

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 14th March 2006

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

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: District Councillor Winder

1. Public Participation

Dr Pheby asked for the current position regarding the mobile home. The Chairman advised that planning permission had not been applied for by the end of February as required and the enforcement officer, Mr Myer, is now in negotiation with the owner of the mobile home and the land to arrive at an amicable solution. The matter may take some time to resolve.

Mr Bunting raised the problem the noise and nuisance being caused at weekends by motor cyclists in Green Lane, the Quarry Area and on land belonging to Henry Hobhouse. The Chairman declared an interest in this matter and took no further part in the discussions. Mrs Brook stated she had contacted the police about ten days ago but as yet not received a response. The Clerk was instructed to contact PC Stephenson.

Mr Taylor asked Council if any further information had been received from the Environment Agency regarding the slurry lagoon. The Chairman stated that Mr Payne of the Environment Agency had informed him that Mr Walters was in court on 13th March charged with keeping and treating slurry in a manner causing an odour hazard to Pitcombe. He pleaded guilty and was fined £700.00 plus £2000.00 costs. Council was also advised that Mr Walters is considering the possibility of using the lagoon for the production of methane. This will of course require planning permission and a waste management license.

2. Co-option to Council

The Council was advised that there had been no request for an election and the Council was able to co-opt a new member. It was proposed by Councillor Holt and seconded by Councillor Bell that Camilla Carter be co-opted as a member of the Council. All Councillors agreed. Mrs Carter duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took her seat at the Council table.

Approved

3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 14th February 2006

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meetings held on 14th February 2006 be adopted as a true and accurate record after an amendment to paragraph 2.

Minutes Approved

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor O'Leary.

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5. Declarations of interest

None further than Councillor Brook declared at item 1.

6. Quiet lanes

Council discussed the paper produced by the Chairman. While they agreed that the idea was attractive the question of enforcement was considered to be a difficulty. After discussion it was agreed the Chairman would write an article for the Parish Magazine to inform and see the reaction of the parishioners and also seek further information about the scheme.

7. Reports

Councillor Holt stated she had attended a site meeting with Bev Norman and Colin Fletcher of County Highways and County Councillor Robinson at Sunny Hill to see what could be done to reduce the speed of vehicles on A359 following the decision to withdraw the plan for a 20mph zone outside the school. Councillor Holt produced a map of the suggested siting for the extension of 30 mph restrictions. Slow signs would also be painted on the road at Strutters Hill and warning “pedestrian” signs before the houses. 30 mph would also be extended so that most of Pitcombe would become a 30mph area. It was further suggested that 30 mph signs be put on C125 just after Sunny Lane coming towards Pitcombe. Councillor Holt will consult with County Highways and report back to Council.

Councillor Holt further advised that she had reported the potholes at Pitcombe Rock.

District Councillor Winder

Councillor Winder advised Council that the South Somerset Local Plan to 2012 was about to receive approval. Regarding the new refuse / recycling collection the date of implementation is now September. Consultation will take place approximately 6 weeks before and arrangements can be made for a representative to attend a Council meeting.

Chairman

The Chairman was pleased to inform Council that Jean Linden had agreed to take on the duties of Parish Clerk from May 2006. The Council agreed that the Chairman should arrange the contract of employment.

8. Accounts for payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following payments are approved.

M J Humphry	Clerk’s Salary for February 2006	£67.60
		Approved

9. Correspondence

1	Somerset Strategic Partnership	Somerset Economic Strategy
2	SSDC	DC’s Annual meeting with Parish Councils – Wednesday 15 th March 7pm Wincanton Council Offices
3	CPRE	Fieldwork magazine
4.	SSDC	Planning Scheme Delegation - Questionnaire
5.	SSDC	Town & Parish Workshops 17,20, 22 & 24 th March – Brympton Way

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| 6. | SCC | Notice of meeting of Parish Councils and SCC – Haynes Motor Museum 4 th May 2006 7 – 9 pm |
| 7 | SSDC | Sport & Active leisure Strategy 2006-12 Launch event – Yeovil Town Football Club – 29 th March 2006 |
| 8 | CPRE | Voice Magazine |
| 9. | Community Council | Thatch magazine |
| 10 | SSDC | Boundary Change Proposals – Comments by 21 st April |
| 11 | D Brummell | Concerns over speed of traffic Sunny Hill |

9. Items for the next agenda

Quiet Lanes, Parish Boundary

Next meeting Tuesday 11th April 2006

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.