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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 7pm at Pimperne Village Hall.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dorset Councillor S Jespersen, Mrs J Fairman (Clerk), 14 members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** –Cllr Sutton, Cllr Tanner.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

-None received.

**3. DISPENSATIONS:** None required.

**4. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 approved and signed.

**Chairman**

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**5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT:**

-Cllr Jespersen wished to raise awareness that DC are investigating a different approach to the new Local Plan and are approaching Michael Gove MP's department with their proposal. This has come about due to the very high Government housing target that Dorset Council are expected to meet over the next 35 years. DC wish to pilot a different Local Plan whereby rather than building new developments all over Dorset attached to the edges of existing villages without the necessary infrastructure to accommodate additional residents. The proposal would be to build a new Town/ Community alongside the necessary infrastructure such as new schools and Doctor's surgeries. There would be a long process to go through should this idea be accepted to establish when in Dorset would be the best place for this to be situated.

**6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:**

-Mrs Slade had read in a National Newspaper that a Council had taken a landowner to court to remove a fence and wanted to know if this could be done for her wall. -Dorset Cllr Jespersen responded that Mr Foot from DC had written to Mr Mulholland 7 days' notice to remove the remaining wall.

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-A resident who lives at Fiveways Cottages next to the new development made the PC aware that the builder on site had erected a fence and attached it to their property. The Site Manager had been approached and asked to cut the fence back, but this had not been done. Cllr Jespersen said that this should be passed on to S.T.E.T.

-Mr Donlon had received the Traffic survey results and requested updates on the following:

-The moving of the 30mph sign up the A354- Salisbury direction.

-The moving of the SID, Salisbury end back towards the entrance to the village from its present position.

-The speeding of traffic from the Anvil Inn towards the Salisbury end of the village.

-Cllr Jespersen confirmed that the 30-mph gateway sign will be moved back up the A354 –

Salisbury direction/ A camera sign would be put up/ Yellow 3/2/1 warning marker signs on the

road surface to be moved further back on the approach to the village – DC had agreed that this work will be completed and paid for from their budget in the new financial year after April.

-Cllr Jespersen stated that with reference to the traffic travelling in the Salisbury direction from the Anvil Inn – this matter should be raised with Highways.

-Mr Donlon had suggested that the PC had decided on where the SID was currently positioned – The Clerk clarified that this had not been the PC decision, that the traffic surveys had been conducted by DC and the PC had been advised by DC where the SID should be positioned.

-Mandy Hogg asked what the update on the white picket gates was being put at the entrance to the village. The Chairman stated that this was still under discussion as they would need to be paid for by the PC and the exact positioning would need to be approved by DC.

- A resident requested that the speed limit be reduced to 40-mph at both ends of the village with the current 30-mph zone in the middle- The Chairman confirmed that this had previously been put to Highways who stated that experience had shown that this is not effective. The PC agreed to raise this matter again with DC Highways.

-Mr Harper raised the issue of traffic speeding in Church Road near The Willows where there is not a pavement – This was a danger to pedestrians. Mr Harper requested that the 30-mph signage be replaced with 20-mph signs. The Chairman confirmed that one of the main points of the revised Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan was to obtain a 20-mph speed limit within the village confines.

## **7. MATTERS ARISING:**

-None

## **8. URGENT MATTERS:**

-No urgent matters raised.

## **9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

### **a) New Applications-**

-P/FUL/2021/05709 -The Long House, Land at Salisbury Road- Erection of 7 no. dwellings, form new vehicular access and parking- The PC objects to this application – There is already planning permission to build 5 no. dwellings on this site – the developer had now increased this to 7, some of which are 3 storeys high (not in keeping with the surrounding properties), this is overdevelopment of this site. The houses are now facing the main road and the entrance to Pikes Industrial Estate, which was not the case in the previous application and the layout is poor using Yarde Lane for access.

