

Pitcombe Parish Council

17 September 2002

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on
Monday 9 September 2002.**

Present: Cllrs. Bell, Brook, Jennings, Pheby, Taylor.

In the chair: Cllr. Taylor.

In attendance: County Councillor Tim Carroll.

1 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 8 July 2002.
Minutes **Approved**.

2 Matters arising from the minutes.
None

3 Apologies for Absence.
None.

4 Declarations of Interests.
None.

5 Public Participation
Cllr. Pheby related some of the history of the situation at the Slurry Pit which led to the prosecution in 2001. The Environment Agency has been monitoring the situation this year, although it was reported that the pit was recently completely empty.
It was not known whether there was any progress in obtaining the Waste Licence.

It was reported that a new hedge has been planted adjacent to the road. A condition of the County Planning Approval had been to install a bridleway within the field, to separate horses from delivery tankers. The Clerk was asked to write to Peter Cheesman to ask him to confirm that the Planning Condition had been complied with.

6 Primary Care Trust – Areas of Responsibility.
The Clerk reported on the correspondence relating to Primary Care Trust responsibility for Pitcombe. It would appear that there is agreement that Pitcombe is within the South Somerset PCT area rather than Mendip, though this has to be confirmed by the South Somerset Trust.

7 Drainage Works at Pitcombe and Hadspen
Mr Geoff Allen had written to the Parish Council to confirm that agreement had been reached to carry out removal of silt from the river Pitt on either side of the bridge at Pitcombe, and requesting a contribution from the Parish. It was **agreed** that a sum of £50 would be offered.
Silt is also to be removed from the detention pond at Hadspen.

8 To approve the Annual Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2002.
The Accounts for the year to 31 March 2002, approved at the meeting held on 13th May 2002 had been restated for the statutory Annual Return to be submitted to the External Auditor. For the purposes of this statement, the reserve for the 'Year 2000 Fund' had to be counted in the general reserves.

Council **approved** the 'Statement of Accounts' for the year ended 31st March 2002 and the 'Statement of Assurance'. The Chairman signed the Annual Return on behalf of the Council.

9 Accounts for PYSB Golden Jubilee Event. (Cllr. Brook)

Cllr. Brook presented the accounts for the Golden Jubilee Event (see Appendix). The surplus had been substantial, and had been distributed to the participating Parishes. A balance of £145 remained and would be retained for a period of time in case of late charges, then would be kept for any major event in the future.

The accounts were accepted by the Parish Council. The Council expressed its sincere thanks and congratulations to Cllr Brook for his efforts in running a most successful event.

10 To approve accounts to be paid.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

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| M J Millican | Salary and expenses, July-August 2002 | £143.58 |
| Village hall: | Use of Hall, Jan-July | £30.80 |

Discussions were in hand with Mr Samuel, Village Hall Committee, who had submitted a higher account.

11 Correspondence.

- 11.1 SALC AGM'S Agendas and minutes.
- 11.2 Mendip PCT Area (various correspondence).
- 11.3 SSDC Housing and Accommodation Strategy, 2003-06
- 11.4 Mendip PCT Trust Briefing (to Cllr Pheby)
- 11.5 SCC Community Learning Partnership – Conferences, 2002
- 11.6 SCC Planning Control – Annual Report 2001
- 11.7 Yeovil CVS Community News
- 11.8 DEFRA Parish Councils to retain role in Planning.
- 11.9 SSDC Land Drainage works at Pitcombe and Hadspen.
- 11.10 SALC Training Events (Chairmen, Clerks)
- 11.11 Somerset Rural Youth Project: Newsletter
- 11.12 Som. PFA Newsletter.
- 11.13 SCC 'Killing Your Speed' Pledges.

The County Council is urging residents to sign pledges to reduce speed, as part of its campaign to control speeds in rural areas, as by the numerous additional speed limit zones being introduced. Copies of the pledges were given to Connie Earl for inclusion in the Parish Magazine

- 11.14 SSDC Inspection Report on Development Control Services in South Somerset.
- 11.15 SCC 'Your Somerset'
- 11.16 SCC Parish and Town Council Forum – report back.
- 11.17 CPRE 'Rural Matters'
- 11.18 Countryside Agency Draft Map of Common Land and Open Country. (To Cllr. Taylor)

The Countryside Agency has now published draft maps for the South West, showing all areas of common land and open country, where there will be a 'right to roam' in the future. There are no areas within Pitcombe Parish.

- 11.19 Barclays Bank Maximum of three signatories.
From the next time that the Bank mandate is changed, there will be a maximum of three signatories allowable on 'Community' bank accounts.
- 11.20 SSDC Parish Council Workshop, October 2002
- 11.21 DEFRA Rural Services Standard 2002
Standards and targets have now been published for a wide range of rural services.
- 11.22 SSDC 'Youth Shelters in Villages.'

12 Any Other Business

None