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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 10th June 2026.
7.00pm at Pimperne Village Hall.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J O'Connell (Clerk), Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen, 4 Members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

1. Declarations of Interests: None received.

2. To consider granting dispensations as required: None required

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2026.

-The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman

4. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

-A hedge in Church Road is encroaching onto the pavement and making it difficult for pedestrians to pass – could the PC write to them and request that it is cut back.

Clerk

-Some of the pavements have become impassable due to the growth of weeds, in particular the pavement opposite the Anvil Inn, and on the A354. Clerk to write to DC Highways.

Clerk

-Where work has been carried out on the pavement in Church Road, the footpath has been left in a hazardous condition making it unsafe for pedestrians. Clerk to write to DC Highways.

Clerk

-The pergola on the Community Field has collapsed and needs to be removed.

Chairman

-Can the old Post Office sign be removed from the wall in Anvil Road.

Chairman

5. Hilltop Ward Report:

-Cllr Jespersen reported on a project that DC have been working on called 'The Community Conversation' – which aims to improve communication between DC and Parish Councils and the community. A series of 3-hour talks events are planned for the autumn, Chairman to attend the first session.

-Cllr Jespersen reported that she is to attend a briefing this coming Friday on how the Dorset Local Plan is progressing, she will report back to the Parish Council at future meetings.

-The Dorset Local Transport Plan is full of vision, but concerns improving transport services to areas that already have services, rather than introducing new services to rural areas.

-The Chairman asked Cllr Jespersen if she had any information regarding the Local Government Boundary Commission, she confirmed that this is reviewing ward boundaries and not parish boundaries, further information will be available at the end of the year.

The Clerk has written to Stonewater including a photograph supplied by Cllr Tanner of the overgrown foliage at Yarde Farm without any response or action being taken, would Cllr Jespersen take this matter further on our behalf. Cllr Jespersen agreed.

Chairman/Clerk

6. MATTERS ARISING:

-The Chairman had written to Simon Hoare MP regarding the Flood Resilience Meeting that he hosted in March, requesting written confirmation of the promises made by the agencies present. We have not had a response to date, would Cllr Jespersen mention this to Simon Hoare MP.

Chairman/Clerk

-The Chairman has had a conversation with Mr. Ed Lukins regarding pollarding the Plane tree outside of the church, to prevent further splitting of the tree. It was established that the best time to do this would be in November. Clerk to make enquiries about whether this would be the best course of action to take.

Chairman/Clerk

7- **URGENT MATTERS:** None raised.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a) New Applications:

-P/HOU/2026/03061: Proposal: Erect a single storey side extension & raised decking Location:20 Frampton Road. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. **Clerk**

b) Approved Application:

c) Outstanding Applications:

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

d) Other Planning matters:

-Woodbury Site and former methodist chapel, the Clerk has written again to Mr Mulholland without response. DC have confirmed that as this is a private matter they will not be taking any action. The Parish Council confirmed that there is no further action that they can take.

Chairman/Clerk

-**S106 Homefield** –Chairman and Clerk are obtaining quotes with accordance with allowed expenditure. The Chairman has obtained quotes for new fencing to the Junior Play area, plus soft pour surfacing, new bark for the multi-play area, and completion of the basketball court. For the Community Field he has requested a price from Holme for Gardens for forming the wildflower areas, and the additional fruit trees and the stakes.

Chairman/Clerk

-Franwill Site S106:

-Details of the s106 agreement have now been received, unfortunately there is no inclusion of the requests made by the Chairman and the Clerk back in 2024, The Clerk to contact the planning officer to request that the s106 is revised.

Chairman/Clerk

-**EV Charging site:** The Landscaping at this site is not being maintained and the area is overgrown with weeds. Clerk to write to DC Enforcement.

Chairman/Clerk

e) Tree Applications: None received.

Cllr Strange

9. Pimperne Community Field:

-The 18 fruit trees were planted and staked with the help of a team of volunteers on Sunday 10th May.

