

PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 9th July 2025.
7.00pm at Pimperne Village Hall.**

PRESENT: Cllrs J Tanner (Vice Chairman), A Argles, C Beckford, S O'Connell, M Richley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J O'Connell (Clerk) 3 Members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Sherry Jespersen, Cllr P Slocombe (Chairman), Cllr Strange.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None received

2. To consider granting dispensations as required: None required

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2025

-The minutes were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman.

Chairman

4. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

-A resident asked if it would be possible to get a working party together to clear the weeds on the pavement at the bottom of Arlecks Lane adjacent to the stream. Cllr Argles mentioned that there are other areas of pavement in the village that need cutting back such as Anvil Road and Salisbury Road. The Clerk will request that DC Highways clear the pavements. It had also been mentioned that some of the hedges need to be cut back on the A354, Cllr Argles had cut some back on the A354 and also along Paul Bakers Lane.

Cllr Argles

-It was raised that the Queen's Footpath which runs behind the church down to Chapel Lane is also overgrown – Cllr Argles to contact the DC Ranger to ask them to cut it back.

-Mr King enquired where the new 'Beware Hedgehog' signs were meant to be put up – it was confirmed that Cllr Strange is looking into this matter and would get back to Mr King.

Cllr Strange.

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

6. MATTERS ARISING:

-The White Gates: DC Sign Shop had again cancelled a meeting with the Chairman about the positioning of the white gates – we await a new date for this meeting.

Chairman

7. URGENT MATTERS:

- A resident had written to the PC to say that a communications pole had been erected by BT opposite their house – on further investigation he established that BT are allowed to put the poles where they wish without consultation.

Chairman

-The Clerks computer had to be replaced, PPC agreed the purchase of the new laptop via email and has now been purchased.

-DC SID team reported that a new larger solar panel needs to be installed at the Salisbury end of the village, PPC approved this purchase: £275.00 +vat

Chairman/Clerk

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a) New Applications: None received

b) Approved Application: None received.

c) Outstanding 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.

Clerk

P/VOC/2025/02848: Proposal: Planning application to change use to holiday accommodation to be operated in conjunction with occupation of main dwelling (variation of condition 2 of planning permission: P/FUL/2021/02848 to amend approved plans) Location: Berkeley House, Church Road.

-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) Other Planning matters:

-Woodbury/ Former Methodist Chapel:

-The Clerk has resubmitted a request for a Section 215 from Dorset Council, this application included 4 letters written by residents who live surrounding the Woodbury Site and the former Methodist Chapel. We have been issued a case number but have not yet received a response from DC Enforcement. **Chairman/Clerk**

-S106 Homefield –The Chairman/Clerk have received 2 quotes for the completion of the basketball court; Wicksteed are meeting the Chairman on site on the 14th July. When quotes have been received, we will apply for s106 funds. **Chairman/Clerk**

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

-EV Charging site: No current update. **Chairman**

-Dorset Local Plan Engagement Event: The Chairman and Cllr O’Connell to attend this event on 14th July. **Chairman/Cllr O’Connell**

-Neighbourhood Plans: The Government has announced that the future funding for Neighbourhood Plans has been withdrawn. We await further information regarding the future and the status of Neighbourhood Plans. **Chairman/Clerk**

e) Tree Applications: None received

-9. Former School Field:

-A public meeting has been planned for Wednesday 23rd, between 4-7pm in the Meeting Room at the VH. All are invited to attend and discuss what they would like to see happening with the field. **Cllr O’Connell/Cllr Strange**

-The Clerk is obtaining a quote for machinery to come into the field and dig out the brambles in the corner. **Clerk**

10. Finances:

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

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

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate.
HMRC PAYE	£ 112.00
New Solar Panel for SID	£ 330.00
ICO GDPR Data Protection renewal	£ 52.00
Currys New Clerks computer	£ 629.00
Microsoft 365 Basic	£ 19.99

Clerk

11. Brief Update:

a) Tree Warden: There is no update on the status of the query on the overhanging branches on the A354. **Cllr Strange**

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

c) Flood Warden:

-The stream is not flowing and there has been low rain fall this past year. However, a danger still exists of flash flooding along the A354, this occurs with little warning. **Cllr Tanner**

d) Highways:

-The Chairman and the Clerk have requested an update from DC Highways on all outstanding items. **Chairman/Clerk**

e) Village Hall:

-New curtains had been installed in the village hall at the stage area. **Chairman**

-f) DAPTC:

-Cllr O'Connell reminded all to look out for the weekly online newsletter from DAPTC.

-The DAPTC will be sending out a fact-finding survey exploring the relationship between local Parish and Town councils with DC, they will compile responses and send a report of the findings to DC at the end of the year. **Cllr O'Connell**

g) Transport Officer:

-The Chairman wished to thank Cllr Richley for compiling and fixing the new timetables to the bus stops. **Cllr Richley**

-The new bus stops at the Willows and the former Farquharson Arms are meant to be installed in July. **Cllr Richley**

12. Community Officer Property checks:

-PPC wish to thank Cllr Beckford for cleaning the bench around the tree in front of the church. This work was completed in anticipation of a Summer Fair being held by the church on the 26th July, when it is expected that there will be a tank parked on the area outside of the church. **Cllr Beckford**

Speed watch:

-The Speed Watch team had completed 2 sessions recently in Church Road, one vehicle was caught at 37mph in the 20mph zone of the village. Derek Andrews is speaking with the Police to agree another position for the team to operate from in Down Road **Cllr Richley**

-It was reported that the Police speed van had been speed checking near the Long House on the Salisbury Road at 6.30am. **Cllr Tanner**

14-Play areas:

-It has been established that the PC Public Liability insurance does not cover the trampoline which is currently broken and out of use. Cllr Tanner is making enquiries with other councils to establish who they are insured with. The Clerk to contact the Clerk for Chettle. **Cllr Tanner/ Clerk**

15. Correspondence:

-The PC have received a letter from a resident regarding the social media complaints about noise emanating from their property. The PC acknowledge receipt of the letter but would like to state that the PC have not received any noise complaints regarding this property, and any noise complaints should be sent to Dorset Council, for dealing with noise complaints is outside of the Parish Council's remit. **Chairman/ Clerk**

-There has also been correspondence regarding security lights being left on all night, an article to appear in the Autumn Village Newsletter mentioning the Dark Skies Initiative. **Cllr Richley**

-The PC have also received complaints about too many notices being placed on telegraph poles around the village, there are also some permanent signs that have appeared in the village. The PC ask that

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posters be kept to a minimum and be taken down promptly after an event. Also to remind residents that erecting permanent signage without the permission of DC Highways is illegal. **Chairman/Clerk**

16. Items for the next Agenda:

-Litter Pick date: 6th September 2025

-Date & time of next Parish Council meeting: Wednesday 17th September, 2025, at 7.00pm –The Village Hall.

Meeting closed. 7.49 pm.