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## **PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 held via Zoom.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs P Slocombe (Chairman), J Tanner, T Harman, A. Argles, H Sutton, J. Beckford, B Adams.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dorset Cllr Sherry Jespersen, J Fairman (Clerk), Plus 2 Members of the Public.

### **NON-ATTENDEES:**

**1: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** No new interests were declared.

**3. DISPENSATIONS:** None required

**4. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January were approved.

### **5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT-**

-A consultation started mid-January on the draft of the new Dorset Council Local Plan. Once adopted this plan will guide decisions on planning applications over the next 15 years. The plan sets out housing numbers required and outlines the strategy for growth and development in the area. Details of the plan can be seen on the Dorset Council website, and an 8-week public consultation will run until 15<sup>th</sup> March which is the deadline for comment, hard copies are available in libraries, there will be a phone line, webinars and podcasts. The Parish Council will make comments on the plan on behalf of their residents. Everyone is encouraged to view the documents/webinars and make their own comments as the outcome of this consultation will affect planning decisions in Dorset for the next 15 years. The plan will come into force in 2023.

-Dorset Council will be contacting households across Dorset to take part in the National Census 2021. The census is a once-a-decade survey which gives accurate information about residents and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade, except 1941, since 1801. This year it will be done predominantly online, with every household receiving a letter in late February with clear instructions. A paper questionnaire and support will be available for those who need it. The Census Team who follow-up missing responses will work in a Covid safe way. The results of the Census are available in a year's time.

-Dorset Council has purchased the site of St Mary's School near Shaftesbury. This is a significant investment which is intended to improve the delivery of services. The site is suitable for a broad range of services and community uses, which could include services for Dorset's children, supported living for Dorset care leavers, provision for adults with disabilities as well as possible sites for businesses. The council will work with local people and stakeholder groups to get the right mix of activities to ensure the best use of the site.

Rates of Covid infections are still causing concern. It has been reported that there was a significant increase in the Child Okeford/ Iwerne Minster area which covers a vast area up to Shaftesbury. However many of these cases were due to an outbreak at Guys Marsh Prison.

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Cllr Jespersen wished to remind people to remain vigilant even if they have had the vaccine.

**6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:** No Issues raised.

**7. Matters Arising:**

-Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation- Deadline for comment is on 15/03/2021, anyone may make comments on any aspects of the plan. The documents relating to this plan are complex and PPC has requested that the Dorset Consultant prepare a response on behalf of Pimperne.

**Chairman/Clerk**

-Wyatt Homes have requested that the PC put forward their suggestions for the naming of the new Road in the development North of Manor Farm Close- PPC have voted and the name to be put forward will be Home Field.

**8. Urgent Matters--**

-None.

**9. Planning Applications**

**a) New Applications**

-P/HOU/2020/00308- 22 Portman Road- Erect first floor extension on top of existing extension- Extension to date for comment requested. No Objection. **Clerk**

-P/HOUSE/2020/00443- 1 St Peters Close-Erection of Garage and Garden Room, create new vehicular access.

-PPC objects to this application on the following grounds. The entrance to the garage is very close to the sharp bend and the entrance to the school. Any vehicles entering the garage would need to either reverse in or reverse out onto Church Road as there is no area for turning vehicles on the site. This will be not only hazardous for pedestrians and school children travelling to or from school but also to vehicles coming around the bend. The situation at this area of Pimperne has changed since the last application was put in here, the new development approved across the road will also have an entrance close to where the entrance to this garage is, and the road is to be widened again to accommodate two-way traffic, this will make this corner extremely hazardous. The footprint of the proposed development is large and a visual intrusion on higher spots in the village. The application includes mains sewerage to the garage which is not necessary and would suggest that future applications would arise to convert this into a residence. This application is overdevelopment, overbearing, dangerous and not in keeping with its surroundings.

**b) Approved Applications**

-02/2020/0183/OUT- The Pimperne Shop, Anvil Rd- Proposed demolition of existing shop/residential building (Pimperne Shop Anvil Rd) and The Lodge (Church Rd) and erection of 7no: new houses, with surface parking, landscaping and altered access/egress driveway and associated landscaping.

**c) Outstanding Applications:**

-P/OUT/2020/00026- Land North and East of Blandford-

-Hybrid planning application for the phased development for up to 600 no, dwellings and non-residential uses comprising: outline planning application (to determine access) to develop land by the erection of up to 433 no dwellings (Use class C3), local centre with flexible floor space including

Commercial, Business and Services (Use class E), Drinking Establishments and hot food takeaways (Use class Sui Generis) and Local Community (Use Class F2); land for a three-form entry primary school and associated playing pitches (Use Class F1 Learning and non-residential institutions); form public open space, replacement allotments including allotment building, new sports pitches, parking, access, infrastructure, landscaping and carry out ancillary and site preparation works, including demolition of existing buildings and removal of existing allotments. Full planning application to erect 167 no. dwellings (Use Class C3), form public open space, attenuation basins, parking access, infrastructure, landscaping and carry out ancillary and site preparation-

**d) Other Planning Issues**

-Former Methodist Chapel- Clerk has written to Mr Mulholland regard the poor state of the Woodbury site and requested to see a copy of the structural engineers report on the wall forming the boundary to the neighbour's driveway. Mr Mulholland is yet to respond. **Clerk/Chairman**

-Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan- Still awaiting update from DC. **Clerk/Chairman**

**-e) Tree Applications-** None.

**Cllr Sutton**

**10. Former School Field**

-Final lease and deed of indemnity being checked by Blanchard Bailey who have confirmed that they will honor the original quote for legal fees at £750.00 as the delays to the preparation of the lease has not been the fault of PPC. **Chairman/Clerk**

**11. Finance.**

a) Financial Statement-Financial Statement for January approved.

