

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 11th May 2004

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

In attendance: District Councillor Alexandria Winder

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

1 To elect the Chairman for the year 2004 - 2005

Councillor Brook was proposed and seconded for the position of Chairman. There being no other nominations, Councillor Brook was appointed.

2 To elect the Vice-Chairman for the year 2004 –2005

Councillor Smith was proposed and seconded for the position of Vice-Chairman. There being no other nominations Councillor Smith was appointed.

3 Introduction of the New Parish Clerk

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Mrs Marilyn Humphry as the new Parish Clerk.

4 Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2004

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th March be adopted as a true and accurate record. **Approved**

5 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 25th March 2004

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th March be adopted as a true and accurate record. **Approved**

6 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

7 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

8 Declarations of interest

Councillors Elliott and Smith declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 23 – Hadspen Short Mat Bowling Club.

9 Public Participation

None

Reports from Portfolio Holders

10 Environment, Health (Cllr Elliott)

Cllr Elliott reported that a hedge in Mill Lane had been trimmed very badly leaving it in a harmful condition. Action would be considered to resolve this matter.

11 Highway (Cllr Holt)

Cllr Holt reported that there would be temporary road closure in Mill lane from 15th May 2004. Maps are in place on the notice boards showing the alternative routes.

12 Parish Tidiness (Cllr O'Leary)

Cllr O'Leary advised council that there is a scheme in operation to collect old car batteries. Details of the scheme have been posted on the notice boards.

13 Slurry Lagoon (Cllr Smith)

Following the detailed discussions at the Annual Parish Meeting, earlier this evening, Cllr Smith reported that she had spoken with County Councillor Carroll and agreed that a meeting with the Environmental Agency be arranged at the earliest opportunity. Cllr Smith stated that she would report the results to the next council meeting.

14 Footpaths (Cllr Jennings)

Cllr Jennings reported that some styles needed repair. It was suggested that the District Council be contacted. They would be able to help.

15 Law and Order (Cllr Bell)

Nothing further to report

16 General Matters (Cllr Brook)

Nothing further to report

17 The Statement of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2004

Council was presented with the statement of the annual accounts. It was proposed and seconded that the accounts be approved. **Approved**

18 Planning Applications

18.1	04/00468/TCA	Laural Cottage, Pitcombe	Various tree work
18.2	01/01142/LBC	Cole Manor	Lean-to porch to rear
18.3	04/00617	Bottom Barn Farm	Conversion of Farm Buildings to dwelling (resubmission)

Council had no objections to these applications.

18.4	04/00622	Bottom Barn Farm	Erection of Hay barn
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Council reiterated the objections previously raised (25th March 2004 – 3.1)

19 To note the following Planning Determinations

19.1	04/00468/TCA	Laurel Cottage, Pitcombe	Various Tree Works	Approved
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Planning Appeal

19.2	03/02498	Hedleys Hay, Redlynch	Erection of tool store	Appeal Allowed
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20 Accounts for payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following accounts be approved for payment. **Approved**

20.1	SALC	Affiliation Fee	£ 68.30
20.2	M J Millican	Clerk's Salary & expenses	£164.33
20.3	Cornhill Insurance	Annual Premium	£232.99

21 Dates for meetings for 2004 – 2005

It was agreed that the council should continue to meet on the second Tuesday of every month. Meetings would in future commence at 7.30.p.m.

2004: 8th June, 13th July, 10th August, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November, 14th December

2005: 11th January, 8th February, 8th March, 12th April, 10th May (Annual Meeting)

22 Correspondence

22.1	SSDC	Wild Days Out programme	Village Hall Directory
22.2	Hadspen Short-Mat Bowling Club	Request for grant	To all Cllr
22.3	CPRE	Planning Updates	To Cllr Brook
22.4	SSDC	Membership of Freemasons	To all Cllr
22.5	Parrett Catchment Project	Newsletter	
22.6	dti/defra	Rural Broadband	
22.7	Community Council	“Thatch” magazine and invitation to subscribe	
22.8	SSDC	Working with young people	To Cllr Holt
22.9	SCC	Highways reorganisation	To Cllr Holt
22.10	Mendip PCT	Newsletter	To Cllr Elliott
22.11	SCC Highways	Temporary closure of Mill lane	To Cllr Holt & Notice boards
22.12	SCC Highways	Temporary closure A371, Cumnock Hill	To Cllr Holt & Notice boards
22.13	SALC	Items of interest	
22.14	SYRP	Newsletter	
22.15	Yeovil CVS	Newsletter	
22.16	SCC	Somerset Crafts maps	To all Cllrs
22.17	English Heritage	Traditional Builders Fair	

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence, or ask for copies.

Councillors Elliott and Smith left the meeting room.

23 Hadspen Short Mat Bowling Club

It was proposed and seconded that a grant of £50.00 be awarded to help set up the Club on the understanding that the club would be self-financing in future.

Approved

Councillors Elliott and Smith re-entered the meeting room.

24 Proposed Removal of BT Payphone in Hadspen

It was agreed that the removal of the BT payphone should be strongly opposed on the grounds it provided a necessary service for the village and a letter to this effect should be sent to BT.

25 Other Business

Council was advised that there had been tipping on Green Lane and that it was believed asbestos was present in the waste. A further broken style was reported.

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.