

Minutes of the Pitcombe Parish Meeting, held in the Village Hall Hadspen, on Monday 13th May, 2002

24 May 2002

Present: Members of the Parish Council, and 1 resident.

In the Chair: Cllr Roy Taylor, Chairman of the Parish Council

1. Opening Remarks and welcome: Cllr. Roy Taylor.

Cllr Taylor opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2. To receive the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15 May 2001.

Minutes approved.

3. Matters Arising.

None.

4. To receive a report on the work of the Parish Council for the year April 1999-March 2000.

Cllr. Taylor believed that over the past year some progress had been made in a number of areas of concern. Travellers had not been a problem, bikers had not made a reappearance at the old quarry workings and the soil dumping activities on land off Hurn Lane appear to have been completed. Mud on the A359 had not been such a problem in the past year. The slurry lagoon continues to be a cause of great concern, and representations have been made over smell and quantities of effluent stored. The speed and volume of traffic through Pitcombe Village, and on the C125 between Cole and Castle Cary is still an unresolved problem. Requests for speed limits have been recognised by the Highways Authority, though no action has yet taken place.

The Parish Council was called as a witness at the Planning Appeal by Bruton School for Girls against refusal of Planning Permission for new houses in Mill Lane. Regrettably, after a full day's hearing, followed by a site visit, the Inspector allowed the appeal.

This year the Parish Council was required to adopt a new Code of Conduct for Councillors. This was adopted on May 1st, and all councillors have agreed to follow the new Code and have registered their personal interests.

The Parish Council is fully supporting the Golden Jubilee celebrations, and Cllr. Brook represents us on the organising Committee. We look forward to the joint events organised in the grounds of Hadspen House on 3rd June.

Those who have access to a computer and the World Wide Web, will be interested to see the Pitcombe Parish Website, where council minutes and other information on the Parish is available at www.PitcombePC.org.uk

Cllr. Bell had provided a new notice board in Pitcombe Village, and it is hoped to refurbish or replace the other two boards in the future.

The parish Council finances are in a healthy state, whilst not leaving any fat after the usual grants towards Churchyard Maintenance and the upkeep of the Village Hall.

The Planning Committee has continued to exercise its responsibilities in making its views known on planning matters to the District Council.

5. To discuss any motions of which notice has been given to the Clerk.

None received.

6. Open Discussion.
None.