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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026.  
7.00pm at Pimperne Village Hall.**

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

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

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr S O'Connell, Cllr M Richley, Cllr 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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**

-The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Chairman**

**4. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:**

-A resident reported that Instavolt had placed a sign on a highways pole at the Salisbury approach to the village. The Chair responded that this had already been reported to DC Highways, but we will report this again with a photograph of the sign.

**Chairman/Clerk**

-Concerns were raised that it had been rumoured that the gym was expanding to accommodate a pickle ball court, and this would increase the volume of traffic through the village to the gym. The Chair reported that we have not received any planning applications for change of use of the barns on the farm, this issue would be addressed when a planning application had been received.

**Chairman**

-It was requested whether we could conduct traffic surveys along Down Rd, and Arlecks Lane, the Chairman/Clerk to arrange a meeting with DC Highways Office Mr Skeats to discuss the ongoing issues with the volume of traffic in the village.

**Chairman/Clerk**

-A resident thanked the Parish Council for arranging the Flood Resilience meeting held at the Village Hall on the 19<sup>th</sup> March with representatives from DC, the Environment Agency and Wessex Water, and raised concerns regarding whether the current sewage system would be able to cope when the Wyatt Homes development is built. Plus whether sealing the pipes would be effective. Cllr Tanner explained that this is a complex issue, simply sealing the main sewer pipes would not be effective as the pipework to individual properties would also need to be sealed. WW had assured Cllr Tanner that if the pipes were not satisfactory there would be leakage in the summer as well. The fact that some of the groundwater enters the pipework through cracks can help cause less flooding. The agencies need to work together to resolve the issues. **Cllr Tanner**

-The Chairman announced that the Environment Agency had booked the Village hall on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Representatives from DC, Wessex Water and the Environment Agency would be setting up stands in the hall and inviting the public to come and ask them questions.

**Chairman**

**5. Hilltop Ward Report:** No current update

**6. MATTERS ARISING:**

**-Flood Resilience Meeting:** The Chairman has written to Simon Hoare MP to request confirmation of promises made by the organizations in attendance. It had been promised that a summary would be published on social media, but this has not appeared to date.

**-Ownership of the Sports Pavillion:** The Chairman was able to confirm that PPC were the owners of the Sports Pavillion, as he had researched the minutes from 1996, when the building was erected and had established that HMRC had permitted the PC to reclaim the vat against the funds that paid for the building.

**Chairman**

**7- URGENT MATTERS:**

-Defibrillators: The PC to diarize the purchase of a new defibrillator for the VH in 1 year, when the current battery and pads are due to be replaced. **Chairman/Clerk**

## 8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

### a) New Applications:

#### b) Approved Application:

**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. **Now approved Clerk**

#### c) Outstanding Applications:

-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 have sent a final letter to the site owner asking him what his intentions are the chapel and the site. We await a response. **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**

-The Clerk has sourced a contractor to approach to quote for new fencing around the Junior Play area. **Chairman/Clerk**

-The trampoline has been removed and the void beneath it filled and levelled. The PC to decide on a replacement piece of equipment. **Chairman/Clerk**

-**Franwill Site S106:** The details of this application remain the same. **Chairman**

-**EV Charging site:** Further inspection of the site has shown that some of the trees have died, and landscaping has not been completed. There has also been rubbish left on the site by those using the charging points. DC Enforcement to be advised. **Chairman/Clerk**

e) **Tree Applications:** None received. **Cllr Strange**

## 9. Pimperne Community Field:

-PPC wish to thank Cllr Strange, Chairman, and Debbie Streeter for planting the remaining saplings in the Community Field. The pathway needs to be marked out, following this, delivery can be arranged for the fruit trees. **Chairman/Clerk**

