

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 12th April 2005

Present: Councillors: Bell, Brook, O'Leary, Smith

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: County Councillor Carroll, District Councillor Alexandria Winder

1. **Public Participation**

Mr Pheby stated that the usual piles of grit supplied by Highways had not been provided this winter. It was explained that grit will now only be supplied if grit bins are made available because of Environment Agency concerns about leeching. It was agreed that the decision to purchase a grit bin be taken in October at the time of the precept discussions.

Mrs Pheby was concerned about the growth of brambles etc over the drains on the C125. The Clerk agreed to report this to the District Council

2. **To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 8th February 2005**

-

It was agreed that the minutes of the meetings held on 8th February 2005 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Minutes Approved

3. **Matters arising from the minutes of 8th February 2005**

a. Para. 3(a). – Highways – Councillor Holt sent a report to Council to advise that the work in Mill Lane had a work order but that a wrong message had been put on the computer. This will be followed up. It was also stated that the drain problem at the bridge in Cole had been reported.

b. Para 3(b) – Slurry Lagoon – Councillor Smith stated that Ian Myers, Environment Agency had now been replaced by Brian Paine. He has a meeting with Mr Walters scheduled for 13th April and we await the outcome of this. Emptying did start before Easter but is not completed. Councillor Brook advised that the required planting is growing well and the hedging is becoming established.

-
c. Para 3(c)– Removal of Outbuilding, Old Vicarage

-
Clerk reported that SSDC had replied stating that planning permission was given in 2003 and the outbuildings have been demolished for health and safety reasons. The vicarage is not a listed building.

d. Para 7 – Planning application – Barton Building COU

SSDC stated that the need for COU planning was not evident until the application was submitted for the two windows. Hence the two separate applications.

4 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Elliot and Holt

5 **Declarations of interest**

- None

6. **Road Signs**

- a. Council was advised that the broken Pitcombe sign at Grove Cross and the incorrect road number on the main road sign had been reported to Highways who will carry out the necessary repairs/amendments.
- b. Church signs – It was agreed that the PCC should be consulted regarding the need and payment for the signs. Clerk was asked to write to PCC.
- c. Parish Boundary signs. Council agreed that Highways should be asked to move the sign in Cole Road to the Parish boundary.

Approved

- d. 20 mph Speed Limit outside schools – County Councillor Carroll stated that the council would shortly be consulted about the introduction of a 20mph speed limit outside Bruton School for Girls in Cole Road. He advised that as this is an “A” road electronic signs would be installed and the 20 mph would only be in force during school time.

7. **Planning Determinations Granted**

05/00251/COU Barton Building Hadspen House Change of use to residential.

04/03514/CPO Hadspen Quarry Ltd, Grove Farm Continued winning & working of Hadspen Stone and extension of Quarry area and retention of existing quarry infrastructure

8. **Planning Applications**

05/00645/FUL Mr & Mrs Watkins, Longmead, Cole Road Erection of a single storey extension to dwelling
Council had no comments to make.

9. **Reports from Portfolio Holders**

Councillor Brook stated that he was pleased that the parish was generally free of litter due to the hard work of the councillors although the A359 area remains a problem. Special thanks was given to Harriet Reid for all her efforts. County Councillor Carroll advised that doorstep collection of bottles would be in place within 12 months but that plastics would never be included.

Iain Bell reported that he had received a report on the state of crime within Somerset and there was a downward trend in the crime figures.

10. **Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2005**

The Clerk presented a statement of the annual accounts. Council agreed to approve these accounts.

Approved

11. **Request for Grant from Hadspen Village Hall**

Council agreed to approve a grant of £1,500 to Hadspen Village Hall.

Approved

County Councillor Carroll suggested that funds could be available from SCC, Environment for the Village Hall under the Aggregates Levee Sustainability Fund. He suggested that the Hall Committee contact him for assistance

with an application.

12 Accounts for payment

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

M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary for February and March 2005	£128.32
SALC	Affiliation Fee	£70.34

Approved

13 Correspondence

1	Office of the Deputy PM	Vibrant Local Leadership, Citizen Engagement & Public Service-Why Neighbourhoods Matter	
2	CVS	Community News	
3	South Somerset NHS	Trust Board Briefing	
4	Parrett Catchment Project	Fact finding day – 14th March	Cllr Elliott
5	SALC	Minutes of meeting 6th December 04	
6	The Standards Board	Consultation paper	All Cllrs
7	SSDC	Launch of SS Parish Paths Stewardship Scheme	Cllr Jennings
8	SSDC	Countryside Service Public Rights of Way Survey	Cllr Jennings
9	SSDC	South Somerset Walking Festival	
10	Community Partnership	Safety Newsletter and Workshop 24/3/05	Cllr Bell
11	South Somerset NHS	Consultation development Crewkerne Hosp	
12	SSDC	Licensing Act	All Cllrs
13	Environment Agency	Oil Storage Regulations	
14	SSDC	Licensing Act Seminars	
15	CPRE	Fieldwork & Countryside Voice magazines	
16	SSDC	Refuse & recycling collection 2005	Cllr O'Leary
17	Community Council for Somerset	Thatch magazine & request for subscription	
18	SSDC	Notice of Election	Notice Boards
19	City of Wells	Celebration of Civic Service	Cllr Brook
20	SSDC	Area East News	
21	Avon & Somerset Constabulary	Newsletter	Cllr Bell
22	DEFRA	Quality parish councils- grants	
23	SSDC	Launch of Parish Paths Stewardship Scheme	Notice Boards Cllr Jennings
24	Mendip NHS Trust	Agenda & minutes	
25	SSDC	Letter to tree warden	Cllr Jennings

14. Annual Parish Meeting

Council confirmed the date of the Annual Parish meeting as 10th May 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

15. Items for the next agenda

Items should be forwarded to the Clerk by 28th April.

16. County Councillor Carroll announced that this would be his last meeting at Pitcombe as he was not standing for re-election here. He stated he had spent 12 very enjoyable years and thanked the Council for always treating him with courtesy and kindness. Councillor Brook gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Council and wished Councillor Carroll well for the future.

17. **Confidential Business - Motion to exclude the Public**

Council agreed that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

Approved

18. **Clerk's Contract**

It was proposed and seconded that the Council agree that Pitcombe Parish Council adopt the National Agreement on the Salaries and Conditions of Service of Local Council Clerks and confirm that the salary scale should be from 16 – 21. It was further agreed that the hours of working should be reviewed annually.

Approved

Next meeting Tuesday 10th May 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.