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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 5th June 2024.
7.00pm at Pimperne Village Hall.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Fairman (Clerk), Cllr S Jespersen, 2 Members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr C Beckford.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None received

3. To consider granting dispensations as required: None required.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2024.

-The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT:

-No current update.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

-Mrs Slade enquired if the PC had any update on the Woodbury Site. The PC explained that they had written to DC Officer Darren Hobson regarding the possibility of obtaining a Community Protection Notice but had not received a response. Cllr Jespersen reported that DC seem to feel that it is a neighbour dispute and that we have already approached Conservation Building Control, Enforcement and Public Health all who have responded that this was not a serious enough case for them to make it a priority. Cllr Jespersen would speak to Darren Hobson regarding the Community Protection Notice.

Cllr Jespersen.

A resident asked if the PC knew when the Auto Speed Watch Camera trial would finish, and could we meet to discuss the results of the trial. The Chairman confirmed that the Police had stated that whilst there had previously been limited communication with the PC, they would be communicating directly with the PC once the trial has ended.

Chairman

-A resident raised that the public footpath that runs to Blandford Camp is very overgrown.

-The Clerk will write to the landowner.

Clerk

-The footpath in Portman Road – some vegetation needs cutting back. Resident will clear.

7. MATTERS ARISING:

Planning Inquiry. The Cranborne Chase National Landscapes have applied for Rule 6 Status, the CPRE and the PC will do the same once we have been able to consult Dorset Planning Consultant Jo Witherden. We will need to fund raise and are looking into Crowd Funding. **Chairman.**

-Arlecks Lane: We have received an email from a resident of Arlecks Lane stating that the problem of vehicles not being able to pass each other and having to reverse out of Arlecks Lane is ongoing, with vehicles reversing into her garden to avoid reversing back along the lane. Cllr Jespersen stated DC Highways had investigated this before however should we wish to explore this further the PC would have to pay for traffic surveys to be carried out. Cllr Argles expressed doubt that making the road one way would make drivers go any slower, it possibly make them drive faster as they would be confident that they would not meet oncoming vehicles. The

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Chairman had requested that Alan Lukins cut back the vegetation in Arlecks Lane to make more room for pedestrians to walk safely along.

-White Gates: PC are still awaiting a quote, subject to another meeting with DC Highways.

Chairman

-Removal of the Hemlock on A354– DC Ranger has confirmed that the Hemlock is not one of their listed plants that need to be controlled, therefore they would not be taking any action at this time.

Chairman

8. URGENT MATTERS:

-It had been noted that some villagers were exercising their dogs in the multi-play area opposite the Village Hall. Cllr Tanner to post on village Facebook pages to remind villagers that this is not allowed.

Cllr Tanner

-A resident in Paul Bakers Lane had requested help from the PC to establish where the boundary to his property is as DC had stated that it included an area of the stream, whereby he believed it to be the edge of the stream. Cllr Richley to copy boundary map from Dorset Explorer and send to Clerk.

Cllr Richley/Clerk

-Training to be arranged for the new Councillors.

Clerk

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a) New Applications: No new applications.

b) Approved Application: None) Outstanding Applications:

-P/HOU/2024/02512: Demolish Conservatory and erect single storey extension: 22 Portman Road.

-P/HOU/2024/02441: Proposal: Erect new surface mounted Summer House:24 Church Road.

-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

-See Democratic Period above.

Clerk/Chairman

-S106 Homefield – No current update.

Clerk/Chairman

-Franwill Site S106: No current update.

Chairman

-EV charging stations – No current update.

Chairman

10. Former School Field:

-Thank you to Cllr Strange for cutting the long grass around the new trees on the former school field.

Chairman

-Cllr Tanner requested that we hold a ceremony for the PC taking over the former school field.

Cllr Tanner

11. Finance:

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

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

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate.
HMRC PAYE	£ 96.00
Sport Society Annual Grant	£ 1,000.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	£ 100.00
Mr King Repairs to Play Area	£ 468.00

-Cllr Tanner requested that in the next budget we should consider increasing the grant to the CAB, plus make provision for the cost of any future interim elections.

Clerk

12. Brief Update:

a) Tree Officer –

- Cllr Strange reported that the 2 trees at the top of Marsh Way need to be trimmed – he will report it on the DC website. **Cllr Strange**

b) Rights of Way-

-The kissing gates have not yet been done by the DC Rangers, Cllr Argles to chase. **Cllr Argles.**
-Cllr Tanner requested that the Clerk write to Blandford Town Council to request that the hedge and nettles be cut back by the allotments on the A354. **Clerk.**

c) Flood Warden:

-June and the stream is still flowing, demonstrating, along with flooding warnings the extremely high ground water levels experienced in our area. Normally the greater evaporation levels due to elevated temperatures at this time of year would have resulted in a dry stream bed. **Cllr Tanner**
-We still await any news of the repair to the culvert in Church Road. **Cllr Tanner**

d) Highways:

- The signage for the 20mph scheme in the village are still being made. **Cllr Argles**
-Cllr Tanner reported that the capping stone on the bridge by the Farquharson Arms has been repaired.

e) Village Hall:

-The light in the meeting room and the kitchen are due to be replaced. The strip lights are no longer available. **Chairman**

-f) DAPTC:

-Cllr O’Connell confirmed that he had confirmed with the DAPTC that he is now the representative for PPC and will attend the next meeting. **Cllr O’Connell**

g) Transport Officer:

-Cllr Richley explained that he thought it would be beneficial to wait until the developer had finished the frontage to the former Farquharson Arms pub before it is established where the bus stop should be. **Cllr Richley**

-Cllr Richley and the Chairman will walk the village together to establish where the bus stops should be placed. **Cllr Richley/Chairman**

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

16. Speedwatch/ Homewatch.

-A Speed Watch session was carried out in Letton 2 weeks ago, 12 vehicles were caught speeding.
-It was recorded that between 10-11am 825 vehicles went past in both directions, and this was not the busiest time of day. **Chairman**

14. Property checks

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

b)-Play areas:

-Sunken floor surrounding the trampoline in the Junior Play Area: Wicksteeds had responded that this was outside of their 2-year warranty, they have not made any recommendations on how the problem should be rectified. PPC to explore other options. **Chairman**

15. Correspondence:

16. Items for the next Agenda -

-PPC to carry out a litter pick in September, **Chairman/Clerk**

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-Date & time of next Parish Council meeting: Wednesday 10th July 2024 at 7.00pm – The Village Hall. Meeting closed: 20.45 pm.