

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 11 July 2006

Present: Councillors: Brook Elliott, O'Leary, Bell, Carter
In the Chair: Councillor Brook
Absent: Councillors: Jennings, Holt

In attendance: District Councillor Winder
PC Sara Stephenson
PCSO Barbara Hooper
Countryside Ranger Eve Wynn

1. Maintenance of Footpaths

The Chairman Cllr Brook welcomed Eve Wynn, Countryside Ranger who gave a presentation to the council on Parish Paths. The Maintenance and Improvement to Public Rights of Way is carried out by South Somerset District Council under a Highways Agency Agreement, on behalf of the Somerset County Council. This includes replacement/installation of stiles and gates, waymark routes, signposts, small bridges, steps, drainage, surface improvements and vegetation clearance. All problems of this nature should be reported to Eve Wynn. Landowner/Tenant responsibilities were discussed and clarified and all reported problems are dealt with by direct liaison with the landowner or tenant. Eve Wynn's contact details are as follows:

Eve Wynn Countryside Ranger
Churchfield, Wincanton BA9 9AG
Tel: 01963 43504 Mob: 07770 636105
e-mail eve.wynn@southsomerset.gov.uk

2. Police

The Chairman Cllr Brook welcomed PC Sara Stephenson and PCSO Barbara Hooper our new area officer. PCSO Thelma Mead has now changed areas and Cllr Brook expressed appreciation on behalf of the council for her work. PC Stephenson handed Cllr Brook a copy of the Contract between Somerton Sector Police and Town/Parish Councils which he duly signed on behalf of the council. Contact details for PC Stephenson and PCSO Hooper are as follows:

Mob: PC Stephenson 0787 590 3450 (non urgent messages only can be left)
Mob: PCSO Hooper 0787 590 3455 (non urgent messages only can be left) or
Portishead 0845 456 7000 (Dial 999 for emergencies)

3. Public Participation

A question was raised regarding the mobile home in the conservation area and what progress is being made regarding its removal. It was understood previously from the

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

Enforcement Officer that its removal would take place once it had been sold. This has not happened and its continued presence is causing considerable concern. It was agreed that Cllr Elliott would speak with Enforcement Officer, Mr Myer to ascertain the current situation.

4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 June 2006**

Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2006.

Approved

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of 13 June 2006**

Slurry Lagoon. It was reported that an Agent, Mr Brian Payne had visited the Slurry Lagoon and stated that the smell was still coming from the ground area. A holding tank complete with contents remains and the Agent stated an offence had been committed. Cllr Brook stated that the Slurry Lagoon was now completely empty and he was not aware of any holding tank being present. Cllr Brook suggested members of the public visit the site to see for themselves.

Priddles Hill Farm. Cllr Brook reported that land re-shaping work was currently being undertaken as directed by the Environmental Agency. The gate to the site was now being padlocked and it may be necessary to remind the site manager that it is a footpath and access is being restricted. Notification of Andrew Hopkins Appeal Hearing date is still awaited.

6. **Apologies for absence**

None received.

7. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

8. **Footpaths**

It was agreed that a process to implement Eve Wynn's instructions regarding the Maintenance of Footpaths should be notified in the Parish News. Cllr Brook asked Cllr Carter to assume this topic as a portfolio, this she agreed to do.

9. **Planning Determinations**

06/00391/FUL – Gerald Spratling, Manor Farm, Cole – Erection of two-storey extension to front of dwelling – Reconsultation original plans invalid.

The council had no comments on this application.

06/01320/OUT - Mr Richard Hollingbery, Godminster Farm, Godminster Lane, Bruton. – Erection of duo-pitched steel framed building to accommodate bottling plant, process and storage.

Comments raised on this application as follows:

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

- Structure visible from footpaths
- Some anxiety expressed on storage of spirits
- Concern regarding access for Fire/Emergency services
- Security issues

10. Accounts and the Annual Audit Return for 2005/06

Council approved the annual return to the Council's external auditor and the Chairman signed the Statement of Assurance.

Approved

11. Reports

a. Portfolio Holders

Cllr O'Leary reported that the scaffolding was being removed at Wyke Farm after the recent re-spraying of silos. The landscape was much improved by the completion of this work and he had written to Mr Clothier and thanked him for his co-operation in this matter.

Cllr O'Leary confirmed everyone was now in receipt of the *Sort It!* information and was optimistic that its implementation would be successful. **Cllr Bell** pointed out that terraced housing should *not* have wheeled bins both for practical and environmental reasons and should continue with black bags. **District Cllr Winder** confirmed this stating they *would* have black bags and the food caddies once the new system comes into effect. **Cllr Elliott** recommended the composting bins.

b. District Councillor

District Cllr Winder spoke about the SSDC District Wide Parking Strategy Study and the meeting being held in Keinton Mandeville on Tuesday 18 July at 7.15 pm. District Cllr Winder agreed to represent Pitcombe Parish Council's concerns regarding all day parking in Castle Cary streets by workers, which led to difficulties for those who were casual visitors to the town shops being unable park.

12. Accounts for Payment

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

LexisNexis	Local Council Administration 7 th Edition plus postage	£53.45
J Linden	Clerk's salary for June 2006	£69.63
J Linden	Admin costs – stationery and postage	£9.83

13. Correspondence:

1	The Balsam Project	Newsletter Summer 2006.
2.	SSDC	Changes at political leadership level.
3.	SSDC	CCS Community Surgery Friday 7 July 2006.
4.	SCC Highways	Temporary Road Closure, Wyke Road

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

5. SSDC Notification of Changes to Waste Collection – *Sort It!*
 6. Yeovil & District Council Application for Grant Aid from Pitcombe Parish Council.
Voluntary Service
 7. SSDC Area East News – Summer 2006.

 8. SSDC Youth, Arts and Play Survey.
 9. SSDC Draft South Somerset Sport and Recreation Built
Facilities Assessment Report and Feedback Form.

 10. Shopmobility, Quedam Shopmobility service and arrangements for Yeovil Town.
Centre
 11. SSDC Beacon Authority Open Day 12 October 2006
 12. SSDC Cleaner Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 –
Fixed Penalty Notices
 13. SSDC SSDC District Wide Parking Strategy Study Report
Version 5.4 Consultation Draft
 14. SSDC Leaflet – Reporting a Problem on a Public Right of Way
 15. SSDC Area East Committee Notice of Meeting 12 July 2006
14. **Items for the next agenda**
- Mobile Home
Footpaths
Priddles Hill Appeal

Next meeting Tuesday 12 September 2006.

All items to be forwarded to the Clerk by 31 August 2006