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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 8th October 2025.
7.00pm at Pimperne Village Hall.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J O'Connell (Clerk) 4 Members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen, Cllr Beckford, Cllr O'Connell, Cllr J Tanner.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None received

2. To consider granting dispensations as required: None required

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2025

-The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman

4. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

-A resident expressed her thank you to Cllr Richley for producing the Village News.

-A Portman Road resident raised the issue that a local auto trader and his staff were parking vehicles in Portman Road, some of which were for sale as he had noticed them being advertised in the Autotrader. He wanted to know if other roads have been affected by this. The Clerk confirmed that it was outside of the Parish Council's remit to check the legality of vehicles parked throughout the village, but that the PC could mention that this has been a problem in Portman Road and Anvil Road previously and encourage residents to report unlawful vehicles park for long periods of time in their roads to the Police or DC. The Chairman requested that the Clerk write to the local trader requesting that they do not park vehicles for sale in the side roads in Pimperne.

5. Hilltop Ward Report: No current update.

6. MATTERS ARISING: None raised.

7.- URGENT MATTERS:

-Jackie Vacher has approached the Chairman regarding defibrillator and CPR training (not with demonstration dummy), Ian Green is offering an hour-long session to be held in the VH, it was suggested that this may be held in the VH after one of the coffee morning sessions to anyone who is interested in attending.

-**Tommy Memorial** –In the Autumn Village Newsletter the PC had requested that villagers come forward with suggestions of where they would like the Tommy memorial to be situated. We thank those who responded and offered to help, taking the suggestions into consideration, it has now been decided that the memorial should be positioned outside of the church in the grass area, near to the roadside. Mr. King to sort out sandbags etc. to be positioned around the memorial. **Chairman**

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a) New Applications: None received.

b) Approved Application: None received.

P/HOU/2025/04781: 38 Walters Drive: Single storey side extension: no objection raised. **Clerk**

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. This application is before the DC Planning Committee on 14th October the Chairman and Cllr Richley to speak against this application at this 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:

-Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation – The Chairman, Cllr O’Connell and the Clerk met to formulate the response on behalf of the PC to the Dorset Local Plan Consultation which has now been submitted. Our response strongly disagreed with the removal of settlement boundaries, the housing opportunity sites which are on green field sites, and the wind turbine and solar panel/ battery opportunity sites. This consultation is open to all to respond to via DC website, click on Dorset is Changing, the deadline for comment is the 13th October.

Chairman/Cllr O’Connell/ Clerk

-Woodbury/ Former Methodist Chapel:

-PPC has yet to receive a response to the request for a Section 215 notice to be issued against this site. We will request that Cllr Jespersen follow up this matter. **Chairman/Clerk**

-S106 Homefield –The Clerk has submitted the application for the S106 funding for the completion of the basketball court project. At present we the s106 item related to funding outdoor spaces will not cover the costing of this project, the Chairman will speak to DC Officer Andrew Galpin on the flexibility of the agreement to establish whether the funding can be sourced from another area of the s106 agreement.

-Mr Galpin has already confirmed that the funding of £5k allocated for allotments in the s106 agreement can be utilized towards the community orchard in the former school field.

**Chairman/Clerk
Chairman**

-Franwill Site S106: No current update.

-EV Charging site: The clerk has submitted an enforcement application to DC regarding the unauthorized signage that has been erected on this site, and the trees that have died and landscape not carried out on this site. We have received a response from the Enforcement officer confirming that they are looking into this matter. Since reporting this another sign has been attached to one of the Highways posts at the Salisbury end of the village, the Clerk to add this information to the existing complaint.

Chairman/Clerk

-It has been noted that there is an increasing amount of signage on telegraph poles, the Parish Council request that the signage be removed promptly when no longer required. **Chairman**

e) Tree Applications: None received.

Cllr Strange

9) Former School Field:

-A decision has been made to rename the field: It will now be known as the Pimperne Community Field.

Chairman

-Further to the public consultation regarding the future plans for Pimperne Community Field, Debbie Streeter has requested that the field be measured, so that drawings can be made to show where the new features will be positioned.

Chairman

-We have received a complaint about the Beech tree overhanging a garden in Boyte Road, Cllr Strange and the Chairman are meeting a representative from the CCNL on Monday morning and will inspect the tree whilst they are there.

