

PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 14th May 2025.
7.00pm at Pimperne Village Hall.**

PRESENT: Cllrs P Slocombe (Chairman), A Argles, C Beckford, M Richley, M Strange, J Tanner.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J O'Connell (Clerk) 1 Member of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Dorset Cllr Sherry Jespersen, Cllr Steve O'Connell

1. Election of Chairman and Acceptance of Office: Cllr Peter Slocombe was elected as Chairman and signed his Acceptance of Office.

2. Election of Vice Chairman and Acceptance of Office: Cllr John Tanner was elected as Vice Chairman and signed his Acceptance of Office.

3. The following areas of responsibility for Cllrs were confirmed:

-Tree Warden – Cllr Martin Strange

-Rights of Way Officer – Cllr Antony Argles

-Highways Officer – Cllr Antony Argles

-Transport Officer – Cllr Martin Richley

-Flood Warden – Cllr John Tanner

-Community Officer – Cllr Carole Beckford

-Village Hall Representative: Cllr Peter Slocombe

-DAPTC Representative: Cllr Steve O'Connell

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None received

5. To consider granting dispensations as required: None required.

6. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2024.

-The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman

5. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

-2 residents reported that on 4 consecutive evenings around 9pm, they could see from their houses someone shining lasers up into the trees in Church Road where the Rooks are nesting. The birds were very distressed. It is an offence to disturb nesting birds, the Chair requested that should this happen again the PC be alerted straight away and will go and investigate. Also to report any further incidents to the Police on telephone number 111.

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

7. MATTERS ARISING:

-The Chairman has appointed Blanchards Bailey to act on behalf of the PC in respect of renewing the License authorizing parking in the VH car park at school drop off and pick up times. Kate Samuel of Blanchards Bailey stated that Hamwic Academy should pay for the legal fees, and part of the new License agreement should be that all costs for maintenance of the car park be shared between VH and Hamwic.

Chairman

-The Chairman is in the process of obtaining the 3 necessary quotes required to put forward the best value option to DC for the extension of the Basketball court in the multiplay area. The quotes

are required as part of the application for the release of s106 funds to pay for the work to be completed.

Clerk/Chairman

-A quote has been received from Wicksteed to repair the trampoline in the Junior play area. The quote was £1,024.00 and was approved by PPC, the Clerk has instructed Wicksteed to go ahead with the repair and awaits a date for the work to be carried out. **Clerk/Chairman**

8. URGENT MATTERS:

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a) New Applications:

-P/HOU/2025/02698: White Lodge Down Road: Erect first floor front extension and balcony to rear elevation. Erect summer house and new electric gates. This application will be added to the June agenda.

b) Approved Application:

-P/HOU/2025/00600: Install Solar Panels to roof of garage block.

c) Outstanding Applications:

-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 14 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) Refused applications:

P/CLP/2025/01760: 13 Portman Rd, rear dormer, 2 no. roof lights, convert part of garage to form utility. This must be submitted as a planning application rather than permitted development. **Clerk**

e) Other Planning matters:

-Woodbury/ Former Methodist Chapel:

- A response had been received from Jan Britten who stated that the ‘condition of the land and building is not deemed to affect or harm the amenity of the area’ he had attempted to contact the landowner without success. If the PC believes that the area has deteriorated further, we should raise a new complaint. The Chairman had consulted with Cllr Jespersen on this who agreed that letters from the affected surrounding neighbours would strengthen the case and should be submitted with a new complaint. **Chairman/Clerk**

-Jan Britten stated that he was also looking into the incomplete landscaping at the Instavolt charging station. The Chairman had inspected the site and confirmed that most of the trees that were planted are failing and landscaped areas not executed. **Chairman/Clerk**

-S106 Homefield –No current update. **Chairman/Clerk**

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

e) Tree Applications:

-It was raised that 2 of the trees in the churchyard which are also within the conservation area, need attention, Cllr Beckford to confirm which ones. **Cllr Strange/Cllr Beckford.**

-10. Former School Field:

-Thank you to Alan Lukins who has cut the grass.

-Further to the talk at the Annual Parish Meeting from Dorset Wildlife Trust, a further meeting of the working group to be arranged, to map out the proposals for the former school field.

