

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on 14 November 2006

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

In attendance: District Councillor Winder

1. **Public Participation**

Complaints were expressed regarding the condition of the road leading from the orchard to Bottom Barn Farm. Large amounts of mud from the tyres of farm vehicles used during apple harvesting were being deposited on the road, and its accumulation was becoming quite a hazard. The question was raised regarding the possibility of clearance either by hosing or scraping the roads at the end of each working day. Clerk agreed to write to Henry Hobhouse about this matter.

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 October 2006**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2006 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of 10 October 2006**

Sheepwash. District Councillor Winder stated that the County Council owned the site and its retention as a grit store is to be continued. The suggested planting scheme for this site is not an option. Cllr Brook asked that Cllr Bell continues to monitor the usage of this site and report to the Council.

Trees. It was decided that Cllr Jennings and Cllr Holt would consider how best to achieve a planting scheme within the parish. They would consider various species, whether to plant in existing hedgerows (with the agreement of landowners), or whether to concentrate on the replacement of old trees. Cllr Jennings advised the Council that grants for tree planting were available from SSDC and we should consider applying in the next financial year. It was agreed that this matter would be raised again in February 2007.

4. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Bell and PC Stephenson

5. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

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6. Priddles Hill

05/03107/COU - Informal Hearing– Andrew Hopkins Concrete Ltd. Siting of low level concrete batching plant, storage of aggregates and parking of associated vehicles (GR 364874/132143)

Cllrs Elliott and Taylor attended the informal hearing on 7 November 2006. The main issues for consideration by the Inspector were:

- Whether the proposal could be justified on economic and sustainability grounds at this location in the countryside?
- The effect of the proposal on the character and appearance of the surrounding area.
- The effect of the proposal on highway safety at the junction of the site with the A371.
- The effect on the living conditions of neighbouring occupiers, with particular reference to noise and dust.

After discussion and a short break the hearing reconvened at the cement works followed by a visit to Priddles Hill site. It was noted by Cllrs Elliott and Taylor that the site had been tidied with no vehicles or workers in appearance. The Inspector viewed all aspects of the site, particularly from Wyke where it is very intrusive. Highways Department noted the safety aspects that were of concern.

Cllr Elliott reported that the hearing had been conducted as an informal discussion with the council being very well informed and supportive towards the parish council.

7. Planning Applications

06/03656/FUL – AH Farms – Replace old defective building with new purpose built structure (GR 364949/132133) **Location:** Priddles Hill Stables, Priddles Hill Farm, Castle Cary, BA7 7LX.

No observations to the plans as laid out.

8. Planning Determinations – Granted

06/02973/FUL - W Gyoury & S Bejeone, Nettlecombe, Hadspen, Castle Cary
Demolition of existing garage, erection of carport and single storey extension to dwelling.

06/03533/FUL – Extension to building to provide dairy milking parlour and collecting yard.
Location: Farm Buildings At Lily Farm, Welham, Castle Cary, BA7 7NF.
Parish: Bratton Seymour **Permission Granted with conditions**

9. Website pitcombepc.org.uk

The Council commended David Jury's elegant re-design of Pitcombe Parish Council website. The site content is excellent with a superb history of the area. It contains Parish Council information and contacts as well as useful links to SSDC departments. The Chairman asked the council to consider whether there were any additional items for inclusion on the website.

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10. Budget/Grants 2007-2008

The Council confirmed the following grant awards for 2007-08

Hadspen Village Hall	£ 460.00
St Leonard's Churchyard	£ 550.00
Parish News	£ 50.00
Hadspen Village Hall rebuild (final grant)	£3100.00

The proposed precept of £6905.00 represented a 7.8% increase on 2006/07 (re-calculated on 183 band D properties not 177 as estimated in October).

11. Reports

Cllr Holt gave the council an update on drain clearance work in the area and continues to monitor completion very closely.

Cllr Taylor discussed the new re-cycling system that was generally working well. There were still some problem areas where collections were not being made ie Lancombe and Nettlecombe Lane. It is hoped that these problems will soon be resolved.

Cllr Carter has continued to monitor the condition of Parish Footpaths giving a full update of problems encountered on her walks (list attached).

District Councillor Winder reported on the Parish Boundary Review Committee Meeting held on 6 November 2006, at which it was agreed that North Cadbury & Yarlinton Parish Council would not be contesting our points of opposition to the proposed move of the Parish boundary.