### **b) Approved Applications**

-P/FUL/2021/Berkeley House, Church Rd, Pimperne-Change of use and conversion of outhouse to dwelling.

-PC questioned Cllr Jespersen on the rationale behind approving this application – Cllr Jespersen stated that it comes under Class Q development conversion of agricultural buildings and Permitted Development.

### **c) Outstanding Applications**

-P/HOU/2021/00866-Cornerways-LettonClose-Erection of garage (amended description agreed December 06 2021)-PC noted that the roof height had been reduced, however there were still some concerns regarding the close proximity to the neighbouring property and its trees.

-P/FUL/2021/023340-The Lodge, Church Road – Erection of 4 no. dwellings, formation of new vehicular and pedestrian access, and 5 no. additional parking spaces: PPC Objects due to overdevelopment.

P/FUL/2021/02760 – 1 St Peters Close, Pimperne- Erect 1 no. dwelling- PPC Objects to this application- Not in keeping with the other properties in St Peters Close, dangerous vehicular access to this site.

-P/FUL/2020/00411- Land East of Franwill Business Estate, Down Road – Erect 15 no. dwellings including 40% affordable, form new vehicular access and carry out associated development.

-Cranborne Chase raised over 20 comments in relation to this planning application and advised that the application as submitted is not good enough to be approved.

-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**

##### **-Woodbury Site update**

-The Chairman had sought to resurrect a Section 215 Dilapidation Order for this site- investigation under way to establish who at DC has it. The Woodbury site is a complete eyesore and completely overrun with brambles and rubbish. Mr Mulholland has been contacted by DC and given 7 days to clear the remainder of the collapsed wall adjacent to Mrs Slade's property.

##### **-Neighbourhood Plan Review:**

-The Open Morning at the Village Hall had been well attended with 48 members of the public coming to meet members of the Neighbourhood Planning Group to discuss the proposed amendments to the Plan. The Chairman wished to remind residents that there is still time to complete the survey distributed in the recent edition of the Village News as the deadline is 28/02/2022.

**Chairman/Clerk**

##### **-Section 106 Agreement:**

-The Section 106 Agreement for the new Wyatt Homes Development are available to view online under planning application no: 2/2019/1494/FUL which highlights the monies that will be allocated to the village. Originally PPC had been given 7 days to put in our requests for the S106 and were unable to consult the parish due to time constraints.

**Chairman/ Clerk**

#### **e) Tree Applications-**

-No new applications

**Cllr Sutton**

**10. FORMER SCHOOL FIELD:** No Update.

#### **11. FINANCE:**

a) The Clerk had circulated the financial report for January 2022 showing income & expenditure.

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

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate
HMRC PAYE	£ 88.60
Dorset Planning Consultant	£ 1,077.68 From Grant
Sevensioux	£ 36.00
The Blandford School printing	£ 116.40

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c) PPC approved the payment of £20.00 per month for the SID to be moved by a Company on the grounds of Health & Safety.

**Clerk**

d) Blandford Leisure Centre is now funded by DC – Cllr Jespersen confirmed that other PC's are no longer paying Grants to Blandford Leisure Centre. PPC resolved to cease paying the Annual Grant to Blandford Leisure Centre,

**Clerk/Chairman**

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

**a) Tree Officer –**

**Cllr Sutton**

-No update.

**b) Rights of Way:**

-No update

**Cllr Argles**

**c) Highways:**

-A section of Church Road will be closed at the new Wyatt Homes Development from 19<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**Cllr Argles**

-Cllr Argles and the Chairman had met with Mr Skeats from Highways to discuss the speeding traffic on the A354 – 28/01/2022. Mr Skeats, DC, agreed that DC will move the national speed limit / 30mph gateway back up the road in the Salisbury direction by 20m to enable it to be seen from further away when entering Pimperne village from the Salisbury direction. Mr Skeats will arrange for a camera sign to be fixed on the old gateway sign and for the 3.2.1 yellow road markers to be placed further out of the village to compliment the moving of the gateway sign. It was decided that once these amendments had been implemented in the new financial year that the speed will be monitored to see how these changes have affected the speed of the traffic in this part of the village.

