

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 14th December 2004

Present: Councillors Bell, Brook, Elliott, Holt, Jennings, O'Leary, Smith

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: District Councillor Alexandria Winder

1. Public Participation

Mr Taylor stated Mr Walters had still not made any attempt to empty the slurry lagoon. He had spoken to Mr Myers of the Environment Agency but felt that he had more important issues to deal with. Mr Taylor reminded Council of the decision taken at the meeting on the 20th July 2004 that it was in the best interest of all that the lagoon was emptied.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2004

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It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2004 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Minutes Approved

3. Matters arising from the minutes of 9th November 2004

a. Para. 3(a) – Highways – Councillor Holt reported that the drains in Lime Kiln Lane had been sluiced through but that the drain at the top which is causing problems seems to have disappeared in the bank. Ken Chamberlain of Highways has noted this but what action will be taken is not known. Councillor Holt had no information regarding the subsidence.

Councillor Bell reported that he had spoken to Tony Leach of Highways who advised that all potholes 40mm deep had to be filled.

b. Para 3(b) – Slurry Lagoon – Councillor Smith confirmed that Mr Walters had still not emptied the lagoon. He apparently has met with consultants to decide what he can put in it and possibly this is the reason for no action. Councillor Smith has written to Mr Myers.

c. Para 6 – Application to modify RUPPS – Clerk advised that SCC had acknowledged PPC's letter and noted the objections. Peter Lacey of SALC had confirmed this was the correct action and suggested that if local people have evidence of use or lack of use they should make this information known.

d. Para 7 – Fidelity Guarantee – Clerk confirmed that the amount had been raised to £5000.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Carroll

5 **Declarations of interest**

Councillors Brook and Jennings declared a personal and prejudicial interest for item 9.- Planning Applications.

6. **Precept and Grants**

It was proposed and seconded to set the precept for 2005 – 2006 at £3,100.

Approved

It was proposed and seconded that Council approve the following grants and in the case of Wincanton Sports Centre it acts in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 agreeing that this is in the opinion of the Council in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in a measure commensurate with the expenditure.

Pitcombe Church – maintenance of Churchyard	£550
Hadspen Village hall	£460
Wincanton Sports Centre	£ 50

Approved

It was further decided that subscription to CPRE should continue.

Approved

7. **Disability Discrimination Act**

The Clerk advised Council that she had attended a course about the Disability Discrimination Act in relation to its impact on the Council. As the provider of the Hall for the Council Meetings the Council should ensure that the Hall complies with the Act. Council agreed that the current facilities did not comply but as plans for the renovation had been passed which would bring the building into compliance and the Council had put money aside to assist the rebuilding Council has done all it can to comply.

8. **Bruton: The Way Forward**

Council decided that they had nothing to contribute.

9. **Planning Applications**

04/03300/FUL - Mr & Mrs Hobhouse The Wildings – erection of a porch to the rear

04/03416/LBC - Hobhouse Ltd, Barton Building, Hadspen House – insertion of 2 no. windows on west elevation

Council approved both these planning applications.

Councillor Jennings left the meeting.

04/03281/FUL - Mr & Mrs Jennings, Alders, Lancombe Lane – conversion of existing outbuilding to form a one bedroom granny annexe

Council approved this planning applications.

Councillor Jennings returned to the meeting.

Councillor Brooks left the meeting and Councillor Smith took the Chair

04/03205/FUL – Prof C Brook Plum Tree Cottage – insertion of two no velux windows

Council approved this planning applications.

Councillor Brook returned to the meeting and again took the Chair.

10. **Planning Determinations - Granted**

04/02496/FUL P Simpson Cumberledge House, Sunny Hill

Council expressed their disappointment that the plans had been passed and thanked Councillor Winder for her efforts at the Planning Meeting.

11. Reports from Portfolio Holders

Councillor Holt – Highways Council was advised that the road in Bratton Seymour would be closed for three weeks starting 14th February 2005.

Councillor Elliott – Environment - Council was advised that the travellers had gone leaving one empty caravan and enquiries would be made about this.

Councillor Bell reported that an outbuilding had been demolished at the Old Vicarage, Sunny Hill and was concerned that this might be a listed building. Clerk was asked to write to Area East Planning for information.

Councillor O'Leary advised Council that he had received the Refuse Collection Arrangements for Christmas and the New Year. Copies would be displayed on the notice boards.

12. Accounts for payment

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

M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary for October 2004	£64.16
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Approved

13. Correspondence

1	SSDC	Area East Newsletter	
2	Somerset Highways	Temporary Road Closure	Cllr Holt
3	Avon & Somerset Police	Newsletter	
4	SCC –Environment Dept	Planning & Local Plans – Annual Report & Charter for Planning Control Service	Cllr Brook
5	SCC	Minutes of meeting with Parishes 5 th October	
6.	Yeovil training College	Programme of Short Courses	
7	Mendip Primary Care Trust	Board Meeting	
8	The Standards Board	Guidance on lobby groups, dual-hatted members	All Cllrs
9	The Standards Board	Guidance for monitoring officers & standards committee	
10	Wincanton Sports Centre	Request for grant	
11	SSDC	Report of planning committee decision – Cumberledge House, Sunny Hill	
12	SSDC	SS Local Plan Deposit Draft 1998 – Further proposed modifications	
13	Community Council	Thatch magazine	
14	CPRE	Fieldwork magazine	
15	Avon & Somerset Police	Newsletter	Cllr Bell
16	Somerset Highways	Assistant Highway Service Manager	Cllr Holt
		Scott Davies appointed from 13 th December	
17	Somerset Highways	Winter Service 2004/05	Cllr Holt

18	Somerset Highways	Road Closure notification from 14 th February – Bratton Seymour	Cllr Holt
19	SCC – Safety Camera Partnership	Elected Members’ Day 25 th January 2005 – Weston-super-Mare	
20	SSDC	Refuse Collection arrangements – Christmas & New Year 2004/05	Cllr O’Leary
21	SSDC	Changes re planning	All Cllrs
22	Balsam Project	Newsletter	

14. **Items for the next agenda**

To be submitted to the Clerk by 25th January 2005.

15. **January Meeting**

It was proposed and seconded that there would be no meeting of the Council in January 2005.

Approved

Next meeting Tuesday 8th February 2005

Members of the Council considered the 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.