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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 11th March 2026.
7.00pm at Pimperne Village Hall.**

PRESENT: Cllrs P Slocombe (Chairman), M Richley, M Strange.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J O'Connell (Clerk), 7 Members of the public.

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

Declarations of Interests: None received.

2. To consider granting dispensations as required: None required

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2026.

-The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman

4. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

-Mr Ed Lukins attended the meeting to give an update on his planning application for 15 houses: P/FUL/2020/0041: 40% of the houses in this application were planned to be affordable housing. Mr Lukins had approached all the approved providers of Affordable Housing, none of which had been interested in this site as it was not large enough, they could not establish the demand for the affordable housing. Mr Lukins had now applied to make the 40% element of this development available on the First-Time buyers/Key workers scheme, which sells the properties at a discounted price to those eligible. This has been put before the Housing Enabling Team, if this is approved it will go back to the Planning Department and readvertised as an affordable change. He awaits their response. The Chairman requested the details of the Planning Officer concerned with this application so that the PC may make contact regarding the s106 funding.

5. Hilltop Ward Report: No current update.

6. MATTERS ARISING:

-There will be a Flood Resilience meeting hosted by Simon Hoare MP, at the Village Hall, 6.30pm on Thursday 19th March. Also in attendance will be DC Place Services Portfolio holder, a representative from Wessex Water. The Clerk and the Chairman and Cllr Jespersen have approached the Environment Agency requesting the attendance of a representative from the Flood Wessex Team, we await their response.

-Sports Pavilion, whilst the PC owns the land at the Sports field in Pimperne, it is proving difficult to prove ownership of the pavilion. This investigation is ongoing.

7- URGENT MATTERS: None raised.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a) New Applications:

b) Approved Application:

c) Outstanding Applications:

P/HOU/2026/00275: 37 Frampton Road, Raise the ridge of the roof to convert loft space to form bedrooms with large rear dormer: PPC Objects to this application on grounds of residential amenity as the rear dormer will overlook and overshadow the neighboring property creating loss of privacy and light.

Clerk

-P/ADV/2025/07004: Proposal: Retain 4.no. non illuminated double-sided signs attached to existing lamp posts. PPC Objects

Clerk

-P/ADV/2025/0651; Hyde Farm: Retain 2 no. non-illuminated 2m high signs. PPC Objects. **Clerk**

-P/ADV/2025/06508: Hyde Farm: Retain 2 no. non illuminated 3.8m high sign. PPC objects **Clerk**

-P/FUL/2020/0041: Erect 15 houses. 40% Affordable.

Chairman

d) Other Planning matters:

-The Chairman and the Clerk will be sending a final letter to the site owner asking him what his intentions are the chapel and the site. We have not had any assistance from DC regarding this matter despite numerous attempts over many years. This is the last option open to the PC.

Chairman/Clerk

-S106 Homefield –Chairman and Clerk are obtaining quotes with accordance with allowed expenditure. We have contacted the play surface company regarding extending the surface in the Junior Play Area. We have not yet had a response.

Chairman/Clerk

-Franwill Site S106: See Democratic Period.

Chairman

-EV Charging site: Another inspection needs to be carried out as it looks as though the trees have died

Chairman

e) Tree Applications: None received.

Cllr Strange

9. Pimperne Community Field:

-The Chairman has received a quote for the Community Orchard Trees; The PC approved the purchase of these trees at £1,263.49. Clerk to contact to confirm, and stipulate when we would like them to be delivered. These trees are not small sapling but larger more established trees, PPC are looking for assistance to plant these trees. Part of the funding for these trees from a grant from the Cranborne Chase National Landscape. Before the grant can be approved the Clerk has had to seek permission from DC, this permission has been granted if certain conditions are adhered to regarding how and where they are planted.

Chairman/Clerk

-Further saplings have been secured by Cllr Strange from the Woodland Trust, plus 5 larger trees donated by The Yellow Bus Project. The saplings will be planted, mostly as hedgerows on the Community Field on Sunday 15th March.

