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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 4th September 2024.
7.00pm 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 O'Connell (Clerk) Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen,
11 Members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None received.

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 10th July 2024.

-The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT:

-New Secretary of State cancelled the 'Calling In' of the hybrid development between Blandford and Pimperne. Very disappointing after all the efforts that had taken place to get it called in. Planning permission has now been issued and we presume that it will go ahead in due course.

-20mph is now in force in the village, some lanes do not have a sign, there should be a roundel at the bottom of Arlecks Lane, as it should be clear to all motorists where the 20mph is.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

-A resident asked for an update on the installation of the new kissing gates, Cllr Argles explained that DC Rangers have been busy cutting back verges, but we will continue to chase this up.

-It was mentioned that Queen Annes Walk footpath is overgrown, Cllr Argles to take a look.

Cllr Argles

-It was raised that the gym members are not adhering to the new 20mph speed limit, and that this was also a problem in Anvil Rd. PPC to compile a list of where additional 20mph signage is required in the village. The Chairman stated that the Police had confirmed that speed watch sessions could be conducted in Anvil Rd.

Chairman/Clerk

-It was requested that a speed bump be installed at the bottom of Down Rd, or a dotted line to indicated to drivers that they need to stop. The Chairman said that this could be added to the current list of requests the village have made to DC Highways.

Chairman

-A resident asked whether we had been issued any statistic from the camera installed by the Police on the A354. The Chairman confirmed that we have not been given that information.

-A resident raised the issue of speeding traffic in Letton as he thought that it was getting worse making it difficult for vehicles to pull out onto the main road from the Letton side roads.

-Mr Steve Harper bought along the newly refurbished Farquharson Arms sign, everyone was very pleased with the results of his hard work, the PC and members of the public present all extended their thanks to Mr Harper. The sign will be hung in the main Village Hall. **Chairman**

-A resident asked whether there was any news about traffic calming in Arlecks Lane, The Chairman informed DC would require the PC to pay for traffic surveys before they would look at any possible solutions. **Cllr Argles/Chairman**

7. MATTERS ARISING:

-Planning Inquiry: Up to the point where the notice was served that the ‘Calling In’ of the Wyatt Homes Planning Application was not going ahead. PPC had observed protocol and employed a Planning Consultant, a Barrister and Traffic surveys all which incurred costs. Dorset CPRE and CCNL have contributed a third each of the costs which have now been paid. A total of £1040.00 each. The development has now been approved and the s106 agreement has been issued, however the s106 favors the Blandford area and ignores the 130 houses in Pimperne. When full planning permission is sought for the next phase Cllr Jespersen will assist PPC with the s106 agreement. The CCNL are still very unhappy with the cancelling of the Inquiry and have requested a FOI to establish who exactly was responsible for requesting the withdrawal the ‘Call in’ notice, as all points raised by the CCNL have been ignored and not given any planning weight.

Chairman

8. URGENT MATTERS: None reported.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a) New Applications:

b) Approved Application:

-P/HOU/2024/03600: 3 Priory Gardens: Demolish Conservatory and construct single storey extension.

c) Outstanding Applications:

-P/FUL/2024/02688: 20 Portman Road: Sever land, erect 1 no. dwelling form new access on the Salisbury Road. This application is like 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.

Chairman

-Woodbury and the Former Methodist Chapel: The Clerk has submitted Planning Enforcement Requests. **Chairman/Clerk**

d) Other Planning matters:

-S106 Homefield – There are still matters to be resolved regarding this s106 agreement. The Education provision for Pimperne School of £30K has been paid, the provision of £57K for The Blandford School is still outstanding. **Chairman/Clerk**

-Franwill Site S106: This application still has areas that need to be resolved, we are still in negotiations regarding the s106 agreement. **Chairman**

-EV charging station: The Clerk has submitted a Planning Enforcement Request regarding the landscaping for this site. **Clerk/ Chairman**

-Farquharson Arms: Highways had stipulated for this application that there should not be any front gate in the wall onto the A354 for these properties for safety reasons. However, a front gate has been installed. A Planning Enforcement request to be raised. **Clerk/Chairman**

10. Former School Field: No update -

11. Finance:

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

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

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate.
HMRC PAYE	£ 96.00
Viking Direct: New paper for printer	£ 32.88

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Insurance Renewal	£ 763.70
G Gilding SID Battery	£ 20.00
*Joe Thomas – Barrister	£ 600.00
*Dorset Planning Consultant -Jo Witherden	£ 2,784.90
*Traffic Consultation	£ 360.00
External Audit – BDO LLP	£ 252.00

-**White Gates**:- The quote for the White gates to be installed has been received. PPC resolved to pay for the supply and installation of the gates. Approved quote for: £4,478.78 **Clerk**

-**SID**: The battery in the SID has been replaced, it was suggested by DC that a larger Solar Panel is needed to ensure that the battery can cope with the volume of traffic on the A354. The cost of the 40w Solar Panel is £275.00+vat each. PPC approved the payment of £275.00 for a new panel to be installed at the Salisbury end of the village. **Clerk**

-**Note**: the net costs for the invoices relating to the aborted Public Inquiry for the Wyatt Home Development * above are to be shared with the CPRE & the CCNL.

