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**PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL**

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 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 O'Connell (Clerk), 7 Members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Dorset Cllr Sherry Jespersen, 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 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

-The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT:**

-No current update.

**6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:**

-A resident mentioned that the land at the bottom of Arlecks Lane has become an eyesore as it is very overgrown. The Chairman explained that as this is private land is really up to the landowner to clear the area and at present, we do not know who bought that piece of land. The Chairman to ask Cllr Jespersen if there is anything that DC could do. **Chairman**

-The Tarmac area outside of the church has broken down, is uneven and a trip hazard. The Chairman stated that the PC would raise this with DC Highways. **Chairman**

-Also in the same area the wooden perimeter around the grassed area needs attention. Mr King who was present said he would look at repairing the wooden surround. **Chairman**

-Mr King offered free trees to the PC that he had grown himself, Cllr Strange and Chairman to look see if there are any areas in the village where we could plant new trees.

**Cllr Strange/Chairman.**

-Mr King thanked the PC for organising the pruning of the Beech trees at the top of Marsh Way.

**Cllr Strange/Chairman**

-It was questioned, why there is a barrier across the public byway to Paradise Farm? The Chairman said the PC would write to Mr Dalton. **Clerk/Chairman**

-A resident asked if there was any progress obtaining the quote for the white gates. The Chairman confirmed that 2 further emails requesting action had been sent to DC Highways, we await their response. **Clerk/Chairman**

-Objections were raised against the Planning Application for 20 Portman Rd, (see item 9. A. below). The objections were concerning rights of access being infringed for houses 18-24 Portman Rd, as this plot would not be park of the existing cul-de-sac as access would be via Salisbury Rd. Other concerns were overdevelopment of the site, the new dwelling would overlook neighbouring properties and the access to Salisbury Rd being hazardous, plus the access would go over a public footpath. It was also raised that a residents stop-cock for their water would be covered by the access shown on the drawings. **Clerk/Chairman**

-Cllr Tanner asked if it was clear that the land in front of the Manor House was DC land.

Chairman replied that we could ask DC to clarify.

**Chairman**

## 7. MATTERS ARISING:

### Planning Inquiry:

-There have been many emails and meetings regarding the Planning Inquiry between the PC, the CPRE and the Cranborne Chase National Landscapes. The latest position is that Jo Witherden (Dorset Planning Consultant) and Richard Burden (Cranborne Chase National Landscapes), have each prepared and submitted a Statement of Case within the given deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> July.

There was a meeting last Friday where funding was discussed. PPC are to put in £10K from their Community Fund. CCNL also will put in £10K, plus provide an expert witness f.o.c. (which would usually equate to £18K). The Dorset CPRE Trustees agreed to match fund up to £20K.

The Inquiry is set to be held over 8 days in October, we have instructed Kings Counsel and the Planning Consultant to act on our behalf. This is very costly and is where the funds pledged above will be spent. Extra funding is required if we are to include transport considerations that this development would have.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to raise the additional funds needed to ensure that the representation is complete. Details of this campaign have been highlighted in a letter to Letton residents and included in the Pimperne Village Facebook Page. Donations can be made via a link, QR code or by cheque to Pimperne Parish Council.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/action-4-pimperne-against-overdevelopment/donate/20>



- Thank you to Mr Alan Lukins for cutting back the vegetation in Arlecks Lane.
- The hedgerows on the A354 have been cut back including the Hemlock.
- Mr King has put up a 'No Dogs' sign in the multipaly Area.

**Chairman**  
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**8. URGENT MATTERS:** None reported.

## 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

### a) New Applications:

**-P/FUL/2024/02688: 20 Portman Road:** Sever land, erect 1 no. dwelling form new access on the Salisbury Road. This application is similar to the first application and our original objections still stand. The Salisbury Road entrance to the proposed dwelling appears to run across land owned by Valley View. See also democratic period, item 6 above.

**-P/HOU/2024/03600: 3 Priory Gardens:** Demolish Conservatory and erect single storey rear extension with roof lights. No objection.

**-b) Approved Application:** None

**c) Outstanding Applications:**

-**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**

-Another email has been sent to Cllr Jespersen to request assistance with this matter.

**Chairman**

**-S106 Homefield** – No current update.

**Clerk/Chairman**

**-Franwill Site S106:** No current update.

**Chairman**

**-EV charging stations:** An email has been sent to Cllr Jespersen regarding the poor landscaping on this site.

**Clerk/ Chairman**

**-Farquharson Arms:** Cllrs Richley, Tanner and the Chairman met on this site. There is a gate in the front garden boundary wall that should not be there. The Chairman has requested a meeting with DC Highways Officer Mr. Skeats on site as there are safety and visibility concerns, especially to vehicles from Bridge View.

