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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th March 2022, 7pm at Pimperne Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Dorset Councillor S Jespersen, Mrs J Fairman (Clerk), 11 Members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –None received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

-Cllr John Tanner declared that he lives opposite the Farquharson Arms for which there is a planning application to be discussed – P/FUL/2022/01026.

3. DISPENSATIONS: None required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th February 2021 approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Beckford/ Seconded Cllr Argles **Chairman**

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5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT:

-Dorset Council has expressed that they are keen to support the Ukrainians and are awaiting clarification from the Government in ways that they might be able to help. One way would be looking at housing schemes for refugees which would not affect anyone who is on the housing register. Cllr Jespersen also wished to thank those who had made donations to the Ukraine and said that the latest advice is to donate to the Red Cross or to the Save the Children charities.

-DC is now working to stop the illegal sale of puppies across Dorset. Unfortunately, Covid had seen an upsurge in the illegal breeding and sale of puppies, all puppy sellers now have to be licensed

-The replacement paving work is to recommence in Blandford and will continue for most of the summer, the work will be completed area by area and some road closures are to be expected.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

-Mrs Silva asked on behalf of another couple of parishioners who are unable to drive and reliant on the bus service – whether there was any chance of a Saturday service being introduced.

-Cllr Harman responded that at this present time this was not viable but was hopeful that should DC Bus Improvement Plan be successful in their grant application that weekend services could be looked into again.

-Mr Donlon expressed his disappointment that at the previous meeting the Chairman had requested him to stop speaking, and that he wanted to reiterate that speeding on the A354 was a serious issue, he stated that he felt that the Parish Council did not have a plan to deal with this issue. He said that DC had offered to move the SID back in November, but this information had not been shared with him. He thanked the clerk for sharing the email with him from Mr Skeats from Highways which stated that Mr Skeats was not confident that the 40mph buffer would be

effective as it had not worked previously in Winterbourne Whitechurch. Mr Donlon was critical that the clerk had not shared all of her emails relating to this matter with him. Mr Donlon stated that the decision to remove the 40mph buffer in Winterbourne Whitechurch was in 2006.

-Cllr Jespersen confirmed that although Mr Skeets had initially rejected this idea the 40-mph buffer conversation is still ongoing is not ruled out.

-The Clerk confirmed that following this email she had asked DC if it was possible to trial the 40mph buffer in Pimperne and monitor it- this is an ongoing discussion between DC Highways and the PC, the clerk confirmed that she is not obliged to share all of her emails with Mr Donlon but will keep him updated when necessary. Mr Donlon accepted this point.

-The clerk also confirmed that DC Highways had not offered to move the SID in November as they cannot do that as they have to have PC agreement to fund it. In November DC were investigating the possibility of moving the SID and looking at alternative sites at the request of the PC in case this was something that we decided was viable in the future.

-Cllr Harman requested that Mr Donlon be mindful that the Parish Councillors are volunteers, that we have acknowledged and agree that there is a problem with speeding in the village but that we only have very limited power in this area and our job is to liaise with DC Highways.

-Mr Donlon wanted to know why this issue did not feature as part of the Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan review? -Dorset Councillor responded that the NP is a planning document, and that road management was not a planning matter. Mr Donlon questioned why the 20mph speed limit in the village was included in the NP? Cllr Jespersen replied that DC accept that 20mph can be look at within villages with schools etc, but it would not be policy compliant on a A-Road, as with Durweston which has a 40mph through limit through the village as it also is an A-Road.

-Cllr Argles Pimperne PC Highways Officer stated that knowing that this item would be raised again at this meeting he had walked through the village to assess the situation. He was pleased that the 30mph sign was to be moved further north up the hill, and that the new 123 lines are to be moved further back to provide greater notice of the change of speed limit, and that the dummy camera sign was to be installed. However, there are 2 main accident spots in the village which are the Anvil Bend and the narrow bridge nr the Farquharson Arms. Cllr Argles stated when we were advised by DC to position the SID these danger points were taken into account particularly where vehicles are turning right into Anvil Road and left into the Nursery after the bend. The current position of the SID at the Northern end of the village is the correct position to have the optimum effect to eliminate accidents at these proven danger points. It is unfortunate that the few cottages positioned before the SID feel that they are not getting the full benefit of the SID but should the SID be moved further up the hill towards Salisbury then vehicles would have the opportunity to speed up again before they arrive at the danger spots in the village. Highways have never advised that moving the SID would be beneficial, they have looked into it because they were asked to do so. The current positioning of the SID benefits the majority of the village.