Cllr Strange/ Chairman

-The hedges around the field still need to be cut, we will request Mr Lukins to attend to this.

Chairman

10. Finances:

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

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

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate.	
HMRC PAYE	£ 112.00	
Bank charges	£ 4.25	
Farwell Contracting Ltd	£ 1,458.00	
Vision ICT	£ 228.90	Clerk

c) PPC approved that the Clerk requests that Mr Paul conduct the half year internal audit. **Clerk**

d) Clerk to commence the budget process for 2026-2027

e) PPC have received requests for funding assistance for improvements to the pavilion at the Pimperne Sports Field, PPC, to review and discuss at the November meeting. **Clerk/Chairman**

11. Brief Update:

a) Tree Warden:

-Cllr Strange, Cllr Richley and Mr King are now ready to start planting at the grassy junction between Bushes Road and Church Road. **Cllr Strange/ Cllr Richley**

-The new hedgehog signage was initially attached to poles that were too tall, Mr King is working on this. **Cllr Strange**

-Thank you to Mr Rob Lukins who has agreed to donate a number of large used tractor tyres for our use as planters on the Pimperne Community Field. **Cllr Strange**

-There has been a lot of tree felling in Pimperne Wood. After investigation it was confirmed by DC that the wood does not have any local government statutory tree protection and that the land is privately owned, and the landowner has a licence to fell the trees from the Forestry Commission. The licence does not carry provision for restocking the trees, and allows up to 1200 trees to be thinned including oak, ash, sycamore and beech. Cllr Strange contacted the contractor who stated that the wood had not been managed for over 40 years, has been decimated by deer and the Ash trees ravaged by Ash Die Back and needed to be removed before they became dangerous.

b) Rights of Way:

-Cllr Argles has checked and the footpath to the camp which is now clear. **Cllr Argles**

c) Flood Warden:

-The stream is not yet flowing, though due to a wet September ground water levels are rising. Now is the time to clear drains/ gullies and ditches such as along Newfield Road. **Cllr Tanner**

d) Highways:

-**Whites Gates:** The design and the position of the white gates and signage have been agreed and the DC sign shop instructed to go ahead with the supply and installation. CCNL will be contributing to the cost of this project. **Chairman/Clerk**

-The Chairman had emailed DC Highways for an update on the outstanding Highway's items-

-Bushes Road will be closed for works between the 20th-22nd October. **Cllr Argles**

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e) **Village Hall:** No current update

Chairman

-f) DAPTC:

-Cllr O'Connell advised that there is a consultation about potential devolution that the PC needs to respond to; Clerk to respond. **Clerk**

g) Transport Officer:

-Cllr Richley has written to DC extending the 20-bus route to Salisbury Station. We await a response.

Cllr Richley

12. Community Officer Property checks:

-The Phone box needs painting as the paint is flaking off at the bottom.

Chairman

-The noticeboard near to the Willows needs a new back board, Mr King to make necessary repair.

-The public benches paint needs to be checked.

Chairman/Cllr Beckford

-Grit bins to be checked.

Cllr Beckford

-The Clerk had ordered new sandbags, Chairman to check with Mr Lukins whether they have been received.

Chairman

13. Speed Watch:

-The Chairman and Cllr Richley attempted to carry out a speed watch, however there was not enough volunteers. Further speed watches to be scheduled when Mr Andrews returns from his holiday.

Chairman

14-Play areas:

-Trampoline: The Clerk has established that we are unable to Insure the trampoline for liability, therefore the trampoline will need to be removed and replaced with an alternative piece of equipment. DC Officer Mr Galpin has confirmed that s106 funding can be utilised to purchase new equipment.

-Further to inspecting the Junior play area the Chairman reported that the following work needs to be completed:

-New fencing around the entire perimeter as the current fence is rotting/ Elm boundairs around the area with the play bark/ a new gate/ weeds cleared from the play bark area/ more bark/ the bird prevention has been removed from the swing at one end and needs to be replaced.

-The multi-play area: The chains on the swings are too high and need to be lengthened/ weed killing/ safety surface to be replaced, a large quantity of bark is required.

-The Chairman requested that Clerk look back through the records to see who previously supplied and installed the play surface .

Chairman/Clerk

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.22pm.

-Date & time of next Parish Council meeting: Wednesday 12th November 2025, at 7pm.