

# *Pitcombe* Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2004**

Present: Councillors Bell, Brook, Elliott, Jennings, Smith

In attendance: County Councillor Carroll, District Councillor Alexandria Winder  
Paul Attwell, Senior Countryside Officer

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

### **1 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2004**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2004 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

**Minutes Approved**

### **2 Matters arising from the minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2004**

- a. Para. 2b. - Slurry Lagoon - see para.10.
- b. Para.5a - Notice board at Lime Kiln Lane

Councillor Winder is awaiting the results of her enquiries.

### **3 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Holt and O'Leary

### **4 Declarations of interest**

None.

### **5 Public Participation**

Mr M Taylor asked why the minutes of the Parish Council meetings and the Annual Parish Meeting were not posted immediately on the Pitcombe website. The clerk advised Mr Taylor that until minutes were approved by Council they were only a draft version and understood that these should not be posted on the web. The clerk agreed to make enquires and report back.

### **6 Community Access Fund**

Paul Attwell, Senior Countryside Officer gave a presentation about the Countryside Service, details of the Community Access Fund and the types of projects the grants covered. Cllr Brook agreed to publicise this in the Pitcombe News and collate the suggestions to apply for a grant. Mr Attwell offered to help complete the grant application.

## **Reports from Portfolio Holders**

7 **Environment, Health** (Cllr Elliott)

Ragwort had been reported and Cllr Elliott has obtained the necessary information from DEFRA. She will place this information in the Pitcombe News and will take action as required.

**8 Highways (Cllr Holt)**

A report from Cllr Holt advised that cleaning had taken place in Lyme Kiln Lane. Cllr Brook stated that the problem related to the lack of drainage on the A359 and this needed to be dealt with. Cllr Carroll suggested that Charlie Higgins, County Highways, be contacted and asked to visit the site. There were several lanes that were overgrown and Cllr Brook agreed to show Mr Higgins around. Clerk to contact Mr Higgins.

**9 Parish Tidiness (Cllr O'Leary)**

Cllr O'Leary sent a report. There had been total confusion regarding recycling boxes. This has been caused by the depot relocation and Cllr O'Leary will follow this up and post an update on the notice boards. Cllr Brook stated that the rota for litter picking had expired. Clerk to ask Cllr O'Leary to deal with this.

**10 Slurry lagoon (Cllr Smith)**

The meeting between Mr Myers, Environment Agency, and Mr Walters had been cancelled by Mr Walters and so far another date has not been arranged. Mr Taylor stated that he was very dissatisfied with the meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2004. He also related the problems he had encountered on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August when trying to report the smells from the lagoon to the Environmental Health. He is concerned that while the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> July agreed that the best way forward would be for Mr Walters to empty the lagoon, Mr Walters has not as yet agreed and Mr Taylor was worried that operations would continue. Cllr Carroll stated that all activity has been suspended and that the outlook is better now, than it has ever been, to bring the matter to a conclusion. With regard to the bridleway this is now in the hands of the legal section, Cllr Carroll will establish the current position.

**11 Footpaths**

Cllr Jennings reported that a tree had come down which he would clear in the near future and he would also deal with any overhanging branches. It was agreed that the Dog Notices on the footpaths were too small and were ignored. Clerk to contact Mr Attwell to ask for bigger notices.

**12 Law and Order (Cllr Bell)**

Nothing to report

**13 General Matters (Cllr Brook)**

Councillor Brook notified Council of a rise in the Clerk's pay.

**14 Accounts for payment**

It was proposed and seconded that the following account be approved for payment.

14.1	M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary	£67.70
14.2	Bruton Town Council	Admin Expenses Aug 04 – Mar 05	£96.00

**Approved**

**15 Correspondence**

15.1	SSDC	Planning applications- guidance notes	All cllrs
15.2	SALC	Clerk's Salaries and mileage allowances	Cllr Brook
15.3	Environment Dept	Community Access Fund	All cllrs
15.4	SSDC	Tree Warden's Charter	Cllr Jennings
15.5	Parrett Catchment Project	Newsletter	Cllr Jennings
15.6	SSDC	Area East News	
15.7	SSDC	Agenda Area East Mtg 11 <sup>th</sup> August	
15.8	Victim Support	Request for donation	All Cllrs
15.9	SSDC	4 <sup>th</sup> local transport Plan	

15.8 Victim Support – Council agreed that a donation of £20.00 to be made.

**16. Items for the next agenda**

Councillors agreed to forward items for discussion/decision at council meetings to the Clerk by the end of each month so that they can appear on the agenda.

**17 Planning Determinations – Permission Granted**

17/1	04/00620/COU	Mr & Mrs Hobhouse	The change of use of stables to farm office – retrospective application
17/2	04/00586/FUI	Mr P J Wyatt	The erection of a village Hall and provision of new access and parking

**Next meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2004**

*Members of the Council considered the following matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime and Disorder; Health and Safety and Human Rights.*