

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 10th May 2005

Present: Councillors: Bell, Brook, Elliott, Holt, Jennings
In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: County Councillor Robinson,
District Councillor Alexandria Winder

1. Election of Chairman for the year 2005 – 2006

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Charles Brook be appointed as Chairman. Councillor Brook signed the form of acceptance of office.

Approved

2. Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2005 – 2006

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Elliott be appointed as Vice- Chairman.

Approved

3. Public Participation

None

4. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 12th April 2005

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It was agreed that the minutes of the meetings held on 12th April 2005 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Approved

5. Matters arising from the minutes of 12th April 2005

a. Para. 3(a). – Highways – Councillor Holt stated that Tony Leach from Highways was to inspect the subsidence and hoped to deal with the problem within the month.

b. Para 3(b) – Slurry Lagoon – It was reported to the Annual Parish meeting that emptying of the lagoon was in progress

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Para 6(b) – Signs to the Church – Councillor Brook reported that the PCC had agreed that signs should be erected on the A359 at Sheepwash and on Mill Lane and they would pay half the costs. It was proposed and seconded that the Council should therefore request that these signs be installed by Highways and meet half the cost.

Approved

c. Para 7(c) - Parish Boundary Sign - It was reported that Highways had agreed to move the Pitcombe sign to the Parish Boundary.

6. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor O'Leary

7. **Declarations of interest**

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None

8. **Planning Determinations Granted**

05/00645/FUL Mr & Mrs Watkins, Longmead, Cole Road - Erection of a single storey extension

05/0008/FUL Miss S E Smith, Renewal of previous 5 year permission for siting of mobile home

9. **Planning Applications**

05/01019/TCA Mr P J Wyatt Hadspen Village Hall Application to remove oak tree

Mr Wyatt was asked to address the meeting. After much discussion it was decided that in the long-term interests of the community no objections would be made to the removal of the tree. It was further agreed that a line of silver birches be planted on the boundary.

Application approved.

05/01063/FUL Mr Taylor Nettlecombe Cottage Erection of a conservatory

Application approved.

05/01195/FUL Bruton School for Girls Conversion of existing Prep School Car Park
entrance to 2 ways.

Council opposed this plan because it was considered that the entrance is not large enough to provide sufficient sight for the vehicles and that the current speed limit of 60 mph on Strutter's Hill, the junction with Pitcombe Rock together with the existing access problems of the houses at the top of Strutter's Hill would make this highly dangerous.

Application Opposed

10. **Reports**

District Councillor

District Councillor Winder reported that there was to be a change in the way planning applications are dealt with in order to speed up the process. It is proposed that if the Parish Council's opinion is contrary to the Planning Officer it will require the District Councillor to obtain the support of two others in order for the plan to go to full Committee. The DC will be responsible for establishing the planning reasons. The date of introduction has not yet been agreed.

Council was also informed that James Myer has now returned as Planning Enforcement Officer.

District Councillor Winder also explained that applications for grants from Area East would now only be dealt with twice yearly and that applications for the current round must be submitted before the end of this month.

11 **Accounts for payment**

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

M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary for April 2005	£67.60
Allianz Cornhill	Insurance	£297.26

Bruton Town Council	Annual administration costs	£144.00
Pitcombe Church	Grant for maintenance of the churchyard	£550.00
Hadspen Village Hall	Grant	£460.00
Hadspen Village Hall	Grant	£1500.00
Wincanton Sports Centre	Grant	£50.00

Approved

12 Correspondence

1	SSDC	Funding Fayre, 11 th May 2005	
2	SCC	Local Transport Plan 2006 – 2011 Summary Comments by 27 th May	
3	SCC	Review of tendered bus services	
4	SSDC	Sport & Active Leisure Strategic Framework Consultation	
5	South Somerset NHS Trust	Briefing	
6	Trafalgar Weekend	21 st -23 rd October – Guide to taking part	
7	SSDC	Kerbside Recycling Collection Dates 2005/06	
8	SSDC		Notice of Election of County Councillor
9	SSDC		Bank Holiday refuse dates
10	SSDC		Area East Committee agenda 11/05/05
11.	SSDC		Safer Communities Event – 16 th June
12	Avon & Somerset Constabulary		Newsletter Chief Sup. Andy Marsh

Trafalgar Weekend - Council agreed that a joint event should be arranged with Hadspen Village Hall. Councillor Elliott agreed to carry this forward.

13. Meeting Dates for 2005/06

Council agreed to meet on the second Tuesday of each month commencing at 7.30.p.m.

14. Casual Vacancy

Councillor Brook advised Council that as Councillor Smith had withdrawn from the Council a notice of vacancy would be posted on 11th May 2005.

15. Items for the next agenda

Wheeled Bins

Items should be forwarded to the Clerk by 1st June 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.