

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 8th February 2005

Present: Councillors Bell, Brook, Elliott, Holt, Smith

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: District Councillor Alexandria Winder

1. Public Participation

Mr Taylor stated he was very concerned that no action is being taken by Mr Walters to empty the Slurry Lagoon and that further telephone conversations with the Environment Agency have not been fruitful. Mr Taylor asked Council if they had received any further information and suggested that it was perhaps time to again contact David Heath MP for assistance.

2. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 14th December 2004, 5th & 17th January 2005

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It was agreed that the minutes of the meetings held on 14th December 2004, 5th & 17th January 2005 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Minutes Approved

3. Matters arising from the minutes of 14th December 2004

- a. Para. 3(a) – Highways – Councillor Holt reported that most of the drains in Lime Kiln Lane are now working but there are at least two which have disappeared in the bank. With regard to the subsidence Council was informed that the work had been completed. Councillor Bell stated that no work had been done. Councillor Holt agreed to contact Highways again on both these matters.
- b. Para 3(b) – Slurry Lagoon – Councillor Smith confirmed that nothing is happening currently. Ian Myers, EA, has reported that their legal department is reluctant to take action as the contents of the lagoon was deposited legally. The EA apparently have other concerns with Mr Walters and it is hoped these may assist in finding a solution. Councillor Jennings had sent notice of his concerns that once seeding starts in about two months it will be too late to spread the contents of the lagoon. Council noted this and Councillor Smith stated she would continue to pursue EA. Council was advised that if and when the lagoon smells again the Environmental Health should be able to place a Statutory Nuisance Order on the lagoon which would require it to be emptied.
- c. Para 11 – Removal of Outbuilding, Old Vicarage - Clerk advised she had written to SSDC Planning but no reply had been received. Clerk will make further enquiries.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Jennings and O'Leary

5. Declarations of interest

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None

6. Footpaths

John Knight has offered to clear the brambles from the verge in front of the old railway wall in the lane approaching Cole and plant daffodils. Council agreed the proposal and Councillor Smith offered to convey the Council's decision and thanks to Mr Knight.

Approved

7. Planning

The following Planning Determinations were noted

04/03205/FUL – Prof C G D Brook Plum Tree Cottage – insertion of two windows

04/03281/FUL – Mr & Mrs Jennings Alders, Lancombe Lane–conversion of outbuilding

04/03300/FUL – Mr & Mrs Hobhouse The Wildings - erection of a porch to the rear

04/03416/LBC – Mr & Mrs Hobhouse Barton Building – insertion 2 windows on west elevation

Planning Application

05/00251/COU Hobhouse Ltd – Barton Building, Haspen House – Change of use of part of the ground floor to residential use.

Council had no objections to the application for change of use but voiced their concerns over the way the application had been submitted in stages. District Councillor Winder agreed to take the matter up with the District Council.

Approved

8. Reports from Portfolio Holders

Law & Order: Councillor Bell reported he had received the latest crime statistics from the Community Safety Partnership and informed Council that Pitcombe was in the lowest category for all sections.

Parish Tidiness: Councillor Holt reported that rubbish had been tipped in the field at the end of Green Lane, including an old fridge and possibly some asbestos sheeting. District Councillor Winder stated that if the tipping was on private property it was the responsibility of the landowner to clear. However, if there was asbestos Environmental Health may be able to help. Councillor Holt will follow up.

Road Signs: Council was informed that the road signs for Pitcombe on the A359, Cole Road, are in the wrong place, also the sign at Grove Cross for Pitcombe is broken and the road number is incorrect. It states A358 instead of A359. The Clerk was asked to report these to highways and also request signs to the Church off the A359 and also at the junction for the Church.

9 Accounts for payment

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

Approved**10 Correspondence**

1	SSDC	South Somerset Countryside Handbook	Cllr Jennings
2	SCC	Somerset Direct	All Cllrs
3	South Somerset NHS	Trust Board Briefing	
4	SCC –Environment Dept	Parish Survey 2003/4 - report	Cllr Brook
5	SSDC	Tree Talk	Cllr Jennings
6.	SALC	Freedom of Information Act; National Agreement on Salaries and Conditions of Service of Local Council Clerks	
7	City of Wells	Celebration of Civic Service – Wells Cathedral Sunday 10 th April 3p.m.	
8	SRYP	Newsletter	Cllr Holt
9	Office of the Deputy PM	Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Authorisation of the Qualified Person	
10.	Mendip & South Somerset Community Safety Partnership	Summary of Crime Audit for comment	Cllr Bell
11	SCC	Taunton in 2026 – Invitation to discuss future	
12	CPRE	Newsletter	
13	SSDC	Area East Committee Meeting 9/02/05	
14	SSDC	Consultation responses on planning applications	All Cllrs

11. Items for the next agenda

Items to be submitted to the Clerk by 25th February 2005.

Next meeting Tuesday 8th March 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.