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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 9th April 2025.
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) 1 Member 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 19th March 2024.

-The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman

5. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: None raised.

6. HILLFORTS AND UPPER TARRANTS WARD REPORT: No current update.

7. MATTERS ARISING:

-Cllr Argles had raised the issue of the road sweeper only cleaning one side of Berkeley Rise with Dorset Council via their website.

Cllr Argles.

-Further to the Planning Application for the Long House in Pimperne being approved at DC Planning Committee, PPC will write to complain to the head of Planning regarding their interpretation of the word should in the Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan. The Planning Committee interpreted the word should as meaning optional. Our Planning Consultant confirmed that the word 'should' appears many times in the PNP and is used as a main directing word and not to be interpreted as being optional.

Chairman/Clerk

8. URGENT MATTERS:

-The Clerk had circulated the updated Asset Register for approval: The Asset Register was approved.

-Cllr Tanner had received a complaint from a resident regarding brambles from the former school field growing into her garden. Chairman to look at this.

Chairman

-Cllr Tanner reported that the future of Blandford Day Care Center looks uncertain as Dc are looking at the Center to establish whether the service is still needed. TV cameras will be at the Center on 9th May 2.50pm to report on the matter. Cllr Tanner requested that the PC write a letter of support for this service.

Cllr Tanner/Clerk

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a) New Applications:

P/CLP/2025/01760: 13 Portman Rd, rear dormer, 2 no. roof lights, convert part of garage to form utility. This application has been approved as permitted development.

Clerk

b) Approved Application:

c) Outstanding Applications:

-P/HOU/2025/00600: Install Solar Panels to roof of garage block: PPC did not wish to object to this application, but to make comment that this property is within the Pimperne conservation area.

-P/FUL/2024/06927: Proposal: Erect 33 dwellings with garages and parking, form vehicular access from Salisbury Road, associated infrastructure and public open space. Carry out site preparation and ancillary works. Location: Land South of Bolney, Salisbury Road: PPC Planning objection has been submitted. We still await a date for the Planning Committee meeting.

-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 finalized. They propose to create a public footpath to the school. **Chairman/ Clerk**

d) Other Planning matters:

-Woodbury/ Former Methodist Chapel:

-The Chairman had written to the Director of Place but had not received any acknowledgement or response. The clerk has written another letter with a request for a response. **Chairman/Clerk**

-S106 Homefield –The schedule of monies outstanding to be sorted out in the next couple of months with DC officer Andrew Galpin. The Chairman is to meet a contractor on site to obtain a quote for the completion of the basketball court on Thursday 10th April. **Chairman/Clerk**

-PPC needs to establish whether the S106 monies can be utilized to complete the resurfacing in the Junior play area. **Chairman/Clerk**

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

-EV charging station: No current update regarding landscaping, however we have included this matter in the letter sent to the Director of Place, we await a response. **Chairman/Clerk**

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

-10. Former School Field:

-We look forward to the presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting by the Dorset Wildlife Trust. **Cllr Strange**

11. Finance:

a) The Clerk had circulated the financial report for end of year: 2024-2025.

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

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate.
HMRC PAYE	£ 112.00
Dorset Council SID Deployment and Maintenance of SID	£ 504.00

-All the above payments were unanimously approved.

12. Brief Update:

a) Tree Warden: -No current update. **Cllr Strange**

b) Rights of Way: No current update. **Cllr Argles**

c) Flood Warden:

-Spring has sprung, but this is the time of year when water springs dry up and with that comes the danger of ground water flooding. However in Pimperne we must always be thinking of flash flooding along the A354. These events can arise from the cloud bursts that can accompany thunderstorms that due to climate change are increasing in frequency and intensity. The stream from New Field Road has ceased to flow whilst the tributary from the A354 direction continues. **Cllr Tanner**

d) Highways:

-A resident enquired about the strip of land in front of the former Farquharson Arms – Highways had responded that the land belongs to Highways. We still await the bus stop markings to be painted on the road at this site. **Chairman/Clerk**

-Yarde Lane – Footpath to the camp. Cllr Richley requested that we write to the Department of Transport to establish whether there had been any ‘Stopping Up’ orders on this path in the last 50 years. PPC had been trying to establish who owns this footpath and who is responsible for keeping it clear.

Cllr Richley

-Roadworks at Hilltop roundabout have been causing tailbacks, Cllr Richley had confirmed with the contractors that the traffic lights will be removed over the Easter weekend and the following weekend to ease congestion.

Cllr Richley

-White Gates: We still await the quotation from DC Officer, Adam Marsh who wishes to inspect the site before submitting the quote. The Chairman continues to chase.

Chairman

-A letter has been sent to DC Highways Officer Mr Skeats confirming all the outstanding Highway items, included in the letter was a request for agreement to place the new Tommy Memorial on the land adjacent to the main noticeboard on Church Rd. Also we requested permission to plant a tree at the junction of Church Rd and Bushes Rd.

Chairman/Clerk.

-Cllr O’Connell had written and had a response from the British Hedgehog Society. PPC approved the purchase of 6 of their Hedgehog awareness signs to be positioned on private land rather than pay the £300.00 admin fee requested by DC for surveying where the signs should be placed.

Cllr O’Connell/Clerk

-PPC had received a notification from DC that Dinah’s Hollow will be closed on 29th April.

- PPC to speak to Rob Lukins about the ongoing issue of speeding traffic going through the village to access the gym.

Chairman

e) Village Hall:

- The Village Hall Car park: The Chairman had written to Blanchards Bailey authorising them to review and renew the Licence for parents using the VH car park. This agreement is between PPC and Hamwic Education Trust. The new Licence will incorporate the maintenance of the car park.

Chairman

-The VH Committee are revising their plan for the Audio-Visual system for the VH as the screen was considered too small on the original quote. Another meeting is scheduled with the suppliers in 2 weeks’ time.

Chairman

-f) DAPTC:

-DAPTC have awarded PPC a Star Award for the level of training attended over the past year.

Cllr O’Connell

-PPC will be invited to complete a survey in May – the survey will look into the relationship between DC and local council and aims to establish a ‘Statement of Reasonable expectations’.

-DAPTC will be advertising for colleagues once they have completed their change of status to a Ltd Company.

Cllr O’Connell

g) Transport Officer: - No current update.

Cllr Richley

h) Community Officer

-Cllr Beckford had made thorough inspections and issued a full report. Only repairs required were to the junior play area.

Cllr Beckford

13. Speedwatch/ Homewatch.

-The Chairman reported that the most recent speed watch at Yarde Farm found 18 speeding vehicles in one hour. PPC resolved to regularly put the number of vehicles caught speeding in the village on the village Facebook page.

Chairman/ Cllr Tanner

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14. Property checks

a) General:

-Cllr Beckford had removed the ivy from the grit bin in Portman Road. **Cllr Beckford**

b)-Play areas:

- Cllr Beckford had inspected the play areas and identified some issues. The Chairman to ask Mr King to make necessary repairs. **Chairman**

-PPC still await a quote from Wicksteed to repair the trampoline. **Chairman**

15. A354 crossing to the nursery –Highways had refused the request to create a crossing at the entrance to the Archway Nursery on the A354. PPC has asked DC Highways to suggest an appropriate alternative. **Chairman/Clerk**

16. Items for the next Agenda:

-Litter Pick date: 6th September 2025

-Date & time of next Parish Council meeting: Wednesday 14th May 2025 at 7.00pm – The Village Hall. Meeting closed: 8.20pm.

Future Amendments to the meeting schedule: PPC does not hold a meeting in August.

-The September meeting will be held on 17th September 2025.