-Mr Donlon stated that we would be hearing more from villagers at that end of the village and stated again that he felt that the village did not have a plan and that any changes that are made will be made are down to him and Cllr Jespersen.

-The clerk clarified the plans that Pimperne Parish Council have in place. That the moving of the 30mph sign, the dummy camera sign and the moving of the 123 strips is the immediate plan, that we have to wait for the new financial year before DC are able to implement these changes and that we need to be patient as they may not happen immediately in the new financial year but we are assured that we are on the list of works to be done. We must exercise due diligence and

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monitor the effect that these changes have over the following months, after which we will revisit this issue. Cllr Jespersen reiterated that the 40mph buffer was still under discussion.

-Mandy Hogg introduced Mrs Ellaway who with her husband Nick had offered that their land could be used for speed calming measures if necessary. Mrs Ellaway made the PC aware that she has young drivers living or visiting her property who have difficulty pulling out of the driveway due to the speeding traffic and would welcome the 40mph buffer.

Note: The Democratic Period exceeded the permitted allotted time of 20 minutes in the Standing Orders.

7. MATTERS ARISING:

-Annual parish meeting will be at 7pm on the 27th April and will include a presentation from Climate and Ecological emergency action group, followed by a Q&A.

-Community Governance Review: the official report from DC stated that they were not convinced that the changes submitted by Blandford Forum Town Council would improve community governance, following that meeting DC draft recommendations were agreed and there is now a 12-week public consultation period which ends on the 23rd May. Again, Pimperne Parish Council must submit an evidenced response as it was likely that previous proposed boundary changes may be re-submitted. The Chairman and the Clerk will prepare the response.

Chairman/Clerk

8. URGENT MATTERS:

-No urgent matters raised.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a) New Applications-

P/FUL/2022/01026-The Farquharson Arms- Salisbury Rd-Change of use and conversion of Public House to 2 dwellings. Demolish existing outbuilding and erect 2 no. dwellings, Form Associated Parking and Landscaping-PPC objects to this application as it now proposes that the coach house is demolished and rebuilt as a new build property resulting in loss of character to the area as the coach house was constructed by Lord Portman 100 years ago. The allocation of 9 parking spaces does not give adequate provision for visitors.

PPC are pleased that the application proposed to maintain the Farquharson Arms façade. Should this be approved a landscape plan will be required, and our dark skies policy observed. There is not any provision for electric charging points or solar panels. Environmental issues have not been addressed.

P/FUL/2022/00788- Land at E 390615 N Hyde Farm Salisbury Road, Pimperne – Install 8 rapid electric vehicle charging stations, form new access road, entrance and road to access charging stations. Form 8 EV charging bays along with equipment. PPC objects to this application. This area is recognised to be a sensitive area as there are Iron Age Strip Lychets here, PPC request that an Archaeological Statement and full investigation made and historic environment records be researched before any applications on this site are considered. The AONB strongly advises that this be refused as this is the wrong position for these to be placed. They will bring additional light and noise pollution to this area, there are no time constraints to this therefore will be operative 24 hours per day. There would need to be unwanted advertising signage put up as they are positioned behind the hedge and paves the way for future facilities to be placed on this historic greenfield site. The access road would be close to the Nursery making what is already a hazardous entrance chaotic and dangerous for pedestrians.

P/HOU/2022/00303- 20 Frampton Road – Erect Single Storey Extension, Erect Conservatory and raised Decking area to the rear-PPC has no objection.

b) Approved Applications

c) Outstanding 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
- 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.

-Mr Mulholland had agreed to demolish and clear away the remaining wall and debris from Mrs Slades property, and to replace slates and clear ivy to the chapel. This has not been done to date. Mr Mulholland had said that he would remove the wall but it would be 3 months before a new fence would be put up, this would leave Mrs Slade with a 4 foot dangerous drop next to her drive for 3 months which is unacceptable.

-Section 215 dilapidation order has been reassigned to a DC officer.

Chairman/Clerk

-Neighbourhood Plan Review:

- The closing date for returning questionnaires has now passed. The responses are being analyzed by the Planning Consultant. Responses have been received from consultees, AONB, Wyatt Homes, Ed Gerry the Planning Officer at DC.

