

Pitcombe Parish Council

30 July 2003

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on
Monday 13th January 2003**

Present: Cllrs. Brook, Bunting, Pheby, Taylor.

- 1 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 11th November 2002.
Minutes **approved**.
- 2 Matters arising from the minutes.
 - 2.1 River Pitt.

Despite the dredging carried out, it was noted that flooding still occurred upstream of the bridge. It was not felt that further work would prevent up-stream flooding, and could make flooding downstream worse. No further action.
 - 2.2 C125.

The hedges had now been cut. County Highways had reported that the speed limits were very likely to be introduced in the new financial year. The Clerk to discuss with Colin Fletcher.
 - 2.3 Mud on the Road Leading to the Church.

A site meeting had been arranged with Mr C Higgins, (WS Atkins) on Thursday 16th January.
- 3 Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs. Bell, Jennings, Vernon.
- 4 Declarations of Interest.

None.
- 5 Public Participation.

Mr & Mrs White, Cole Farm Barn, were very concerned over a number of accidents over the past year, where vehicles had collided with their fence. They believed that drivers were driving faster and with less care. They had had some discussions with Mr Higgins, WS Atkins. To be raised with Mr Higgins on Thursday.
- 6 To approve the adoption of Standing Orders, Version dated January 2003.

Cllr. Bunting proposed that the Standing Orders should be accepted. Motion agreed.
- 7 To approve the adoption of Financial Regulations, Version dated January 2003.

Cllr. Bunting proposed that the Standing Orders should be accepted. Motion agreed.
- 8 To approve accounts to be paid

The following accounts were **approved** for payment:

M J Millican	Salary and expenses, Nov-Dec 2002	£167.92
SSDC	Contribution to River Pitt clearance	£58.75
Pitcombe PCC	Annual grant towards churchyard maintenance	£605.00
Pitcombe Village hall Cttee	Annual Grant towards maintenance	£425.00

The Clerk apologised for the late payment of the grants to the PCC and the Village Hall Committee. These were

usually paid in November, but had been overlooked.

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Recent Legislation Affecting Parish Councils.

SALC noted that a number of recent changes in legislation required Councils to take action. The Clerk was requested to contact the Data Protection Registrar. A Publication Scheme under the Freedom of Information Act had been agreed at the November meeting, and had been notified to the Commissioner. A model Equal Opportunities Policy and Race Relations Policy were recommended, and would be placed on the agenda for approval at the next meeting. The Clerk to obtain the current NALC draft for employment contracts for Clerks.

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Correspondence.

- 10.1 CVS Newsletter
- 10.2 Mendip PCT Briefing (to Cllr Pheby)
- 10.3 SSDC Tourist Publications
- 10.4 SSDC Invitation to join 'Local Access Forum' (closing date 24 January)
- 10.5 CPRE TCG Newsletter
- 10.6 SALC Clerks Training Events
- Summary of recent legislation applicable to Councils.
- 10.7 Community Council Request to join Community Council
- 10.8 SALC Rural Youth Project – Questionnaire
- 10.9 Relate Appeal for grant.

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Any Other Business.

Cllr Pheby would contact the Environment Agency, concerning the position on the licence for the slurry pit.