## 10. Finances:

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

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

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate.
HMRC PAYE	£ 147.44
Bank charges	£ 4.25
BT Box new door	£ 378.00
Holmes Gardens: Fruit trees	£ 1,221.49
Mr Harper: Expenses for accessories for the BT Box:	£ 79.31
Village Hall Hire	£ 202.50

c) As agreed at the March meeting the new door for the BT phone box has been purchased and will be fitted by Mr Harper. PPC wishes to thank Mr Harper for taking on this work. **Clerk**

d) The Clerk has completed the end of year accounts, the AGAR and requested the vat refund from HMRC. All documents have been prepared for the internal audit, the Clerk will be delivering the books to the auditor on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April. **Clerk**

## **11. Brief Update:**

### **a) Tree Warden Report:**

-A resident had suggested that the tree outside of the church needed to be pollarded. Cllr Strange had contacted DC who stated that the tree was protected by virtue of the original TPO 43/7/82 as a replacement for the Horse Chestnut, any works therefore would need to be submitted as a TPO application with reasons justifying provided for the works. Plane trees are usually pollarded within cities and generally tolerate this form of management. The tear on this tree is extensive, DC suggested that removal and replacement might be a sustainable option. PPC resolve to leave the tree as it is. **Cllr Strange**

-The Chairman reported that he had a response from the Forestry Commission regarding the felling of trees at Pimperne Wood. The AIF had concluded that the landowner was required to restock the affected area, with Oak, Maple, and Hawthorne with guards around the new trees. **Chairman**

### **b) Flood Warden:**

-The Flood Resilience meeting took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, it was at times lively. We of course now look forward to follow up meetings and actions arising from there. We are concerned that there may be a lack of momentum to carry this forward.

Wessex Water are still visiting the village.

-The flow in the stream has subsided a great deal and is coming from Paul Bakers Lane. With increased temperatures, vegetation growth and other factors the danger of ground water flooding is decreasing by the day as are ground water levels. However, due in part to climate change etc. the danger of flash flooding along the A354 is increasing. **Cllr Tanner**

--Following the recent public meeting with WW, DC and EA, Cllr Tanner had also written to Simon Hoare MP requesting follow-up action. **Cllr Tanner**

### **c) Highways and Rights of Way:**

-DC Highways have agreed to paint a new 20mph roundel onto the highway just past the Anvil bend towards Salisbury. **Cllr Argles**

-PPC has agreed to purchase more 20mph signs. **Chairman**

-Cllr Tanner reported that the slab on the A354 which is a dangerous trip hazard still has not been repaired. **Cllr Tanner**

### **d) Village Hall:**

-The Car park licence is with Hamwic's Solicitors, the school had not advised the VH that there was a major music event at the school, which created parking problems at the VH as there was also an event being held in the VH that evening. The overflow car park needed to be opened. The school has now provided the VH with a schedule of their future planned events. **Chairman**

-f) DAPTC: Cllr O'Connell to attend the AGM in May. **Cllr O'Connell**

g) Transport Officer: No current update **Clerk**

## **12. Community Officer Property checks:**

-The Chairman thanked Cllr Beckford for her full report and confirmed that Mr King at present was still recovering from his recent surgery and would not yet be available to carry out repairs.

-The Wooden gazebo on the Community Field is rotten and needs to be removed.

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-The rope to the basket swing has been cut and needs to be repaired, the Clerk to provide contact details of a company that might be able to take on this work. **Chairman/Clerk**

-**Junior Play Area:** Both areas are subject to further work being done with the funds with the S106 monies. **Chairman**

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

**13. Speed Watch:**

-3 Speed watched had been carried out, 2 at the corner of Church Rd and Fiveways and 1 at Yarde Farm. The volume of traffic on the A354 has increased, a number of the vehicles caught speeding on the A354 were commercial vehicles. **Chairman**

**14. Correspondence:**

-The Local Government Boundary Commission are looking at ward boundaries, this item to be put onto the May agenda. **Clerk**

Community Champion – The deadline for submissions has been extended to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. **Clerk**

**14.-Items of the next Agenda:**

-Local Government Boundary Commission – Ward Boundary changes.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.19pm.

**The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm in the Village Hall.**

**-Date & time of next Parish Council meeting:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7pm.