Chairman/Clerk

-Section 106 Agreement:

-Enquiries had been made to Mr Galpin at DC as to what was happening regarding the S106 monies from the Wyatt Homes site north of Manor Farm Close. The PC have been given figures but seek clarification that these monies will directly be spent to benefit the Parish of Pimperne.

Chairman/ Clerk

e) Tree Applications-

-No new applications

Cllr Sutton

10. FORMER SCHOOL FIELD: No Update.

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11. FINANCE:

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

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

Clerks Salary:	At agreed rate
HMRC PAYE	£ 79.00
Dorset Planning Consultant	£ 1,077.68 From Grant
Sevensioux	£ 12.00
Viking Stationery	£ 11.84
Blandford WC Grant	£ 50.00
Platinum Jubilee Mugs	£ 427.44
Jubilee Bunting/Serviettes	£ 70.46
CAB Grant	£ 50.00

All payments were approved.

12. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) Tree Officer –

Cllr Sutton

-A lime sapling had been uprooted by the builders when Church Rd was closed for the installation of services to the new Wyatt Homes development- Cllr Sutton has spoken to the site manager who has assured that this will be replanted as soon as possible. **Chairman**

- Cllr Sutton confirmed that the copse packs for the former school field had been ordered.

-PPC will be planting a tree near to the Village Hall in support of the Queen's Green Canopy at the Jubilee celebrations- Chairman to confer with Mr King for advice on what species would be a good choice for this area. **Chairman**

b) Rights of Way:

-2 humps in the footpath in Church Road at Fiveways- needs to be repaired.

-Dog bin Paul Bakers Lane, there is a raised trip hazard.

-Cllr Argles to inspect and report both of the above.

Cllr Argles

c) Highways:

-No current update.

Cllr Argles

d) Village Hall

-Next Committee meeting 28th March 2022

Chairman

e) Flood Wardens Report.

-The stream is drying up as the weather improves.

Cllr Tanner

f) DAPTC

-Correspondence had been received regarding current training/ levelling up policies and pay increases.

Cllr Adams

g) Transport Officer:

--New timetables service 20 have been out this week.

Cllr Harman

h) Community Officer: No current update

Cllr Beckford

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i) Climate and Ecological Emergency Support Group-

-Next meeting next Tues 13th March – Cllr Harman to attend.

Cllr Harman

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13. Homewatch/ Speedwatch

-The Speed watch team had been out on Tuesday 8th March, had only conducted the watch on traffic coming from one direction. From 160 cars -5 were speeding. **Cllr Beckford**

14. Calendar of events and Training plan.

-Spring Village Newsletter – currently being prepared. **Chairman/Clerk**
-Cllr Tanner suggested that we should invite advertising to the Village Newsletter as a way of paying for the publication. Cllr Tanner to investigate. **Cllr Tanner**
-End of the financial year. **Clerk/RFO.**

15. Property checks

a) General

-No update. **Cllr Beckford**

b) Play Areas:

-Cllr Beckford reported a couple of minor repairs that need to be done. Chairman to speak to Mr King to arrange. **Cllr Beckford/Chairman**

16. Correspondence-

-DC School Transport Policy out for consultation **Chairman**
-Dorset Deserves Better- Newsletter received **Chairman**
-Parking strategy- There will now be charges for the use of the Brewery Car Park near the skate park, Blandford. **Chairman**

17. Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:

-Jubilee mugs had been received **Clerk/Chairman**
-Bunting ordered **Clerk**
-Queen's Green Canopy Plaque had been ordered and received. **Clerk/Chairman**

-Timings for the event had been agreed- Afternoon tea party at the Village Hall car park.

-2.30pm start, 3pm Parish Council will plant a commemorative tree,

-3.15-4.15 Children's Entertainer, 4.30 we all sit down for tea, 5.30 Raffle. All attendees are asked to bring a plate of food, any volunteers for help setting up and putting away on the day would be appreciated- contact the clerk or Jackie Vacher.

-Parishioners who wish to drive to the event will be allowed to use the school carpark by permission of Pimperne Primary School, on June 5th.

18. Items for the next Agenda-

-Date for the Annual Parish Meeting-7 pm Wednesday 27th April 2022.

19. Date & time of next Parish Council meeting:

Wednesday April 13th 2022. 7pm – The Village Hall.
Meeting Closed: 9.02 pm.