

Clerk/Chairman

-Franwill Site S106: No current update.

Chairman

-EV charging stations – Developer not completed landscaping scheme. To be discussed with Cllr Jespersen at the next meeting.

Chairman

13. Former School Field: PC to inspect the bench to see if it needs refurbishing, PC may need to buy new seating. **Chairman**

-The brambles around the edge of the field in the corners will need to be cut back. **Chairman**

14. Finance:

a) The Clerk had circulated the financial report for April 2024.

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

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate.
HMRC PAYE	£ 96.00
Viking Direct	£ 133.78
P Slocombe Expenses re: Annual Meeting	£ 71.90
Church grant for churchyard	£ 800.00
JP Consultants Internal Auditor -	£ 70.00
Guy Gilding SID deployment	£ 60.00
Martin Park Gardening Services	£ 1,212.00
Annual Microsoft Subscription	£ 79.99

c) The Chairman and Clerk Signed the Annual Governance and Accounting Review.

Chairman/Clerk

15. Brief Update:

a) **Tree Officer** –No update.

Cllr Strange

b) **Rights of Way**- No Update.

Cllr Argles

c) **Flood Warden:**

-We still await the response from Wessex Water regarding the data they have used to ascertain the suitability of the current sewer pipework in the village and their schedule of works for sewage sealing.

Cllr Tanner

d) **Highways:**

-The Chairman had written to DC Highways to advise them that we still await the quote for the white gates at each end of the village.

Cllr Argles/Chairman

-PC have written to DC to clarify the status of Home Field as ‘Private Road’ signage has been erected. PC believed that the road had been adopted by DC.

Cllr Argles/Chairman

-PC have written to DC to ask when work will recommence to the culvert in Church Road, and an update on when the dropped kerb will be made at Fiveways, and when the grass verge at ‘Old Lodge Mews will be reinstated.

Cllr Argles/Chairman

-PC had written to the Police regarding the positioning of the Auto speedwatch camera. They had responded that the camera is only positioned in the village on a trail basis. The PC confirmed that the decision of where the camera is positioned was made by the police and not a PC matter.

-The 20mph speed limit within the village will come into force in due course, Pimperne is currently 5th on DC’s list for installation.

Chairman

e) **Village Hall:** Quotes for the reflooring of the meeting room.

Chairman

-f) **DAPTC:** No current update.

Cllr O’Connell

g) **Transport Officer:**

-The following issues still need to be resolved:

-The positioning of the bus stop at the former Farquharson Arms.

Cllr Richley

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-The positioning of the bus stop opposite the former Farquharson Arms. **Cllr Richley**

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

16. Speedwatch/ Homewatch.

-The next speed watch session is scheduled at Yarde Farm Friday 17th May. **Chairman**

14. Property checks

a) General: No current update.

Cllr Beckford.

b)-Play areas:

-The Chairman had met with a representative from Wicksteed to discuss the subsided surface surrounding the trampoline in the junior play area as it is a trip hazard. The representative to come back with recommendations. **Chairman**

15. Correspondence:

-A resident enquired how the white gates would be kept clean once installed. The PC responded that this is unknown as the gates are not yet installed, we are unable to ascertain if they would be cleaned by volunteers, and the frequency that they may need to be cleaned. **Chairman/Clerk**

16. Items for the next Agenda -

-Date & time of next Parish Council meeting: Wednesday 5th June 2024 at 7.00pm – The Village Hall. Meeting closed: 19.41 pm.