Cllr Strange/Chairman

-There has been more unauthorized activity in the Community Field. This time behind a property in Walters Drive at the base of the concrete/breeze block wall, where a 2-foot-wide strip has been mown or strimmed.

Cllr Strange

-Thank you to the team of volunteers that has assisted with watering the trees during the recent hot weather, we may need further assistance with watering should the warm dry weather return.

Cllr Strange/Chairman

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	£ 161.44
Bank charges	£ 4.25
Viking Printer Ink	£ 111.23
Microsoft Subscription	£ 104.99
SID Deployment Dorset Council	£ 529.20
J P Consultants Internal Audit	£ 100.00

c) The PC approved the Annual Governance and Accountability Report (AGAR), which was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. **Clerk**

11. Brief Update:

a) Tree Warden Report:

-A Fiveways resident had raised concerns about the tree growing at the boundary, Cllr Strange contacted DC to establish whether this tree warranted a TPO, their response was as follows: They recognized that the tree contributed to the verdant character of the area but did not meet the criteria for a TPO. The tree is of poor form and is growing near the boundary and the overhead utilities. It has previously been pruned to accommodate the overhead cables, which has resulted in a misshapen canopy. These factors are likely to constrain its long-term growth and reduce its overall value and longevity. The pressure to continue to arise and is something that cannot be prevented through the imposition of a TPO.

-on the 2nd June there was a fallen tree in Church Road from the property called White Gates. This was very quickly cleared away.

b) Flood Warden:

The stream has ceased to flow. However, a few days ago due to heavy rains the stream for a short while was 2/3s full and the A354 treacherous with very heavy spray from vehicles. This stood as a warning that surface water flooding can occur at any time of year and especially in the warmer months when cloud bursts are more likely. We look forward to further work taking place on the culvert near Fiveways. **Cllr Tanner**

c) Highways and Rights of Way:

-A resident had written to Cllr Argles concerned about the overgrown pavements in the village, and the footpath at the top of Berkeley Rise to the Sports Pavilion. Clerk to write to DC Highways re the pavements and to DC Rangers regarding the footpath. **Clerk**

d) Village Hall:

-The last 2 queries raised on the licence between Hamwic and the Parish Council concerning the village hall car park have been answered, we await the final version of the licence to be issued. **Chairman**

-The Village Hall will be the ticket point for the Gardens Open event on the 20th & 21st June.

-Plans to introduce the Hallmaster system for the village hall are moving forward, however, there is a need to sort out a few issues adapting the system to our requirements. **Chairman**

f) DAPTC:

-Cllr O'Connell announced that this week is Council Clerk Week, recognising their hard work.

-Cllr O'Connell is now an unpaid Director for the DAPTC, the Clerk to re-issue the link for him to update his register of interests on the DC website. **Cllr O'Connell/Clerk**

-The DAPTC have issued a survey on the Community Emergency Response Plan – Cllr Tanner will complete this on behalf of the PC – there will be a briefing in 3-6 months. **Cllr Tanner**

g) Transport Officer:

The new bus stops have now been erected with their flags and display boards, however there are no timetables displayed. Cllr Richley will investigate how the boards can be opened and insert our own produced ones in the next few days. It is hoped that the bus boxes will not be painted on the road until after the road has been resurfaced. **Cllr Richley**

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12. Community Officer Property checks:

- Benches:** The bench on the A354 opposite Langbourne is overgrown
- The bench at the steps om Down Road, has weeds growing through it.
- The wooden strut on the seat around the Plane tree outside of the church has been mended.

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-Junior Play Area:

- All the wooden topping on the fencing is now secure.
- The basket swing rope has been replaced, and the swing is now safe.
- The train needs to be rubbed down and repainted.

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Cllr Beckford/Chairman

-Multi-Play Area:

- The entrance sign is overgrown and not visible.
- A bolt is missing from the basketball backboard.
- There is evidence of moles on the outfield.

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13. Speed Watch: No current update.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.45pm.

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