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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 9th October 2024.
7.00pm at Pimperne Village Hall.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J O'Connell (Clerk) Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen,
7 Members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr C Beckford, Cllr M Strange, Cllr J Tanner.

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 4th September 2024.

-The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT:

-Cllr Jespersen reported that DC currently have the current necessary 5 Year land supply but advised that the new Government are consulting about the housing numbers and how they are calculated, therefore it is likely that the housing supply targets will increase in the future.

-Cllr Jespersen advised that planning rules have been changed and that in the future if the PC wishes a planning application to be put before the Planning Committee that we should ensure that we ask for it directly when making comments on the DC website, as Ward members will not be consulted on this in the future.

-Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire councils have submitted an expression of interest for a devolution deal, this is not a merging of councils as reported recently in the press, but a grouping of personnel from each council to form a high-level strategic group to tackle big projects.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

-A resident asked if there was any progress with the Enforcement Application for the Woodbury site – the Chairman confirmed that there had not been any response from DC Enforcement. Cllr Jespersen said she would follow this up.

Clerk/Chairman/Cllr Jespersen

-A resident asked if the decision had been finalised about the White Gates at the Letton end of the village – The Chairman stated that the white gate would need to be positioned close to where the speed changes to 30mph coming from Letton, however the PC stated that they feel that it is important that new signage should reflect that Letton is part of Pimperne. It was suggested that a new sign be placed at the Letton boundary of the village. This matter to be put on the agenda for November meeting.

Chairman/Clerk

7. MATTERS ARISING:

-Traffic: Arlecks Lane/Down Rd: Gas Mains replacement connection works have been completed in Down Rd, they are currently backfilling and tarmacking and this section of the work should be completed by Friday 11th October. Work will then commence in Anvil Rd, however there is a problem at the bottom of Down Rd and Anvil Rd as current gas pipes have been laid at a great depth.

-The now approved Wyatt application S106 has been published with no provision for Pimperne.

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-The Autumn edition of the Village news has been published and distributed. PPC would like to thank Cllr Richley for all his hard work putting the newsletter together. **Cllr Richley**

8. URGENT MATTERS: None reported.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a) New Applications:

-P/HOU/2024/05293: 18 Walters Drive: Convert garage to habitable space: This application has now been withdrawn. **Chairman/Clerk**

b) Approved Application: None.

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.

d) Other Planning matters:

-Woodbury/ Former Methodist Chapel: See democratic period. **Chairman/Clerk**

-S106 Homefield –The Chairman had written to DC and received an update on the breakdown of the funds held. Clerk and Chairman to make further applications. **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: Cllr Jespersen to chase regarding the enforcement order. **Clerk/Chairman**

-Farquharson Arms: There has not been a response from DC regarding the enforcement order. **Chairman/Clerk**

10. Former School Field: The former School field needs attention, PPC agreed to form a working group, this item to be put on the November Agenda.

11. Finance:

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

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

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate.
HMRC PAYE	£ 96.00
Vision ICT	£ 210.00
The Blandford School: Autumn Newsletter	£ 354.00
Wickstead: Parts for play area repairs	£ 91.88
SID Solar Panel (As approved at last meeting)	£ 330.00

-All the above payments were unanimously approved.

-The Clerk asked that the PC approve the mid-year Internal Audit to be conducted by Mr John Paul. The PC approved the Internal Audit. **Clerk/RFO.**

12. Brief Update:

a) Tree Warden –

-Cllr Strange visited the Archway Nursery Site on the 11th September following a report of a tree on their property in decline and posing a danger to traffic. The Manager of the Nursery advised that their own tree surgeon had treated the tree, and she would contact them again. Cllr Strange reported the tree to DC on their website. The matter is now showing as a ‘Closed Enquiry’ referred to another party. **Cllr Strange**

- An article was published in the Village Newsletter requesting that villagers submit any suggestions for where they would like to see the free issue trees from the Woodland Trust planted within the village. **Cllr Strange**

b) Rights of Way-

-Kissing Gate has not yet been installed, Cllr Argles to contact DC Ranger. **Cllr Argles**

c) Flood Warden:

Unusually heavy rainfall has occurred during the past month. The stream has flowed for periods of up to a day. May I urge residents of Pimperne to download the Environment Agency app to join the early warning service. **Cllr Tanner**

d) Highways:

-Arlecks Lane/ Down Rd Traffic Lights:

-Cllr Argles and the Chairman have been liaising with the traffic management company, there had some traffic chaos during the first 2 day of the temporary lights being in place. There were problems with impatient vehicles jumping the lights which triggers all the lights to turn red at the same time. The situation has now improved. **Cllr Argles**

-Cllr Argles to report blocked drains at the bottom of Arlecks Lane. **Cllr Argles**

-20mph limit: Cllr Argles acknowledged that although not all motorists adhere to the 20mph, generally the traffic speed through the village had improved. **Cllr Argles**

- White Gate: Salisbury end of the village, the landowner is seeking a legal disclaimer that he is not responsible for any damage to the gate when it is in situ. DC have stated that as the PC would be the owner of the gate, the PC should seek legal advice. **Chairman/Clerk**

-Speed sign on the A354 obstructed with foliage, Cllr Argles to report. **Cllr Argles.**

e) Village Hall: -

-New entrance doors have been installed at the Village Hall. **Chairman**

-The next phase of work to be completed at the VH will be new floor covering in the meeting room. **Chairman**

-f) DAPTC:

-AGM scheduled for November, Cllr O'Connell to attend. **Cllr O'Connell**

g) Transport Officer: No current update.

h) Community Officer.

-Cllr Beckford had inspected all the village benches on 30th September and had removed brambles and stinging nettles from the bench opposite Langbourne on the A354. **Cllr Beckford.**

-Cllr Beckford had removed straw and debris from the brick bus shelter on the A354 and pruned the brambles overhanging the Perspex shelter. **Cllr Beckford.**

13. Speedwatch/ Homewatch.

-Speed watch session to be held on Monday 14th October in Letton. **Chairman**

-Cllr Richley gave an update on the Speed watch camera which had been installed on the A354 on a trial basis. The police had purchased 12 camera, 10 of which had to be repaired very shortly after installation due to vandalism. However they have discovered various faults with the devices, one being that they do not react quickly enough to speeding vehicles. All cameras will be removed while alternative is sought. **Cllr Richley**

14. Property checks

a) General: Cllr Beckford had issued a full report. **Cllr Beckford**

b)-Play areas:

-Cllr Beckford inspected the equipment in both play areas on the 1st October.

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-Junior play area: Wooden top to the chain link fence is rotting and needs attention. The metal latch to the gate needs adjusting to ensure that it closes securely. The middle replacement post on the steps leading up the grass is loose. Chairman to ask Mr King to make necessary repairs. **Cllr Beckford**

-In addition to the problem with the sunken surface surrounding the trampoline in the Junior Play Area, the trampoline bed has now ripped rendering the trampoline out of action. Clerk to contact Wicksteed requesting an immediate site visit. Also to approach other Play Equipment company's to obtain a quote for a replacement trampoline, should this become necessary. **Chairman/Clerk**

-The PC had received a request for a zip wire to be installed.

Chairman/Clerk

15. Village Tidy up/ Litter Pick:

-PPC wish to thank all those that assisted with the Litter pick.

Chairman

16. Correspondence:

17. Items for the next Agenda:

-Form group for working party for the Former School Field.

-Purchase of Tommy Memorial.

-Registering public footpaths.

-Date & time of next Parish Council meeting: Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 7.00pm – The Village Hall. Meeting closed:8.23pm.