Chairman/Cllr Strange.

10. Finances:

a) The Clerk had circulated the financial report for February 2026.

Clerk

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

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate.
HMRC PAYE	£ 112.00
Employers NI Contribution 9 months.	£ 127.41
Bank charges	£ 4.25
Village Hall Bookings	£ 202.50

c) PPC approved the appointment of JP Consultants as Internal Auditor, and the Term of Reference for the Internal Audit.

Clerk

d) The PC wished to extend their thanks to Mr Harper for making repairs to the telephone box, it was established that the wooden door to the BT Box is rotten and although current refurbishments would prolong the life of the door for approximately 12 months, it would be a good idea to purchase a new door, (whilst they are still available and store for when it is required). PPC approved the expenditure of £280.00 on the replacement door.

Clerk

e) Email accounts: The Clerk had obtained a quote from Vision ICT for new .org email addresses as required by new governance regulations. The PC approved the quote for the new managed email accounts, the Clerk to go ahead with authorising the new accounts with Vision ICT.

Clerk

-The Clerk and the Chairman have updated the Asset Register. PPC approved.

Chairman/Clerk

-Data Protection Policy: has been updated and approved by PPC.

Clerk

-Cllr Richley is updating the IT Policy which the Cllrs will approve via email, so that it can be put onto the PC website.

Cllr Richley

11. Brief Update:

a) Tree Warden Report:

-It was reported that the London Plane tree outside of the Church needs to be pollarded, as this is in the conservation area Cllr Strange will look into obtaining permission. **Cllr Strange**

The Chairman reported that he still awaits the results of the investigation by the Forestry Commission into the tree felling place in Pimperne Woods last October as it is believed that it was not carried out in accordance with the licence. **Chairman**

b) Flood Warden:

Flooding in the village is becoming a grim memory. Now we have to ensure if needed our supplies of sand and sandbags are replenished. The meeting due to be held later this month commences the process to implement flood prevention measures.

The steam though Pimperne is still flowing is at a reduced level.

Cllr Tanner

c) Highways and Rights of Way:

-Potholes in Church Road and Arlecks Lane have been repaired.

Cllr Argles

-The footpaths are muddy but are being well used.

Cllr Argles

d) Village Hall:

-Sadly this Friday will be the last visit of the outreach Post Office to the Village Hall, unfortunately the new owners of the Child Okeford Post Office had deemed that this is not viable.

-Some time in the future the PC will approach other Post Offices in other areas to find out whether they would like to operate an outreach post office in Pimperne. **Chairman**

-The negotiation regarding the Licence between the PC and Hamwic Education Trust are almost complete. This agreement covers the permission for use of the VH carpark for drop off and collections of children at the school at strict times. **Chairman**

-PPC wish to thank the 2 volunteers that cleared the undergrowth at the end of the VH, Mr Alan Lukins will clear away the debris. **Chairman**

-f) DAPTC: The date for the DAPTC AGM has changed to Saturday 30th May, at which there will be a vote on the Statement of Reasonable Expectations (SoRE) issued by DAPTC. Cllr O'Connell to attend and cast a vote on behalf of PPC. **Cllr O'Connell**

g) Transport Officer: Clerk to write again to DC Officer Tony Cirio requesting a date for the Bus Stop markings to be completed. **Clerk**

12. Community Officer Property checks:

-Thank you to Mr Harper who has repaired the hinge to the telephone box and will carry further refurbishment to the box when the weather improves. **Chairman**

-Junior Play Area: Use of the play mound after the recent wet weather has carved a groove out of the mound and loosened the stones. **Chairman**

-Multi-Play Area: The play bark beneath the swings need attention. **Chairman**

13. Speed Watch:

-The Chairman to speak to Mr Andrews to organise a speed watch. **Chairman**

14.-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 20.06 pm.

-Date & time of next Parish Council meeting: Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 7pm.