-The Clerk confirmed that all who pledged on the Crowdfunder had been refunded. **Clerk**

-The Clerk confirmed that the External Audit had been completed and that all documentation relating to the end of year Audits were on the PC website. **Clerk**

-The Insurance is due, Clerk requested PC to approve the payment of £763.70 **Clerk**

-All the above payments were unanimously approved.

12. Brief Update:

a) Tree Warden –

-On the 23rd July the base of the tree saplings in the former school field were tidied up again, further tidy will be required in the Autumn. **Cllr Strange**

-An article has been included in the Autumn Parish Newsletter requesting ideas of areas in the village where villagers would like to see trees planted as provided for free from The Woodland Trust. **Cllr Strange**

-The Tree Warden advised the PC aware of Grants available through the Veolia Environmental Trust, Habitat and Biodiversity Grants ranging from £10K-£75K. The grants are available for projects resulting in structural improvements for a single habitat that will conserve, restore and enhance threatened habitats and protect/increase biodiversity. **Cllr Strange**

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**

-The footpaths to the camp have been cut back. **Cllr Argles**

c) Flood Warden:

-This year Wessex Water did not pump the water from underground into the bed of the stream at the junction of Church Road with Berkeley Rise. I believe that the wildlife has been affected for example the swifts and swallows can no longer drink on the wing.

-Despite some heavy rainfalls there has not been any ground or surface water flooding.

-With winter approaching may I advise all to sign up to the Environment Agency early flood warning app. **Cllr Tanner**

d) Highways:

-Cllr Argles advised that there will be road closures in the coming weeks. Down Rd and Anvil Road whilst new gas pipes are installed, there will be 3-way traffic lights. This will create delays and a much greater volume of traffic in Arlecks Lane. Cllr Jespersen suggested that the PC contact the DC Sign Shop to obtain a sign warning vehicles of pedestrians in Arlecks Lane. **Clerk**

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Cllr Argles gave an update on some of the outstanding Highway's matters:

-Fiveways Junction: Dropped kerb installation: To be carried out next 3 weeks.

-Replaced culvert works Church Rd: date of resumption of works not yet confirmed.

-Church Rd: Pavement depression: New order raised for repair works.

-Farquharson Arms boundary wall/crossing reinstatement: Site meeting required. **Cllr Argles**

-EV Charging Station: Road Crossing re-instatement. **Cllr Argles**

e) Village Hall: -

-The PC extended their thanks to the Chairman, Peter Slocombe, Debby Mackenzie and Tamsin Holloway for their hard work last week redecorating the meeting room in the VH.

The next stage will be a new floor covering for the meeting room. -

An order has been placed for new aluminium front doors for the VH which will be more secure, for when new sound and vision equipment is installed in the main hall. **Chairman**

-f) DAPTC:

-Cllr O'Connell attended the North Dorset Committee meeting on the 8th August in Shaftesbury. -

- Cllr O'Connell will also attend the AGM scheduled for November – where there will be a vote to change to constitution of the organisation to a Ltd Company. **Cllr O'Connell**

-There is a Planning Conference planned for March 25, for Clerks and Cllrs. **Cllr O'Connell**

-DAPTC has conducted a survey for Town Councils asking how their relationship is with DC, this survey will now be extended to smaller parishes. **Cllr O'Connell**

g) Transport Officer:

-Cllrs Richley, Slocombe and Tanner met in July to discuss bus stop locations, it was decided that the Farquharson Arms bus stop should remain in its present location, we await confirmation from DC. It is also planned that there will be a bus stop close to the Willows on the other side of the road.

-There have not been any changes to the bus services, it is hoped that once the upgrade to Salisbury Railway station forecourt is completed in 2025 that the 20 buses will stop there.

-Cllr Richley questioned who updates Dorset Explorer as the bus stops shown are in the wrong locations. Further research required to establish responsibility. **Cllr Richley.**

h) Community Officer.

-Cllr Beckford thanked Mr King for repairing the seat around the church. Also thanks the Chairman and Debby Mackenzie for decorating the meeting room. **Cllr Beckford**

16. Speedwatch/ Homewatch.

-Next speed watch session will be carried out on Tuesday 10th Sept. in Church Rd. **Chairman**

14. Property checks

a) General:

-**Bus stop:** Loose slat repaired/stray vegetation has now been pruned. **Cllr Beckford**

b)-Play areas:

- Junior play area trampoline surround subsidence: we await advice from Wicksteed. **Chairman**

-Cllr Beckford has carried out a thorough inspection of both play areas and issued a detailed report. Any necessary repairs will be carried out. **Cllr Beckford**

15. Correspondence:

16. Any Other Business: Village Tidy up/ Litter Pick scheduled for Saturday 28th September. Meet at the tree outside the Church, 10am, all volunteers to help very welcome. **Chairman/Clerk**

16. Items for the next Agenda -

-**Date & time of next Parish Council meeting:** Wednesday 9th October 2024 at 7.00pm – The Village Hall. Meeting closed: 20.28 pm.