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

Clerks Salary	At agreed rate
HMRC PAYE	£ 84.60
Cheap Printing Dorset	£ 111.00

c) Pimperne PC agreed that the fees quoted by Dorset Council for conduction traffic surveys before the installation of the SID are approved £250.00 + £175.00.

d) Dorset Planning Consultation advice fees agreed regarding the Dorset Local Plan

e) The Clerk confirmed that the dormant NatWest account had now been closed and the balance transferred to the current account. Clerk requested that we do the same with the dormant Scottish Widows account and transfer the balance to the Scottish Widows Savings account and council agreed. **Clerk**

**12. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

**a) Tree Officer –**

-Trees have been removed on the A354 between the entrance to Langbourne and Letton Park- one of which had collapsed onto the road, they are thought to have been diseased. **Cllr Sutton**

**b) Rights of Way:**

-Blandford Camp Footpath – No further progress due to social distancing. **Cllr Argles.**

**c) Highways:**

-Debris was left on the Church Road by contractors working at Hyde Farm- this was reported, however heavy rain has washed most of it away.

-Dual footpath/cycle path on A354 has now been cleared from debris from the hedge cutting.

**Cllr Argles**

-An accident at the bend in Bushes Road where the dog walkers park to enter the field has destroyed the new dog bin, the pedestrian gate and the farmer's gate. This matter has been reported to the police and to Dorset Council. Whilst we await a new bin to be installed dog walkers are requested to take any dog waste bags away with them and not leave them on the site where the bin was.

**Chairman/Clerk**

**d) Village Hall**

-Village Hall is now only open on Friday mornings for Post Office services.  
-The Pizza Box is in the Village Hall car park for take-aways Thursday evenings fortnightly.

**Chairman**

**e) Flood Warden:**

-The Pimperne Brook is running strongly. Water is flowing from some distance along New Field Rd towards open countryside. A two-week dry spell in December broke the generally wet weather. There does not seem to be an immediate danger of flooding to the village of Pimperne. However, there have been two other incidents giving rise to concern.

There was a period of 48 hours pumping out of the sewerage pipe by the letter box in Church Road. In the last two days the pumping tanker has returned and is on site. Wessex Water have confirmed there are significant problems with the sewerage network in Pimperne and also down towards Black Lane.

A Pimperne resident contacted Cllr Tanner regarding a spring that had erupted in his back garden. Cllr Tanner visited and confirmed there was a large amount of water causing a swamp to be created. Wessex Water said it was not their problem. Dorset Council said it could take up to 28 days for a visit to be made. Fortunately, another officer following another call acted promptly and action has been taken with a large pump operating 24 hours a day. This was caused probably by the collapse of a culvert under one of two gardens.

**Cllr Tanner**

**f) DAPTC**

Cllr Adams has completed the survey to Review the Constitution on behalf of PPC - **Cllr Adams**

**g) Transport Officer**

-The X8A bus service is to be curtailed at the expiration of the contract period, (next month). The service was poorly used throughout its life.

**Cllr Harman**

**h) Community Officer:** No current update

**Cllr Beckford**

**13. Homewatch/ Speedwatch.**

-Cancelled until further notice due to Covid restrictions

**Chairman**

**14. Calendar of events and Training plan.**

-To Review the effectiveness of the Internal Audit

**Chairman/Clerk**

**15. Property checks**

**a) General**

-Cllr Beckford has checked the grit bins and confirmed that they are full. -

**Cllr Beckford**

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-The bench on the Salisbury Rd has been removed to be refurbished. Mr King is sourcing some hard wood to use to for repairs.  
**Chairman**

**b) Play Areas:**

-Annual inspection of play areas report- Chairman/Cllr Beckford and Mr King to review report and make any necessary repairs  
**Clerk/ Chairman/Cllr Beckford.**

-Replacement waste bin to Junior Play Area to be purchased.  
**Clerk/Chairman.**

-Thank you to Cllr Harman who has been researching new bark for play area -PPC agreed to purchase some new hardwood chippings as an interim measure, with a view to possibly using eco-friendly rubber bark in the future.

**Cllr Harman**

-New Play Area signage now in place.  
**Chairman/Clerk**

-A large troublesome gouge in the junior play area mound is to be covered up with a set of steps. Mr King has quoted £450.00 is currently sourcing some hard wood for this work. The Junior Play area will need to be closed for a short period of time to enable installation of the steps.  
**Chairman.**

**16. SID**

-Cllr Slocombe and the Clerk attended a meeting with Dorset Council via Zoom regarding the SID for Pimperne. Surveys need to be carried out before the SID can be installed. The current speed devices are now outdated, and DC will not be able to obtain spares should they fail. The new device will be placed on the existing pole near Old Bakery Close, and on the existing pole for the speed device at the other end of the village. The new SID will be moved between the two sites every 6 weeks. Dorset Council will confirm the costings of the device and installation.

**Chairman/Clerk**

**17. Correspondence-**

-The Sports Society have been approached by pre-school Muddy Monkeys Forrest School to rent the pavilion- PPC have approved this arrangement.  
**Chairman/Clerk**

-A villager has reported a sighting of young people smoking marijuana in the senior play area, PPC have checked and not found any evidence of this, however we will monitor the situation.  
**Chairman/Clerk**

**18. Items for the next Agenda-**

-Grills to the stream culverts

-Village Newsletter

-Annual Parish Meeting to be held via Zoom on 28/04/2021.

-Online Census

**19. Date & time of next Parish Council meeting:** Next meeting: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.