

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on 10 October 2006

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

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

1. **Public Participation**

Concern was expressed at the attempted removal of the mobile home from the conservation area on 9 October 2006. Cllr Brook advised it had been temporarily parked at the entrance of the field and awaits suitable transportation to its new owner in Sturminster Newton.

It was requested that emergency telephone contact details be reinstated on the noticeboards. The clerk agreed to do this.

It was pointed out that clearance work on telephone wires in Honeywick Lane was still outstanding. Fallen branches and debris on the overhead lines causes considerable inconvenience to residents when telephone services are disconnected due to this problem. The Clerk agreed to write to BT regarding this matter.

Activity at Priddles Hill continues to be a concern to residents. Notification of the informal hearing date is still awaited. In the meantime, it was advised that a form 'Reporting a Potential Breach of Planning Control' was available on the SSDC website listed under Planning Enforcement. Completion of this form detailing evidence of any alleged breach was urged.

2. **Co-option to Council**

The Council was advised that no request for an election had been received by the Proper Officer of the South Somerset District Council and the Parish Council were able to co-opt a new Councillor. It was proposed by Cllr Brook and seconded by Councillor Elliott that Mr Mike Taylor be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council. All Councillors were in agreement. Mr Taylor duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took his seat at the Council table.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 September 2006**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2006 be adopted as a true and accurate record. **Approved**

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of 12 September 2006**

Footpaths. Referring to Footpath 22/11, Cllr Elliott reported that the landowner had agreed to place yellow warning markers on the electric fence indicating when it was switched on.

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Cllr Brook reported a problem in Sunny Lane where a stream crosses through a culvert into a Network Rail owned ditch. Lack of ditch maintenance has caused flooding problems in the area with Footpath 22/4 obstructed by standing water. Cllr Brook has written to Network Rail regarding this matter and still awaits a response. District Councillor Winder is assisting with this matter.

At this point the Chairman acknowledged the punctilious support received from County Councillor Robinson and District Council Winder in all matters referred to them.

5. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from County Councillor Robinson, District Councillor Winder, PC Stephenson and PCSO Hooper

6. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

7. **Planning Applications**

06/02973/LBC – W Gyoury & S Bejeone, Nettlecombe, Hadspen, Castle Cary.
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The Council had no observations the above applications.

8. **Planning Determinations - Granted**

06/02419/FUL - Chas H Clothier & Son Ltd – The erection of 3 No. dwellings (Revised Scheme to 03/03464/REM for replacement garage door/raising of Plot 2)
LOCATION: Land to North of Sunny Hill Cottages, Mill Lane, Pitcombe, BA10 0NX

06/02598/CON – Mr & Mrs J Holt – Partial demolition of garage and existing extension
LOCATION: Halfways, Hadspen, Castle Cary BA7 7LW

06/02594/FUL – Mr & Mrs J Holt - Partial demolition of garage and existing extension and erection of two-storey extension to provide additional living accommodation
LOCATION: Halfways, Hadspen, Castle Cary BA7 7LW

9. **Planning Determinations – Refused**

06/02259/FUL – Mr G Reynolds – The erection of a single storey timber framed garden room and the carrying out of excavations (GR367377/133220)
LOCATION: Rockville, Pitcombe Rock, Pitcombe BA10 0NY

Application Withdrawn:

06/03032/FUL – Alteration and retain existing earth landscape bund. Location: Tor View Farm Galhampton Hill, Galhampton (Parish – North Cadbury) -

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10. Precept

Copies of the proposed budget for 2007/2008 were circulated to the Council and the Chairman explained the proposed expenditure. It was agreed that maintenance grants to PCC Churchyard and Hadspen Village Hall would remain the same as 2006/07, and a further final grant of £3100.00 for Hadspen Village Hall rebuild was proposed for 2007/08. The grant to Victim Support in 2007/08 was not supported. A proposed precept of £6905.00 represented an 11.5% increase on 2006/07 and on this basis the Council agreed that the budget for 2007/08 should be prepared. The cost of Parish Elections will be met from our reserves.

11. Annual Audit

The annual audit for year ending 31 March 2006 has been approved and is now closed.

12. Reports

At the Chairman's request **Cllr Mike Taylor** agreed to accept the portfolio on parish tidiness.

Cllr Holt reported that she had requested drain clearance for Honeywick Lane, Lime Kiln Lane and surrounding areas.

Cllr Jennings reported he had attended the SSDC Annual Tree Warden meeting on 3 October 2006 and the general view was that not enough consideration was being given to trees when planning applications were approved. After some discussion the Council considered that planting more trees in the Parish hedgerows would enhance the lanes.

Cllr Bell gave the Council a brief history on Sheepwash. Discussion followed regarding the problems experienced with this site namely travellers and fly tipping. The question was raised regarding the necessity and continued existence of the site. It was agreed that Cllr Bell would contact District Councillor Winder and discuss the viability of site clearance and creation of a planting scheme.

13. Accounts for Payment

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

Hadspen Village Hall	Hire of Hall 2005/2006	£83.60
Moore Stephen Accountants	Audit of Pitcombe Parish Accounts	£58.75
J Linden	Clerk's salary for September 2006	£69.63
J Linden	Admin costs – postage September 2006	£4.28
J Linden	Admin costs – computer consumables	£38.65

14. Correspondence

1.	Ansford School	Change of Status – Formal Consultation
2.	SSDC	Area East News Focus on Bruton – Autumn 2006
3.	SSDC	Area East Contact List for Councillors & Clerks
4.	SSDC	Update Parish Elections 2007
5.	SSDC	Department for Transport Hackney Carriage Byelaws
6.	SSDC	Parish Elections 2007

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| 7. | SCC | Meetings with Parish & Town Councils Key Points and Actions |
| 8. | WRVS | Request for Grant |
| 9. | SSDC | Energy Saving Week 23-29 Oct 2006 |
| 10. | SALC | Items of Interest to Councillors and Clerks |

Meetings and Workshops

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| SSDC | Standards Committee Notice of Meeting 27 Sep 06 |
| Mendip NHS | Board Meeting 27 Sep 06, Priory Park, Wells |
| SCC | Workshop - Marketing for Stallholders 10/24/31 Oct 06 |
| SSDC | Area East Committee Notice of Meeting 11 Oct 2006 |
| SSDC | Parish Boundary Review – Meeting 6 Nov 06 |

15. Items for the next agenda

Sheepwash
Trees

Next meeting Tuesday 14 November 2006.

Please forward all items to the Clerk by 3 November 2006.

**From the Parish Clerk:
Mrs Jean Linden
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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