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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 13th November 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).
3 Members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen.

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 9th October 2024.

-The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT: No current update.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: No matters raised.

7. MATTERS ARISING: None raised.

8. URGENT MATTERS: None reported.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a) **New Applications:** No new applications.

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:** No current update.

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:** Landscaping has not been completed and the hedge has been cut back to reveal the charging stations, this contravenes planning approval. **Clerk/Chairman**

-**10. Former School Field:**

-The PC agreed to set up a working party to investigate the future use of the former school field.

Cllr O’Connell will head the working party and will report back ideas to the PC. Cllrs Tanner and Strange expressed their interest in being included in the working party, Cllr O’Connell to also

invite residents to be included in the group.

Cllr O’Connell

11. Finance:

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

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

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate.
HMRC PAYE	£ 96.00
Martin Park Gardening Services	£ 1,632.00
G Gilding SID Deployment	£ 60.00
Viking Direct	£ 86.33
Mr King Play areas repairs	£ 56.50

-All the above payments were unanimously approved.

The clerk informed that she is currently working on the budget for 2025-2026, this will be an item on the December agenda when the budget and precept request for the next financial year will be approved.

12. Brief Update:

a) Tree Warden

-Cllr Strange had weeded around the trees planted in the former school field. **Cllr Strange**

b) Rights of Way-

-Kissing Gates: We had requested from the DC Ranger an update on the date when Kissing Gates would be installed, we await his response. **Cllr Argles.**

-The Clerk to make enquiries as to who owns the footpath to the camp with a view to having it formally registered as a footpath. **Clerk**

c) Flood Warden:

Pimperne has been fortunate lately having a sustained period of overcast mainly dry weather, consequently the once main source of water for the stream the springs along Newfield Road are not flowing including to the side of Fox Warren. Now, the principal flow of water is from the direction of Salisbury along the A354 to the extent that due in part to the clogging of the metal grill in Paul Bakers Lane threatened overflow directly into Church Road. The quantity of water is and has been such that the gas improvement works have been suspended in Anvil Road until the water subsides. The Environment Agency was contacted on their National Flood Alert line and from there a report sent to Rivers House two miles away. I was warned that I might not even receive acknowledgement of the call due to lack of resources and that proved to be the case.

Where the water entering Paul Bakers Lane come from remains unknown. In the past the PC have sought the assistance of Wessex Water, Dorset Council and the Environment Agency to help with this matter. With the weather being so changeable I once again suggest that residents join the EA alert system to gain information regarding possible adverse conditions. **Cllr J Tanner.**

d) Highways:

-The SGN gas works to the A354 from Anvil Road have been suspended due to ingress of ground water making it impossible for the work to continue. It has not yet been established when they will return to continue the work. **Cllr Argles/Chairman**

-The damaged 20mph sign in Down Rd has been reported but not yet replaced.

-The Clerk has prepared an indemnity document for agreement between Mr Ellaway, and the PC to confirm that once the white gate to the A354 is installed on Mr Ellaway's land (at the Salisbury end of the village), that he will not be held responsible for cleaning/maintenance or any necessary

repairs to the gate that may arise. Also that the PC will always give notice and seek his permission for access to the white gate across his land.

-Cllr Tanner requested an amendment to the document to include that the PC wish to extend this agreement to any new owner of this land should he sell his property in the future.

Chairman/Clerk

-The proposed new sign at Letton which would announce that you are entering the parish of Pimperne is still being investigated to ensure that the sign is the correct size to fit on the grass verge and leave an adequate distance away from the road. The Cranborne Chase National Landscape have expressed a wish that they would like to share the sign as they would like to advise that Pimperne is in the AONB, and they would contribute to the cost. **Chairman**

-The white gate at the Blandford end of the village, the position is yet to be finalised. **Chairman**

-Cllr Tanner requested that we remind DC that we are consultees as to the naming of new roads in the village. **Chairman/Clerk**

-It is taking some time for some drivers to keep to the 20mph speed limit in the village, many of these are visitors to the gym, the Clerk suggested that one of the 20mph banners be placed close to the gym. Cllr Strange suggested that we approach Rob Lukins and request that he puts the notice of the speed limit on his display screens in the reception area of the gym. **Chairman/Clerk**

e) Village Hall:

-Now that Pimperne Primary School has become an Academy run school, Hamwic have requested that the previous agreement between the PC and DC permitting the school to use the VH car park needs to be updated. The Chairman stated that Hamwic should share future costs for re white lining the car park. The Chairman will be requesting that Hamwic's solicitor prepare the new legal document. **Chairman**

-Cllr Tanner suggested that the new legal agreement should include charges for the expense of using the car park. **Chairman**

-New carpet tiles to the Committee Room at the VH are to be fitted within the next 2-3 weeks.

-The VH Committee has agreed to have a new sound and vision system installed in the VH, this hopefully will help to attract new users of the hall. **Chairman**

-f) DAPTC:

-The Chairman will attend the DAPTC AGM via Zoom. **Chairman**

-Cllr O'Connell will be attending a Planning seminar giving updates on recent changes in planning regime implemented by the new government. **Cllr O'Connell**

g) Transport Officer:

-The current National cap on bus fares for £2.00 will end on 31/12/2024. The Government has set a new cap of £3.00 from 1st January 2025-31st December 2025. **Cllr Richley**

-A meeting is to be arranged with Mr Skeats, DC Highways Officer to discuss the reinstatement of the bus stop and the area between the bus stop and the Farquharson Arms. **Chairman/Cllr Richley**

h) Community Officer.

-Cllr Beckford had carried out checks throughout the village and confirmed that there were no issues with the benches, the leaves in the A354 bus shelter had been swept, all grit bins were full, the bin in Portman Rd is covered with ivy making it difficult to access. 4 new shovels are need in grit bins, the Chairman to inspect the grit bin in Portman Rd and remove the ivy. **Cllr Beckford/Chairman**

13. Speedwatch/ Homewatch.

-Next speed watch to be arranged. Cllr Richley to request that Mr Andrews keeps the figures for the speeding vehicles in the village.

-It was confirmed that the Police will conducting speed watch sessions within the village 20mph restrictions in February 25, to establish the effectiveness of the new speed limit. **Chairman**

14. Property checks

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

Cllr Beckford

b)-Play areas:

-Cllr Beckford had inspected both play areas and confirmed that the repairs reported in the Junior play area had been completed. Litter and debris had been cleared. Metal fencing has been placed around the trampoline whilst we await remedial repairs to be made.

Cllr Beckford

-We await a quote from Wicksteed for repairs to the trampoline. It has been reported that the bed of the trampoline had been deliberately cut so that someone could retrieve an item they had dropped beneath the trampoline bed. The PC had raised with Wicksteed the difficulty of cleaning under the trampoline bed when the trampoline was installed, this is yet to be resolved.

Chairman

-The Clerk to request a quote from Sovereign Play to repair or replace the trampoline. **Clerk**

-Cllr Beckford suggested that the gate to the multi-play area may need signage reminding patrons to keep the gate closed. The bark in the multi-play area needs to be replaced as it is patchy in areas.

-The Chairman to instruct Mr King to provide an additional spring on the gate to the Multi-play area to ensure that it closes properly.

Chairman

15. Purchase of a Tommy Memorial

-The PC voted to purchase a Tommy Memorial to be placed on the grass outside the church close to the Lych Gate.

Clerk

17. Items for the next Agenda:

-Budget forecast and Precept request agreement for 2025-2026.

-Date & time of next Parish Council meeting: Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 7.00pm – The Village Hall. Meeting closed: 8.10pm.