

Pitcombe Parish Council

10 June 2004

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on
Tuesday March 9th 2004**

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

In attendance: District Councillor Alexandria Winder.

In the chair: Cllr. Brook

17 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 10th February 2004.
Minutes approved.

18 Matters arising from the minutes.
Cllr Bell reported that the work on the bridge in Pitcombe has now been completed.
Cllr Smith reported that Mr Meyer, SSDC, would visit Mr & Mrs Hobhouse in the coming week, with reference to the stables.

19 Apologies for Absence.
None

20 Declarations of Interest.
None.

21 Co-option of new Council Member.
Mr Martin Jennings was nominated by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Elliott. There being no other nomination, Mr Jennings was co-opted to the Parish Council. Having signed the Declaration of Acceptance, Cllr Jennings took his seat.

22 Appointment of new Parish Clerk
Cllr Brook reported that the newly appointed deputy Town Clerk of Bruton had expressed an interest in the position. He had met her, and she seemed to be admirably qualified for the position. Council agreed that Marylyn Humphry would be offered the position, and the Chairman was asked to discuss salary and contract with Ms Humphry. It was envisaged that she would be placed on Spine Point 17 of the national scale. She would attend the next meeting of the Council, and would take over as from 11th May.

23 Public Participation.
None..

Reports from Portfolio Holders.
24 Environment, Health (Cllr Elliott)
The sofa left in Rodge Lane, reported at the last meeting, had been removed.

25 Highways (Cllr Holt)
It had been agreed with Colin Fletcher, SCC Highways, that one of the ‘Slow’ signs in the road near Cole Farm, would be removed. Lime Kiln Lane still required clearing, and Sheepwash still needed tidying. It was not known what was the outcome of the County Council review of its grit stores.

- 26 Parish Tidiness (Cllr O’Leary)
The Chairman congratulated Cllr O’Leary on his initiatives on tidiness in the Parish. The results were very encouraging. It was reported that there was a considerable amount of litter on the A371 outside Hadspen House. Mr Knight asked about the commercial activities, which took place in Mill Lane. It was believed that there was a licence for one lorry, and that other activities had been going on for a considerable time, and might be time barred. Cllr Winder to review the position with Mr Meyer.
- 27 Slurry Lagoon (Cllr Smith)
Nothing to report.
- 28 Footpaths, Trees, CPRE
Cllr Jennings agreed to take over the Footpaths and Trees portfolio.
- 29 Law and Order (Cllr Bell)
Nothing to report.
- 30 General Matters (Cllr Brook)
- 30.1 Portfolios for 2004-05
Portfolio holders were asked whether they wanted to see any changes in the coming year. It was agreed to leave the portfolios as they were.
- 30.2 Annual Parish Meeting Agenda (May 11th)
The usual format of the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) would be kept for the coming meeting, however, portfolio holders agreed to make a short statement on activities in their areas. A different format would be considered for future years.
It was agreed that coffee and biscuits would be served at the meeting, and that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, which would follow the APM, would be kept to a minimum. Portfolio holders were asked to let the Chairman know of any item that they would like to raise at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, by 29th April.
- 30.3 South Somerset Local Plan Deposit Draft – Proposed Modifications.
The modifications to the Local Plan which had been agreed, and the Inspectors comments, had now been published. The only change which affected Pitcombe was the inclusion of the Inset map showing the Pitcombe Conservation Area. This had been inadvertently omitted from the initial draft.

15 To Consider the following Planning Application

- 17.1 03/03397/LBC Hadspen House Stables Alterations (Amendments)
No observations.

16 To Note the following Planning Determinations (Passed unless otherwise indicated)

- 17.1 04/00015/TCA Pacets, Hadspen Tree works
17.2 03/03250/LBC Godminster Manor New drive and garden wall
17.3 03/03464/REM Land off Mill Lane Construction of three new dwellings

To approve Accounts to be Paid

The following account was **approved** for payment:

M J Millican	Salary and Office
expenses, January-February 2004	£159.37

17 Correspondence

- 17.1 Mendip PCT Board Meeting (to Cllr Elliott)
- 17.2 SSDC: Standards Committee Meeting 18th February (Procedure for dealing with complaints against Councillors, referred for local determination.)
- 17.3 SSDC Draft Tourism Strategy Walking Festival, May-June
2004-05
04: List of local walks

- 17.4 ODPM/Standards Board Consultation Papers on arrangements for investigating
allegations of misconduct (to Cllr Brook)
- 17.5 SPFA SPFA Newsletter
- 17.6 SSDC Tree Talk: Tree Wardens' Newsletter
- 17.7 Somerset Hedge Group Somerset Hedge Week
- 17.8 SSDC: Millennium People Factsheets: Grant Applications etc. (to Cllr Holt)
- 17.9 CVS Newsletter
- 17.10 CPRE Countryside Voice

18 Any Other Business.
None

Date of Next Meeting: 13th April.