

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 13 June 2006

Present: Councillors: Elliott, Holt, Jennings, O'Leary.

In the Chair: Councillor Elliott

In attendance: County Councillor Robinson
District Councillor Winder

1. Public Participation

Mr Taylor reported that on the morning of 7 June 2006 the 'smell' had returned, and the fact reported to the Environmental Agency. It was not clear if the smell was coming directly from the Slurry Lagoon where a full holding tank remains, or whether it was coming off the land where the residue of the lagoon contents had been sprayed. Much discussion followed as to why the smell had returned at this stage and had it changed in any way. It was suggested that the hot, wet weather could be a possible cause of its return. It was agreed to closely monitor the situation.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 9 May 2006

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2006 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Approved

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors' Brook, Bell and Carter.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Planning Determinations Granted

06/01162/LBC D Craigie, The Old Dairy, Mill Lane, Pitcombe – Removal of internal wall to enlarge kitchen.

6. Annual Audit of Accounts – year ended 31 March 2006

The Council approved the accounts and the Chairman signed the audit form.

7. Reports

Councillor Jennings reported a problem with one of the Parish Footpaths (2210). In particular, a stile in the orchard was blocked by nettles and needing clearance. This has been reported to the Landowner and to the District Council. Maintenance work is being carried out on the Parish Footpaths and Bridleways but heavy rainfall causing the rapid overgrowth has exacerbated the situation.

Councillor O’Leary mentioned that scaffolding was being erected at Wyke Farm in connection with the re-spraying of the recently installed silo. It is encouraging to see this work progressing and the subsequent improvement to the landscape.

District Councillor Winder informed the Council that information on the waste and recycling service (due to commence September 2006) will be received shortly by Pitcombe Parish, this will outline the full implementation package.

Councillor Holt reported that Honeywick Hill drain clearance is now complete. The top of Lime Kiln Lane has been cleared and Councillor Holt continues to monitor the situation regarding clearance work at the bottom half where flooding occurs.

Chairman Councillor Elliott reported that she had been in contact with Mr Myer, Enforcement Planner regarding the removal of the mobile home in the conservation area. A ‘For Sale’ advertisement has been placed in the Blackmore Vale and upon sale it will be removed.

Councillor Holt read out a letter from James Myer Enforcement Planner (dated 8 May 2006) regarding the development at Priddles Hill Farm and the deposit of excavated material in the valley. ‘The Principal Landscape Officer has inspected the works and is of the view that there is scope to remodel the valley and that the resultant landform should grade with ease into the underlying topography. The owner’s agent has been informed that the extent of the deposit is such to amount to an express grant of planning permission’.

(The planning application is to be submitted within 6 weeks of Mr Myers letter).

Much discussion followed regarding activity at Priddles Hill Farm, which seems to go on day and night. Access improvement work is continuing. Notification of Andrew Hopkins Appeal Hearing date is still awaited.

County Councillor Robinson informed the council that the caravans at Sheepwash have moved and the site secured.

Plans for Pitcombe speed limit work are progressing and County Councillor Robinson predicted August/September for completion. Traffic is also being monitored during school runs with a view to improving signage on the Cole to Cary route.

8. Local Administration 7th Edition

The Council approved purchase of the latest edition of this publication at a total cost of £48.00.

Draft minutes subject to confirmation

9. **Accounts for Payment**

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

J Linden	Clerk's Salary for May 2006	£69.63
J Linden	Admin costs - postage	£3.84

10. **Items for the next agenda**

Update on Development at Priddles Hill Farm

All items to be forwarded to the Clerk by 30 June 2006.

Next meeting Tuesday 11 July 2006.

Members of the Council are asked to consider the following 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