

PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 10th December 2025.
7.00pm at Pimperne Village Hall.**

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

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen. Cllr M Strange.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: The Chairman declared that he had an interest in the Planning Application: P/HOU/2025/05655: as it is his neighbour.

2. To consider granting dispensations as required: None required

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2025

-The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman

4. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

-A resident enquired whether there was any update regarding the Woodbury site. The Chairman explained that he had requested that Cllr Jespersen assist with this matter, there is currently no update.

Chairman

5. Hilltop Ward Report: No current update.

6. MATTERS ARISING: None raised.

7- URGENT MATTERS: None raised.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a) New Applications:

-P/ADV/2025/07004: Proposal: Retain 4.no. non illuminated double-sided signs attached to existing lamp posts. The CCNL have made a detailed response to this application regarding the size and the colour of the signs. The PC are making a strong objection to this application. **Clerk**

-P/HOU/2025/05655: Proposal: Convert loft into living accommodation with large rear dormer. Location: 12 Portman Road. The PC has no objection to this application. **Clerk**

b) Approved Application: None

c) Outstanding Applications:

-P/ADV/2025/0651; Hyde Farm: Retain 2 no. non-illuminated 2m high Totem signs.

-P/ADV/2025/06508: Hyde Farm: Retain 2 no. non illuminated 3.8m high Totem signs

-P/FUL/2020/0041: Erect 14 houses. 40% Affordable.

Chairman

d) Other Planning matters:

-Primitive Methodist Chapel: No current update.

Chairman

-S106 Homefield –Dorset Council Officer Mr Galpin had requested details of any projects that Pimperne would like to be considered for s106 funding. We have responded with a list which includes: replacement fencing and gates to the junior play area/completion of the rubber surface in the play area/ removal of the trampoline and replace with another piece of equipment, remove weed growth and bark to swing area/and the completion of the basketball court.

In the Community Field: funding towards the planned community orchard/ picnic seating/ wildflower area. Mr Galpin to speak to Wyatt Homes regarding repurposing this funding.

Chairman/Clerk

-Franwill Site S106: No current update.

Chairman

-EV Charging site: Some trees on this site have been replaced.

Chairman

-Application for license on the Franwill Industrial Estate went to committee.

Chairman

e) Tree Applications: None received

Cllr Strange

9. Pimperne Community Field:

-All of the saplings have been planted in accordance with the layout plan and hazel hedging to boundary areas where required. Mostly there has been a positive response from Pimperne residents, however the PC has been made aware that 2 residents were concerned that the hedging planted will be too high and overshadow, and that they had not been consulted before the hedging had been planted. The PC wished to reassure residents that they are committed to maintaining the hedging around the field to a 2m height.

Chairman/Cllr Strange

-The PC thanks Mr Lukins for cutting the hedge in the field to the agreed 2m height. **Chairman.**

-The Clerk had applied to the FiPL towards the Community Orchard; the grant application was submitted for £2,700.00. The PC has been awarded a grant of £1,107.00, subject to confirmation from DC that permission is granted for the trees to be planted.

Chairman/Clerk

10. Finances:

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

Clerk

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

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate.
HMRC PAYE	£ 112.00
Bank charges	£ 4.25
DAPTC Devolving Dorset Conference	£ 75.00
Replacement pads for phone box defib	£ 82.74
Mr King repairs:	£ 170.00

c) The Clerk had circulated the amended proposed budget for 2026 – 2027: The budget was approved, the Clerk to raise the precept request to DC.

Clerk

d) The PC had invited Andy Jeffery from Pimperne Sports Society to attend the January meeting to discuss assistance in funding improvements to the pavilion. Meanwhile we are researching the history of the pavilion to establish ownership. The Chairman to contact Mr Jeffery who has all the documentation.

Chairman

11. Brief Update:

a) Tree Warden: No current update.

Cllr Strange

b) Rights of Way:

-It has been reported to DC Rangers that the stile on the pathway adjacent to no. 4 Bridge View Cottages needs to be repaired as it is dangerous. The PC to request that DC Rangers conduct a risk assessment on the path and the stile.

Cllr Argles

c) Flood Warden:

Rain, rain and more rain. There have been three flood alerts issued by the Environment Agency in recent times. Our stream has commenced flowing, though at a low level. Apart from a few frosty periods, high temperatures and breezy winds are resulting in greater evaporation than would be usual for December. Please be mindful of any weather alerts and act accordingly. **Cllr Tanner**

d) Highways:

-Whites Gates: The White Gates and CCNL signage has now been made and is awaiting installation at the agreed sites, the CCNL have paid the invoice for this work.

DC has suggested that this work may be completed on the 22nd 23rd December. **Chairman/Clerk**
-We await a response from Mr Cirio regarding bus stop markings on the road outside of the former Farquharson Arms. **Chairman**

-Cllr Argles has reported that the edge of the road is crumbling away at the entrance to Lukins Farm. **Chairman/Clerk**

-A354 Letton slabs: Cllr Tanner has reported to DC the pavement slabs supporting the bank needed attention, they have been made safe with 1 no. requiring refixing but the slabs will need to be monitored. **Cllr Tanner**

e) Village Hall:

-The AGM was held on 1st December and a committee was elected. The accounts for 24-25 have been audited and the return has been sent to the Charity Commission. **Chairman**

-f) DAPTC: No current update. -

Cllr O'Connell

g) Transport Officer:

-New Bus timetables have been replaced on the bus stops .

Cllr Richley

12. Community Officer Property checks:

-Thank you to Cllr Beckford for her full report:

-The phone box needs painting as the paint is flaking off at the bottom. The door will not close properly as there is a problem with the hinges, one of the glass panes needs fixing. Mr King to carry out work on this **Chairman**

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

-The grit bins have been checked and are sufficiently filled with grit; regular inspections will take place during the winter months. More shovels are required. **Chairman/ Cllr Beckford**

-The bench opposite Langbourne on the A354 needs to be cleared of vegetation. **Cllr Beckford**

-The bench in the Community Field needs vegetation cut back

-The bus shelter has been inspected and is clean.

**Cllr Beckford.
Clerk**

-The Clerk to contact DC to order some new sandbags.

-The Tommy Memorial has been positioned on the grass outside of the church, more work needs to be carried out surrounding the Tommy to make it more of a feature. **Chairman**

13. Speed Watch:

- The speed watch team has been unable to carry out a speed watch due to the wet weather. **Chairman**

-Cllr Tanner reported that the Police Van was monitoring the speed of the traffic on the A354, outside of the former Farquharson Arm on the afternoon of the 10th December. **Cllr Tanner.**

14. Correspondence –

-Dinah's Hollow will be closed in the new year for minimum of 7 months.

Chairman

15-Items of the next Agenda

-Date for the Annual Parish Meeting: Wednesday 29th April 2026 at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.00pm.

-Date & time of next Parish Council meeting: Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 7pm.