-The PC agreed to further investigate the possibility of moving the SID and the costs relating to this – although there was not any evidence that this would improve the speeding situation in this area.

-The PC agreed to approach Highways again regarding implementing the 40-mph speed limit each side of the current 30-mph zone.

**Cllr Argles/Clerk/Chairman**

**d) Village Hall**

-No current update.

**Chairman**

**e) Flood Wardens Report.**

-Winter is beginning to recede and with that development so does the danger of ground water flooding, due to increased evaporation even with heavy prolonged rainfall. The same does not apply to flash flooding along the A354 that following the building of The Willows wall now presents a far increased risk especially to the former village pub. No flooding in well over 100 years and since the wall has been built there have been several occurrences. This needs to be kept in mind for future planning applications with professional flooding papers, as there may be unforeseen consequences.

**Cllr Tanner**

**f) DAPTC-No current update.**

**Cllr Adams**

**g) Transport Officer:**

-The Bus Service Improvement Plan is under consultation until the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Cllr Harman to respond to this on behalf of the PC.

**Cllr Harman**

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

**Cllr Beckford**

**i) Climate and Ecological Emergency Support Group-**

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-Cllr Harman attended a meeting on 17/02/2022 of the Dorset Climate Action Group.  
-The Dorset Deserves Better Group has been formed which is an alliance of Parish Councils and members of the community who are trying to get DC to reconsider the Local Plan. PC agreed that we would sign up to support this campaign. **Cllr Harman**

### **13. Homewatch/ Speedwatch**

-The speedwatch team had been out. **Chairman**

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

-Internal Auditor to be appointed: PPC resolved to appoint Mr Paul as Internal Auditor. **Clerk**

### **15. Property checks**

#### **a) General**

-Cllr Beckford has checked the grit bins which are sufficiently full. **Cllr Beckford**

#### **b) Play Areas:**

-Cllr Beckford reported that a foothold on the climbing frame need to be replaced. Clerk to contact Wicksteeds. **Clerk/ Cllr Beckford**

### **16. Correspondence-**

-New dog bins in Bushes Road and nr the entrance to Old Bakery Close have now been secured.  
-SID Survey results had been sent to Mr Donlon for his personal use.  
-Community Governance Review – DC have so far rejected the proposal from Blandford Town Council to take land from neighbouring parishes including Pimperne. This will now go for consultation. **Chairman/Clerk**

### **17. Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:**

-The Chairman suggested that Pimperne supports the Queens Green Canopy campaign and plant a tree and buy a plaque to commemorate the Jubilee. PPC approved. **Chairman/Clerk**  
-The official date for the village celebration to coincide with the Nationwide Lunch/street party date of Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>.  
-Jackie Vacher to organise the celebrations- It had been suggested to Mrs Vacher that a section of Anvil Road from Portman Road to the Car park entrance of the Anvil should be closed for a street party and a BBQ at the Anvil in the evening, it was decided that this is a very short and narrow stretch of road to accommodate, and there would not be any area for children to play safely.  
-Jackie's other suggestion was to have a street type party starting in the afternoon in the village hall car park, if the weather is not good the party can be moved to the inside the village hall. There are toilet facilities there and the park areas for the children to play in. Mrs Vacher is looking into an entertainer for the children, and a band, a commemorative gift will be given to the village children. In the late afternoon/ evening those who wish to carry on with the celebrations can walk down to the Anvil where there will be a BBQ. All of these arrangements are at the planning stage and may be subject to change. The Parish Council is pleased to support the celebrations. **Chairman/Clerk**

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

-Date for the Annual Parish Meeting-Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**19. Date & time of next Parish Council meeting:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022. 7pm – The Village Hall. Meeting Closed: 8.45pm.