

PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

**The Minutes for the above Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 8th July 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), 3 Members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen.

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 10th June 2026.

-The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman

4. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

-A resident asked if there was any news of a new pop-up Post Office for the Village Hall, the Chairman confirmed that at present there was not.

Chairman

5. Hilltop Ward Report: No current update.

6. MATTERS ARISING:

-**Stonewater:** Neither the Parish Council nor Cllr Jespersen had any response from Stonewater Housing regarding the overgrown foliage at Yarde Farm.

Chairman/Clerk

-**Litter Pick 13th June:** The Chairman expressed his thanks to the volunteers who joined in the successful village litter pick held on the 13th June.

Chairman

-**Community Emergency and Resilience Planning: CERP:** The survey had been completed by Cllr Tanner and returned to DAPTC.

Cllr Tanner

-Cllr Tanner requested that residents are requested via the Autumn Village Newsletter, to clear the weeds outside their properties which are encroaching onto the pavement making walkways narrower.

Cllr Tanner

7- URGENT MATTERS: None raised.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a) New Applications:

-There had been an application received, which was for information purposes only advising that the Environment Agency have applied to remain in their current premises based on the Sunrise Business Estate.

Chairman

b) Approved Application:

c) Outstanding Applications:

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

Chairman

-**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

d) Other Planning matters:

-**S106 Homefield** –Cllr Strange and the Chairman met with a representative from Dorset Wildlife Trust to establish the best way to plant the wildflower area in the Community Field. The s106 funding will cover the cost of this exercise once the Chairman gets the quotes. The wildflower area will now be positioned near the Old School house, it is aimed for the planting to take place around October.

Chairman

-**EV charging point:** There has been some landscaping work carried out with some new trees being planted.

Chairman/Cllr Strange

-Franwill Site S106: We have received further correspondence from the DC Officer Philip Longhurst regarding the s106 funding allocation, the Chairman and the Clerk to go through and check the agreement before it is finalized. **Chairman/Clerk**

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

9. Pimperne Community Field:

-Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Vaughan who removed the pergola on the field which had rotted, they left the 3 benches which were situated inside the pergola to be used as a seating area.

-The watering of the trees is being carried out on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays, volunteers usually meet at 9am. If anyone wishes to help please join us at the Community Field.

Chairman/Cllr Strange

10. Finances:

a) The Clerk had circulated the financial report for June 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
Infinity Playgrounds	£ 559.20
Azets Payroll	£ 264.60
Microsoft	£ 19.99

11. Brief Update:

a) Tree Warden Report:

-The Clerk had contacted a tree surgeon to look at the Plane tree outside of the church to be advised whether the tree needed to be pollarded to prevent further splitting of the branches in the future. PPC agreed to take the advice of the tree surgeon and have the tree pollarded, the Clerk to contact the tree surgeon to ascertain when the best time of year is for this to happen. **Clerk**

b) Flood Warden:

-Cllr Tanner had reported to the Environment Agency that a large branch had fallen into the stream just beyond the bridge –their advice was to leave this matter until the stream was flowing and contact them again. The PC was not happy with this response and will be writing to the EA.

Chairman

c) Highways

-The Chairman to follow up on his email of 26th May to the newly appointed DC Highways officer to establish when we can expect work to be completed, in particular the boards that they have laid on the pavement in Church Road, which have become insecure. **Chairman**

-The bus stop marking have been painted outside the former Farquharson Arms, however we have been made aware that there will be resurfacing carried out on the A354, so will need to ensure that the markings are promptly repainted after the road is resurfaced. **Chairman**

-DC are carrying out speed consultation concerning reducing the speed limits on the A354 once the new roundabouts are installed and the new waste depot opens. PPC had no comment on the DC Proposal. **Chairman**

-The Chairman to request that the weeds are cleared away from the footpath from the bus shelter to the EV Charging centre as the footpath is overgrown and very narrow. **Chairman**

Rights of Way:

- No current update.

Cllr Argles

d) Village Hall:

- The car park licence has been agreed, Blanchards Bailey are currently sorting out who will be paying the legal fees for this work.

-The Gardens Open Event: The event was a success raising £2.5K in total, £1.K was donated to the Friends of Blandford Hospital, the remaining funds will be used to purchase 3 new benches for outside of the Village Hall.

Chairman

-f) DAPTC: No current update:

Cllr O'Connell

g) Transport Officer:

-The bus stops currently have the Damory produced timetables, we will place our timetable at the bus stops as well as they are easier to read.

Cllr Richley

-Both yellow bus boxes have been painted on the road, although there is planned surface dressing later in the month, therefore they may need to be repainted.

Cllr Richley

Damory have called the new bus stops Chapel Lane, rather than the Farquharson. **Cllr Richley**

12. Community Officer Property checks: Cllr Beckford

-Junior Playground:

-There are nails protruding from the wooden fence topping on the side opposite the small gate.

Basket swing – is fine at the moment

Chairman

-Bolt needs to be tightened on one of the green uprights on the multi-play facility.

Chairman

-Ground in the multi-play area is uneven with weeds growing through the worn surface.

Chairman

-The metal fencing where the trampoline was sighted had been moved out of position. **Chairman**

Multi-Play Area:

-Hedges will need cutting back after the nesting season.

Chairman

-Surface under the swings is worn.

Chairman

-Benches:

-The gazebo has been removed from the Community field.

Chairman

-Bench on the A354 opposite Langbourne is overgrown.

Chairman

-Sean outside of the church has been swept, it needs to be swept and re-stained. **Chairman**

-Bus Shelter:

-The bus shelter was swept and clean and some weeds were cut back, it now needs severe pruning.

Cllr Beckford/Chairman

13. Speed Watch: Medical authorities have advised Mr Derek Andrews that speed watch sessions should not be carried out in the current heatwave. Therefore, there are no planned speed watches at present.

Chairman

14. Any other business – Cllr Richley requested that any articles for the Autumn newsletter be submitted before the 28th August.

Cllr Richley

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

-Date & time of next Parish Council meeting: Wednesday September 16th 2026 at 7pm.