

Pitcombe Parish Council

24 February 2004

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on
Tuesday 10th February 2004.**

Present: Cllrs. Bell, Brook, Elliott, Holt, O'Leary, Smith, Taylor.

In attendance: District Councillor Alexandria Winder.

In the chair: Cllr. Brook

1 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2004.
Minutes approved.

2 Matters arising from the minutes.
The Clerk has spoken to Sgt Rooke, Wincanton Police, who confirmed that there had been a number of break-ins recently. Any suspicious vehicles should be reported to the Police.

3 Apologies for Absence.
County Cllr. Tim Carroll

4 Declarations of Interest.
None.

5 Public Participation.
None

6 To receive the resignation of Cllr Taylor and to declare a vacancy.
Cllr Roy Taylor had submitted his resignation to the Council. The Chairman thanked Cllr Taylor sincerely for his contribution to the Parish Council, as member and past Chairman over many years.

The Council declared that a Casual Vacancy existed. The Clerk had prepared a notice of vacancy to be posted on notice boards. If a poll was not requested by 2nd March, the parish Council would proceed to co-opt a person to fill the vacancy at the March meeting.

Reports from Portfolio Holders.

7 Environment, Health (Cllr Elliott)
The travellers' vehicle has now been moved from Rodge Lane. Mr Meyer, SSDC, had confirmed that the legislation likely to apply to the situation was the 1960 Act, and itinerant agricultural workers could be protected for up to eight months but this would be checked with SSDC legal Department.

8 Highways (Cllr Holt)
It was confirmed that Lime Kiln Lane was considerably narrowed in places by accumulated mud and debris. The margins of the road and road gullies required clearing.

There had been further discussions on the Somerset County Council Speed Management Review. The Review had not been completed, and was expected to be published in about two months time.

There was considerable discussion over the 'Slow' signs which had appeared in the C125 road near Cole Farm Barn. There had been no discussions with the Parish Council, but County Highways could act without discussions where road safety was concerned. It was pointed out that two other bends on the C125 were believed to be more dangerous than Cole Farm Barn. Cllr Holt would write to Colin Fletcher, Highways, and Cllr Winder would raise the matter with the District Council.

It was reported that the pointing of the bridge at Pitcombe had again been delayed but was expected to be complete by the end of March.

It was reported that the road sign on the road from Yeovil, approaching Grove Cross, showed 'A358' not A359. To be followed up.

The B3081 between Evercreech and Bruton is to be closed for resurfacing.

- 9 Parish Tidiness (Cllr O'Leary)
It was reported that a sofa had been left in Rodge Lane.
- 10 Slurry Lagoon (Cllr Smith)
It was reported that a white tanker had been seen at the slurry lagoon, and this had been reported to the Environment Agency.
- 11 Footpaths, Trees, CPRE (Cllr Taylor)
The Clerk had written to Paul Atwell, SSDC, on the suggestion for an extra footpath from the Church to the A359.
- 12 Law and Order (Cllr Bell)
Cllr Bell had attended the Crime and Disorder Workshop, and his notes were distributed.
- 13 General Matters (Cllr Brook)
Nothing to report.
- 14 To consider the following Planning Applications:
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| 14.1 | 03/03464REM | Land off Mill Lane | Construction of three new Houses
amendment - Unit 3 moved slightly away from public highway) | (Minor) |
| | | | Council had no objections.. | |
- 15 To note Planning Determinations received.
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| 15.1 | 03/0340/FUL | Ludwell Rise | Demolition and re-building of garage, with
bedrooms over | |
| 15.2 | 03/02056 | Grove Farm Quarry | Renewal of temp. siting of mobile home. | |
| 15.3 | 03/03351 | Cole Manor | Installation of micro-hydro system. | |
| 15.4 | 03/03248 | Godminster Manor | Repair and alteration to driveway | |
- 16 Correspondence.
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| 16.1 | SSDC | Workshop on Development Control Services, 4 th March
to Cllr Brook | | |
| 16.2 | Asst Chief Constable | Partnership Funding for Community Support Officers
to Cllr Bell | | |
| 16.3 | WS Atkins | Temporary closure of B3081, (Evercreech – Bruton), 23 rd February for two
weeks
to Cllr Holt and Notice boards | | |
| 16.4 | CPRE | Planning Update | to Cllr Brook | TCG
to Cllr Holt |
| 16.5 | Yeovil CVS | Appeal for Grant | | |
| 16.6 | Mendip PCT | Notes | to Cllr Elliott | Shepton
to Cllr Elliott |
| 16.7 | SSDC | Crime and Disorder Workshop – Notes
to Cllr Bell | | |
| 16.8 | SCC | Licence for Notice Board at Cole – for approval | | |
| 16.9 | Countryside Agency | Vital Villages Update. | | |

- 16.10 SALC Agenda, Minutes, to Cllr Brook
Consultation Paper on revision of Burial Law to Cllr Smith
MP. Members Allowance – letter for
The Clerk was asked to respond
Village of the Year – entry form
- 16.11 David Heath MP Forthcoming Advice Centre, 13th March

17 Any Other Business.

- 17.1 It was reported that the Sheepwash grit store was in a very untidy state and appeared to have suffered from fly tipping.
- 17.2 Cllr Smith noted that offices appeared to have been constructed at the stables near Bottom Barn Farm. Cllr Winder was asked to try to obtain the plans from the original Planning Application.

Date of next Meeting: 11th March.