Cllr O’Connell

-There is another hole in the hedge and the fence removed by a resident – The Clerk had enquired when this will be reinstated – Resident is building a wall and will reinstate when work has finished.

Clerk/Chairman

-There are extensive brambles in the corner of the field and a report of rats, PC to investigate having the brambles cut back, the saplings will need to be taken up, placed in pots and regularly watered until they are replanted. This will enable any machinery to get access to the corner of the field.

Clerk/Chairman

11. Finance:

a) The Clerk had circulated the financial report for April 2025.

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

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate.
HMRC PAYE	£ 112.00
Martin Park Gardening Services	£ 1,260.00
Mr R King (Village repairs)	£ 103.00
Cllr Slocombe Annual Parish Meeting expenses	£ 71.63
DAPTC Annual Subscription	£ 574.00
Pimperne Sport Society Grant	£ 1,500.00

-All the above payments were unanimously approved.

12. Brief Update:

a) Tree Warden: -

-Cllr Strange had reported to Highways a dead tree branch overhanging the A354. **Cllr Strange**

-New hedgehog awareness signs have been purchased Cllr Strange to investigate where these can be placed on private property in the village. **Cllr Strange**

-Cllr Strange to attend DC meeting where the issue of the high administration cost for allowing the hedgehogs signage to be placed on council land within the villages will be raised. He will report back at the next meeting. **Cllr Strange**

-DC highways have given permission for the tree to be planted at the corner where Church Rd meets Bushes Rd in the Village, a guard for the tree will need to be purchased. **Cllr Strange**

b) Rights of Way:

-Footpath E16-1 past Keepers Cottage is at present impassable, Clerk to write to Mr Dalton to request that the path and the fence are reinstated. **Cllr Argles**

c) Flood Warden:

-The 2 main sources of the Pimperne Stream have dried up. However, at the lower end of Church Rod the stream's bed still has a slight flow of water.

-The prolonged spell of dry weather will result in increased rates of run off from rain that climate change means we may have more cloud bursts, hence the greater danger of flooding along the A354. **Cllr Tanner**

d) Highways:

-**White gates:** We have had a response from DC, a site meeting is to be arrange when the DC officer comes back from sick leave. **Chairman**

Bus stop markings: At the former Farquharson Arms will be done when DC Highways have the resources to do so -potentially 8 weeks' time. **Chairman**

-**20mph in the Village:** Results of a post implementation survey had shown a small reduction of speed in the village, there had been no reported road collisions. **Chairman**

-The Clerk reported that there is now provision on DC website for any traffic near misses, non-injury collisions to be reported by anyone who witnesses or is involved. This will give DC

Highways clearer data to assess danger points, or high collision areas. PPC wish to encourage all to report any such incidents, this information to be included in the Autumn edition of the Village News.

Clerk/Chairman/ Cllr Richley

e) Village Hall:

-Further quotes are required before a decision can be made on the purchase of the audio/visual equipment for the VH.

Chairman

-f) DAPTC: No current update.

Cllr O'Connell

g) Transport Officer:

-Cllr Richley to put new timetables at the bus stops

Cllr Richley

h) Community Officer – including property check

-Cllr Beckford had made thorough inspections and issued a full report. Benches on the A354 need to be cleared of vegetation, the bench around the tree outside of the church needs to be cleared of cobwebs and general detritus. Cllr Beckford had swept the bus shelter and removed rubbish.

-Chairman to ask Mr King to cut back the brambles behind the bus stop. **Cllr Beckford/Chairman**

13. Speedwatch/ Homewatch. No current update.

14. Property checks

15-Play areas:

-The Chairman had met with Sovereign play to obtain a quote to rectify the sunken floor surface surrounding the trampoline – Sovereign advised that they felt that this fault due to Wicksteed failing to compact the area when laying the surface. Their opinion was that the only way to rectify this would be to remove the existing surface and start again with a new surface. We await a quote. **Chairman**

16. Items for the next Agenda:

-Litter Pick date: 6th September 2025

-Date & time of next Parish Council meeting: Wednesday June 11th 2025 at 7.00pm – The Village Hall. Meeting closed. 8.21 pm.