12. Accounts for Payment:

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

J Linden	Admin costs – postage	£3.84
J Linden	Clerk's salary for October 2006	£69.63

13. Correspondence:

1. SCC Cropping & Ploughing Public Rights of Way – A guide for Landowners and Farmers
2. Flying Liaison Advisory Group (FLAG) Notes of previous meeting and request for parish representatives
3. Local Councils UPDATE October 2006 – invitation to subscribe
4. District Commander Newsletter
Yeovil Police
5. Somerset Highways Temporary Closure of Honeywick Lane – BT Repairs and Works w/c 13 November 2006
6. SSDC South Somerset Local Development Framework – Statement of Community Involvement
7. SSDC Elections 2007 Bulletin No. 1
8. Sen Citizens Advice Annual Report 05-06 – Request for donation

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| 9. | CPRE | Voice Magazine Autumn 2006 |
| 10. | Somerset Rural Youth Project | Questionnaire – Parish Councils |
| 11. | SALC | Minutes of All Areas meeting held on 30 September 06 |
| 12. | SSDC | Local Council Survey – Quality Parish Scheme |

Meetings/Workshops:

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| SSDC Area East Committee | Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act 2005 – 7.30 pm
22 Nov 2006 at Wincanton |
| SSDC | State of the District Meeting – 6.15 pm 23 Nov 06 at
Brympton Way, Yeovil. |
| SSDC | Parish Boundary Review Committee Meeting – 9.30 am
6 Nov 06 at Yeovil |
| SALC | South Area Meeting – 7.30 pm 11 Dec 06 at Queen Camel |
| SSDC | Area East Committee – 9.30 am 08 Nov 06 at Wincanton |

14. **Items for the next agenda.**

Sheepwash

Next meeting Tuesday 12 December 2006.

Please forward all items to Clerk by Friday 1 December 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

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FOOTPATHS IN PITCOMBE PARISH (November 2006)

No.	Route	Comments/Observations
22/1	Wyke Lane to Bruton via Gants Mill	
22/2	Cole to 22/1	
22/3	A359 to Godminster Lane*	
22/4	A359 at Lisbury to Sunny Lane	Fine, slightly confusing as there are several entrances but the stiles are in good order.
22/5	A359 to Godminster Lane* and Strutters Hill to Godminster Farm.	Nov 06 - a stile broken and several yellow arrows missing.
22/6	Cole to Pitcombe	
22/7	Pitcombe Church to Cole Manor Farm	
22/8	Lancombe Lane	Oct 06 - Good
22/9	St Leonard's Church to Pitcombe Hill and Nettlecombe Hill	Oct/Nov 06 - in good order
22/10	Cole Farm to Ridge Hill	
22/11	Knap Hollow and Ridge Lane	Always in good order
22/12	Ridge Lane to join 22/10 at orchard	July 06 – large infestation of nettles cut later in July, since regrown to about 18 ins. Walked in July, Horses. 2 electric fences at least one working. Long grass since cut. No stile by orchard but can pass. Sept 06 – Horses and travellers. 3 electric fences one at least was working. I managed but slightly daunting. Nov 06 four yellow signs for electric fences hung. Better.
22/13	Ring House over Priddles Hill to A 371	Walked early spring 06. Works taking place. Nov 06 – no sign for footpath on the main road, but a yellow arrow on stile to the first field. Winter wheat or barley growing.
22/14	A371 to Lodge Hill	Both stiles in good order fantastic view!
22/15	Hadspen Farm to Hell Ladder Lane	Hell Ladder lane 2 tippings of rubbish near Hadspen Quarry
22/16	A 359 towards Yarlinton	
22/17	St Leonard's Church to Godminster Farm	Stile at new Vicarage by railway line badly eaten by horses, 2 electric fences. After A359 1 st stile on main road in good condition, 2 nd stile missing cross piece of wood but otherwise perfectly manageable. Well signed with yellow arrows.
22/18	Godminster Lane to Dodd's Corner (Redlynch)	Nov 06 - Good
22/19	Bruton (Durslade Farm) to Redlynch Home Farm	
22/20	Godminster Wood (from Lusty, Bruton) to Redlynch Home Farm*	
22/21	A 359 (Galhampton Hill) to Broadway Lane (Lodge Hill)	

* Only small parts in Pitcombe Parish