

# *Pitcombe* Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2005**

Present: Councillors: Bell, Elliott, Holt, Jennings, and O'Leary

In the Chair: Councillor Elliott

In attendance: District Councillor Alexandria Winder

### **1. Public Participation**

None

### **2. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2005**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2005 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

**Minutes Approved**

### **3. Matters arising from the minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2005**

- a. **Para 4 a – Slurry lagoon** The Chairman stated that lagoon looked pristine. The clerk informed Council that the Environment Agency are continuing with the legal action.
- b. **Para 4 b – Footpaths** - Councillor Jennings sent a report that all the footpaths with the exception of perhaps one have now been cleared.

### **4. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Jennings and Smith

### **5. Declarations of interest**

None

### **6. Website**

After discussion it was agreed that it would be more beneficial to the community if the website was to incorporate all parish events and not just agendas and minutes. Mr David Jury, who has taken on the management of the website, agreed to write an article for the parish magazine.

**7. Policing**

Councillor Henry Hobhouse informed the Council of the new beat system that was to be introduced in this area, on a six month trial basis from November. The emphasis is to put a visible police presence in the community. Each area will have a beat officer, in this area PC Sara Stephenson, and 3 PCSOs, Thelma Mead and 2 others. Each Parish will be asked to make a contract with the police and details were requested on the frequency the beat officer/PCSO would be required to attend council meetings, neighbourhood watch and coffee mornings. Councillor Hobhouse agreed to arrange for Inspector Neil Pitman to attend the next Council meeting.

**8. Planning Determination - granted**

Council noted that the following planning application had been granted.

05/01544/FUL	Priddles Hill Stables	Priddles Hill Farm	Replacement of defective building with new workshop.
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**9. Traffic Calming at Sunny Hill**

After much discussion Council agreed that Councillor Holt would contact Bev Norman, Senior Traffic Engineer to advise of the council's concerns with the proposed scheme, emphasising that speed cushions could increase the use of the C351 as a short cut to Castle Cary and to advise the Council's preference for the alternative option of timed lights. Also to ask for some form of traffic calming on the C351 near the boarding houses of Bruton School for Girls and to extend the 30mph along the whole of Mill Lane.

**10. Trafalgar Celebrations**

Councillor Elliott advised that the event would commence at 7 p.m. The beacon being lit at around 7.30.p.m. Tickets available from Carol Wyatt.

**11. Precept**

The Chairman proposed that 50p per week be added to the precept for each Band D property to raise money for the rebuilding of the Village Hall. This would mean a rise of £26.00 bringing the D Band to £43.50. It was explained that many such projects had been funded in this way. After much discussion it was agreed that this proposal was supported but the figure should not be more than double the existing Band D rate. This would raise 35p per week per household. It was agreed that the Chairman would make this proposal known to the electors through the parish magazine and the notice boards and a formal proposal put forward at the next Council meeting.

The Chairman further proposed that if the Council was to agree the proposals to raise money for the rebuilding of the hall through the precept it should be a condition that the name of the hall should be changed. It was stated that any decision to change the name of the hall was the responsibility of the Hadspen Committee of Trustees and they should be requested to do this but Council did not consider it appropriate to make it a condition of funding.

**12. Annual Audit**

The Clerk reported that the audit for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 had been approved and was now closed.

*Draft minutes subject to confirmation*

**13. Reports**

**District Councillor** - Councillor Winder stated SSDC's decision on the introduction of car parking charges for Castle Cary and Wincanton had been delayed for 6 months pending the report on car parking strategy.

**14. Accounts for payment**

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

M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary for July 2005	£67.60
Moore Stephens	Audit Fee	£58.75
Hadspen Village Hall	Grant for one table	£100.00
		<b>Approved</b>

**15. Correspondence**

1.	SCC	Provisional Local Transport plan
2.	SSDC	Scheme of delegation workshop for ward/parishes -19 <sup>th</sup> October – Names by 14 <sup>th</sup> October
3.	SSDC	Parish paths Stewardship scheme newsletter
4.	Conservation foundation	Parish Pump news
5.	SCC	Slinky Bus Launch – Wincanton -13 <sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm
6.	SSDC	Minutes of Standards Committee – 6 <sup>th</sup> July 05
7.	Bridgwater College	IT Training in your parish
8.	SCC	Highway Lighting – ( to Councillor Holt)
9.	St Margaret's Hospice	Newsletter
10.	SSDC	Parish Plan Information Evening
11.	Chief Superintendent Marsh	Newsletter & invitation to 'Building Community Cohesion in Somerset' conference on Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October -9.30
12.	SSDC	Area East meeting 12 <sup>th</sup> October 9.30 a.m.

**16. Items for the next agenda**

Precept, including increase for Village Hall

**Next meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 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.*