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**PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL**

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025.  
7.00pm at Pimperne Village Hall.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs P Slocombe (Chairman), C Beckford, S O’Connell, M Richley, M Strange, J Tanner.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs J O’Connell (Clerk)  
0 Members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen, Cllr Argles

**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 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**

-The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT:** No current update.

**6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:** No members of the public present.

**7. MATTERS ARISING:** None raised

**8. URGENT MATTERS:**

-Deadline for the registration of public footpaths has expired

**9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**a) New Applications:**

**b) Approved Application:** None.

**c) Outstanding Applications:**

P/VOC/2024/07289: Sunrise Business Park and North of the A350 Blandford Bypass- Development of waste management centre. PPC objected to the commencement of excavation, until the results of the archaeological dig have been published. **Clerk**

-P/FUL/2020/00411 Franwill, Erect 15 houses, 40% affordable with vehicular access. This application is now moving ahead towards an agreement S106 where the mix of dwellings and access has been finalised. They propose to create a public footpath to the school. **Clerk**

**d) Other Planning matters:**

**-Woodbury/ Former Methodist Chapel:**

--Clerk to write to the EA regarding rats on this site.

**Chairman/Clerk**

**-S106 Homefield** –The schedule of monies outstanding to be sorted out in the next couple of months with DC officer Andrew Galpin.

**Chairman/Clerk**

**-Franwill Site S106:** A prospective s106 agreement has been put forward for this site with new items introduced to include a new NHS infrastructure contribution, and a contribution to Blandford Library. The Chairman has been in contact with DC officer Mr Galpin, who confirmed that this s106 agreement had not been finalized and that he will come back to us after checking that the items requested on behalf of the parish of Pimperne will be included. **Chairman**

**-EV charging station:** Cllr Jespersen had received and forwarded a response from the Enforcement Officer stating that the hedge should be no less than 1.7 metres high. This is less than stated in the original application and had been agreed post approval. **Chairman**

-2 of the newly planted trees are dead and need to be replaced.

**Chairman**

**-S106 Wyatt Homes Application at the Blandford Bypass:** The agreed S106 for this application which includes houses being built within the parish of Pimperne had not included any provision

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for expenditure to benefit Pimperne parish. The Chairman had raised this with DC Officer Mr Galpin who advised that our MP Simon Hoare had also raised a complaint regarding the lack of provision for Pimperne we await any further information. The Chairman requested copies of all documentation relating to this issue.

**Chairman**

e) **Tree Applications:** None received.

**Cllr Strange**

**-10. Former School Field:**

-The newly formed working group will meet to discuss the future usage of the field on the 24<sup>th</sup> January in the VH.

**Cllr O'Connell**

-It was raised that the overgrown brambles in the hedging around the edges of the school field need to be cut back. Chairman to contact Martin Park Services to carry out this work. **Chairman**

**11. Finance:**

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

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

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate.
HMRC PAYE	£ 112.00
Clerk's Annual Office Allowance	£ 100.00
Cllr Richley Honorarium re Village Newsletter	£ 100.00
G Gilding Last SID deployment payment	£ 20.00

**-All the above payments were unanimously approved.**

**12. Brief Update:**

**a) Tree Warden**

-Further to Cllr Strange's site visit to the Archway Nursery in October he reported that the decaying tree was removed on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**Cllr Strange**

**b) Rights of Way**-No current update.

**Cllr Argles**

**c) Flood Warden:**

-Paul Baker's Lane watercourse has continued to flow strongly. The springs along the A354 towards Salisbury have not broken onto the pavement or into the road. Water is flowing along the bed of the stream along New Field though not as strongly expected given the current weather conditions. At the bridge over the A354 the water level until now only varied by a few inches.

**Cllr Tanner**

**d) Highways:**

-Mr Ellaway had requested that the agreement document be reworded as he was unhappy with one of the clauses. This has now been reworked and the document is currently with Mr Ellaway to be signed. Once this has been signed by all parties a copy can be sent to DC Sign Shop who then will arrange the installation of the White Gates.

**Clerk/Chairman**

**-SID:** The SID is now working well, the deployment and maintenance of the SID will be conducted in future by DC.

**Clerk**

-The Chairman met DC Officer Mr Skeats on the 18<sup>th</sup> December to discuss the various outstanding Highway issues, including the reinstatement of the bus stop at the Farquharson Arms and the road markings at the bus stop to prevent illegal parking. The new bus stop on the opposite side of the road at the Willows.

-DC Highways Officer Mr Skeats advised that he did not have any date for the culvert installation. Plus there would not be any reduction in the speed buffers between Letton and the Village as requested by PPC. That any traffic surveys conducted would need to be paid for by the PC.

-The 'Private Road' sign erected in Home Field, has been placed on private land and not on the Highway, therefore DC cannot request that it is removed.

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-PPC had requested that a crossing be installed on the A354 to assist those with young children crossing over to the Archway Nursery, Mr Skeats advised that before this can be considered, it has to be proven that there is sufficient footfall across the road to warrant the expenditure. The Chairman to meet with the Nursery Manager to discuss the footfall to the Nursery via the A354.

**Chairman**  
**Cllr Argles/Clerk**

-PPC to advise DC of road markings that need to be re-painted.

**e) Village Hall:**

-New flooring was installed to the Committee Room on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January. **Chairman**

-Now that Pimperne Primary School have become an Academy a new agreement regarding shared use/ maintenance of the VH car park is to be agreed and signed between PPC and HAMWIC.

**Chairman**

**-f) DAPTC:**

-Cllr O'Connell will attend the Northern Area Committee meeting on the 14/01/2025, and report back at the next PC meeting. **Cllr O'Connell**

**g) Transport Officer:**

-Bus Fares have increased by 50%. The basic fare is now £3.00, but this remains good value especially for long journeys. Bus passes are still valid until after 9.30am.

DC have agreed to reinstate the bus stop outside of the Farquharson Arms with yellow hashed bus stop markings on the road. This should stop vehicles parking outside of the old pub as it would be an offence to do so. They have also agreed to put a new bus stop at the other side of the road by the Willows.

**Cllr Richley**

**h) Community Officer.**

-Cllr Beckford had inspected all the benches in the village, there were not any issues detected.

-Cllr Beckford had swept the leaves from the bus shelter, this will be an ongoing task.

-The grit bins have been inspected most were full, debris and rubbish had been removed from the grit bin at Fiveways junction.

**Cllr Beckford**

**13. Speedwatch/ Homewatch.**

-No current update

**Chairman**

**14. Property checks**

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

**Cllr Beckford**

**b)-Play areas:**

-Cllr Beckford had inspected the play areas and removed litter. The trampoline is still out of use with fencing around it. There is no obvious damage to any of the other equipment. Cllr Beckford suggested that a notice be put up warning parents that the wooden steps and slopes are slippery when wet.

**Cllr Beckford.**

-The Chairman had contacted both Wicksteed and Sovereign, both who apologised for not attending site to quote for repairs to the trampoline bed. PPC discussed whether it would be beneficial to concrete the area underneath the trampoline bed to prevent weeds and nettles growing. This to be mentioned when the contractors visit site.

**Chairman/Clerk**

**17. Items for the next Agenda:**

-Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April in the VH.

**Chairman**

**-Date & time of next Parish Council meeting:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.00pm – The Village Hall. Meeting closed: 7.55pm.