**Chairman**

**10. Former School Field:**

**11. Finance:**

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

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

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate.
HMRC PAYE	£ 96.00
ICO Subscription	£ 40.00
SID Deployment August	£ 60.00
SID Battery replacement	£ 20.00
DAPTC New Cllrs Training Beckford/Strange	£ 80.00
Mr King Repairs	£ 235.00 <b>Clerk</b>

The PC voted and approved the contribution of £10K for the Planning Inquiry from the Community Fund.

**Chairman**

-It was confirmed that the CPRE & The CCNL would be contributing towards costs for the Planning Inquiry.

**Chairman/Clerk**

**12. Brief Update:**

**a) Tree Warden –**

-It has been confirmed that the willow trees at the Willow development have a disease called Willow Scab- caused by a species of Venturia fungal pathogens which needs to be pruned out. PC to contact the Willows Management Co. to advise.

**Cllr Strange/Chairman**

-Woodland Trust are again offering free tree packs –PC to decide if they require any.

**Cllr Strange/Chairman**

**b) Rights of Way-**

-The kissing gates are still to be done by the DC Rangers, a further request for action has been made by Cllr Argles.

**Cllr Argles**

-Footpaths are quite overgrown. The clerk had tried to contact Mr Taylor about the path to the camp without success. Cllr Argles to see if he can find alternative contact details. **Cllr Argles.**

**c) Flood Warden:**

-June and the stream is still flowing, along with flooding warnings the extremely high groundwater levels experienced in our area. Normally the greater evaporation levels due to

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elevated temperatures at this time of year would have resulted in a dry stream bed.

**Cllr Tanner**

**d) Highways:**

-Potholes reported outside the EV Charging centre and Church Cottage. **Cllr Argles**

**e) Village Hall:** -no update

**Chairman**

**-f) DAPTC:**

-Cllr O'Connell confirmed he will be attending the North Dorset meeting in August and will report back in September.

**Cllr O'Connell**

**g) Transport Officer:**

-Cllr Richley, Tanner and the Chairman had met at the Farquarson Arms to look at possible bus stop locations. It was decided that the bus stop should be located where it was before the development commenced, with a new post and flag on the other side of the road 50 metres from the bridge. This to be discussed with DC, along with safety issues regarding the new boundary wall

**Cllr Richley**

-Cllr Richley to liaise with Damory Buses to request that bus stop positions be updated on Dorset Explorer web pages.

**Cllr Richley**

**h) Community Officer.**

-Both play areas were fully inspected on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

-All fencing was and surfaces level. Each piece of equipment was checked. Cllr Beckford identified a few minor repairs, and that some of the equipment needed to be cleaned.

-Cllr Beckford had pruned back bushes in the senior play area and removed litter and dog mess.

\_Villagers are reminded that dogs are not permitted in the play areas, new signage has been put up.

\_Mr King had repaired the bench in the former school field, the wooden gazebo is greatly in need of refurbishment.

-Benches in Down Rd are rusty with flaky paintwork, the bench outside of the church also needs work. Chairman to speak to Mr King.

**Cllr Beckford/Chairman**

-Cllr Beckford and Mary Newnham spent time cleaning the bus shelter and the waste bin on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**Cllr Beckford.**

**16. Speedwatch/ Homewatch.** Speed Watch sessions to recommence soon. **Chairman**

**14. Property checks**

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

**Cllr Beckford.**

**b)-Play areas:**

-We have ongoing dispute with Wicksteed regarding the trampoline, this needs to be resolved soon as it is a trip hazard and may need to be cordoned off. Remedial action by Wicksteed has been requested.

**Chairman**

**15. Correspondence:**

**-Litter pick:** Late September to be advertised in the Village Newsletter.

**Chairman**

-Also a request to be put in the Village News for resident to help to keep the village looking tidy by cutting back hedges and generally tidying their surrounding outdoor spaces. **Cllr Strange/Chairman**

-New Councillor Training to be held in the Village Hall on the 20<sup>th</sup> July. **Cllr Strange**

**16. Items for the next Agenda -**

**-Date & time of next Parish Council meeting:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024 at 7.00pm – The Village Hall. Meeting closed: 8.08 pm.