

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 12th October 2004

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

In attendance: County Councillor Carroll,
District Councillor Alexandria Winder

In the Chair: Councillor Smith

1 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th August 2004

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It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th August 2004 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Minutes Approved

2 Matters arising from the minutes of 10th August 2004

- a. Para. 2b. – Notice Board at Lime Kiln Lane – Council noted that the sign was deemed permissible under the planning rules for advertising signs and therefore planning permission is not required.
- b. Para.5 - Posting minutes on web site. It was agreed and seconded that the Clerk should arrange for draft minutes to be posted on the website with the necessary disclaimer.

Approved
- c. Para 6 – Community Access Fund – A request has been made for access to be improved where the footpath 22/12 joins the 22/10.
- d. Para 8 – Highways – A visit has been made by Highways and agreement made to clean the drains in Lime Kiln Lane. The drains are to be surveyed in connection with a drainage scheme for the A359 in the next financial year
- e. Para 10 – Slurry Lagoon – Council was advised that Mr Walters was to commence emptying the lagoon when the maize was cut. The dates given for this were between mid September and mid October. There is still one field to cut but action should commence in 10 days.
- f. Para 11 – Dog notices – The Clerk advised Council that Paul Atwell could not provide larger 'Dog Notices' as he had no budget for this but he could supply more of the smaller ones and also laminated A4 copies of the Countryside Code. Cllr Jennings agreed to pursue this. Cllr Jennings informed Council regarding the 'Right to Roam' legislation and confirmed that none of Pitcombe land was included in the scheme. It was suggested that Cllr Jennings arrange for this information to be placed in the Parish magazine.

3 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brook and Bell

4 **Declarations of interest**

- None.

5 **Public Participation**

Mr Taylor expressed his concern that access to minutes was difficult. Cllr Smith advised that someone had now shown an interest in running the website and this should improve the situation.

Mr Taylor again expressed his concerns about the Slurry Lagoon and the Environment Agency's actions. Cllr Smith stated she was well aware of the timescales and would certainly chase up action.

Reports from Portfolio Holders

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

Cllr Elliott had contacted the Planning Office in Wincanton regarding the Apple Pickers who arrived at Rudge Wood in September.. Council was informed that they were currently within the law but the situation would be monitor.

Council was advised that the householder in Mill Lane had agreed to prune the hedge and take out the brambles which have caused problems.

Council was informed that the question of ownership of the hedge in Station Road has been referred to the Land Registry in Weymouth.

7 **Highways** (Cllr Holt)

It was reported that as yet the work on the drains in Lime Kiln Lane had not been carried out and it was further noted that the lower half of the Lane's drains were also in need of attention. Cllr Holt agreed to contact Highways again.

Council was advised that Pitcombe Rock would be closed from 22nd November for three weeks. Notices of the closure would be placed on the notice boards.

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

Council was informed that the collection of the recycling boxes was improving. A new Litter Rota for councillors had been prepared and a copy would be placed in the Parish Magazine.

9 **Slurry lagoon** (Cllr Smith)

Nothing further to report.

10 **Footpaths**

Cllr Jennings had received a request from the Trail Riders Fellowship for a modification order to turn Lancombe Lane from a Road used as Public Path (RUPP) to a Bye way open to all traffic (BOAT). Council agreed to discuss this at the next Council meeting.

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

No report

12 **General Matters** (Cllr Brook)

No report

13. Planning Applications

04/02496/FUL Mr P Simpson Cumberledge House, Sunny Hill –
Alterations and conversion of integral garage, erection of detached garage and replacement of 3 trees.

Mr & Mrs March, told Council that they were very upset that most of the trees had been removed from the site and did not consider that the removal of a further three trees should be allowed. Council stated it was opposed to the plan and considered it was too large a dwelling for the site. Cllr Carroll suggested that the Council try to obtain Tree Preservation Orders for these trees. Clerk was instructed to make the necessary enquiries.

14. Planning Determinations - Granted

04/00622/FUL Mr & Mrs Hobhouse – bottom Barn Farm – Erection of Hay Barn

04/02327/FUL J Ralfe - Lisbury Cottage – the demolition of a single storey extension and the erection of a two storey extension and double garage.

15. Accounts for payment

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

1	CPRE	Membership renewal	£25.00
2	M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary for August & September	£128.32

Approved

16. Correspondence

1	Victim Support	Acknowledgement/thanks for donation	
2	SCC	Speed Management Review	Cllr Holt
3	Avon & Somerset Police	Newsletter	Cllr Bell
4	David Heath MP	Notification of advice days	Notice Boards
5	SCC	Passenger Transport Strategy	
6	SSDC	Parish Lengthsman Scheme	
7	SSDC	Parish Council Precepts 2005/06	
8	SSDC	Working with Young People	Cllr Holt
9	SSDC	Wheeled Bins	Cllr O'Leary
10	CPRE	Newsletter - Fieldwork	
11	SSDC	Consultation with Local Councils – Planning	All Cllrs
12	SCC	Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 - Questionnaire	Cllr Jennings
13	SSDC	Annual Parish Council Workshop 20/10/04	Cllr Brook
14	Avon & Somerset Police	Newsletter	Cllr Bell
15	CPRE	Annual General meeting 6 th November 2004	
16	SCC	Annual meeting of PC and SCC 5/10/04	
17	SCC Highways	Staff change – C Higgins leaves 8/10/04	Cllr Holt
18	SCC	Somerset Minerals Local Plan	
19	SSDC	Area East Community Safety Action Panel – Action Plan 2004/05	Cllr Bell
20	Balsam Centre	Health Walks	
21	NALC	Annual Review and Accounts	
22	SW Regional assembly	Regional Spatial Strategy Consultation	Cllr Brook
23	DEFRA	Consultation – Clean Neighbourhoods	

18. Somerset Mineral Local Plan - Cllr Carroll agreed to forward a copy of the report.

17. Items for the next agenda

Councillors were reminded to forward items for discussion/decision at council meetings to the Clerk by the 25th of each month.

Next meeting Tuesday 9th November 2004

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.