

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in
Hadspen Village Hall, on Tuesday 12 September 2006**

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

In the Chair Councillor Elliott

Absent: Councillor Brook

In attendance: County Councillor Robinson, District Councillor Winder

1. **Councillor Resignation**

The Chairman announced that a letter of resignation had been received from Councillor O'Leary. A vacancy on the Pitcombe Parish Council was declared and a Public Notice has been displayed on the Parish notice boards.

2. **Public Participation**

Concern was expressed regarding the continued presence of the mobile home in the conservation area. Dissatisfaction was also expressed at the lack of supporting action taken by The Planning Department in resolving this matter.

The continued activity at Priddles Hill Farm is still a cause for concern among residents particularly as the date of the appeal has still not been notified. Councillor Elliott will pass these concerns on to Mr Myer, Enforcement Officer.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 July 2006 and Extraordinary Meeting
11 August 2006**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meetings held on 11 July and 11 August 2006 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Approved

4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of 11 July 2006**

Mobile Home. Councillor Elliott reported that Mr Myer, Enforcement Officer had informed her that the mobile home would be removed in one week.

Priddles Hill. Regarding the appeal, District Councillor Winder advised that the hearing will be informal, and is likely to be held at the Council Offices in Brympton Way, Yeovil.

Footpaths. See para 10.

Planning Application - Chas H Clothier & Son Ltd – Raising of plot 2 Mill Lane. Clarification has been received from the Planning Department regarding the 200mm height revision for this plot. It is understood that a drainage problem had caused this plot to fall below the level of plots 1 and 3; the increased height will bring all 3 properties into line.

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District Wide Parking Strategy Study. District Councillor Winder gave a brief report on the meeting held in Keinton Mandeville at which she represented Pitcombe Parish Council's concerns regarding all day parking in Castle Cary. Various options had been discussed including a designated area for all day parking and the implementation of some charges but nothing definite had been decided.

5. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Brook (on holiday), WPC Sara Stephenson and Councillor Holt (late apologies meeting 11 July 2006).

6. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

7. **Planning Application**

06/02660/FUL – Mr & Mrs West, 1 Gristway Cottages, Hadspen, Castle Cary BA7 7NQ Erection of a first floor extension.

No observations.

8. **Planning Determinations - Refused**

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.

9. **The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005**

Councillor Elliott explained the implications of this new legislation, which will apply to events being held at the Village Hall including renting organisations. Any complaints received by the Environmental Department regarding fly-posting could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of £80 being issued for each poster that has been posted. Fixed Penalty Notices can be issued to the beneficiary as well as the person posting the posters. Section 31 of the Act enables the local authority to issue a notice requiring the removal of such notices within 28 days. Section 34 of the Act allows local authorities to recover the cost of removing the fly-posters from the person whose goods or services are being promoted by the fly poster.

Discretion should be exercised in the posting of notices and guidance/ permission sought from the Environmental Enforcement Officer, Lyndsey Gempton 01935 462830.

10. **Reports**

Councillor Carter produced a list of Pitcombe Parish Footpaths (Nos. 22/1-22/22) on which she had noted the condition of 8 paths. Councillor Carter is working her way through the list and will report further on her findings. There was concern regarding the electric fences on

Footpath 22/11 and Councillor Elliott agreed to speak to the landowner with a view to making them easier to negotiate.

County Councillor Robinson reported that new road markings and signage after the resurfacing work was due to be carried out very soon and this would include the renewal of old worn markings in the parish. Councillor Jennings mentioned the resurfacing materials used and expressed concern at the safety of this particular surface during icy conditions. Councillor Holt

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confirmed with Councillor Robinson that the 'Slow' signs at Pitcombe would be included during this phase.

11. Accounts for Payment

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

CPRE	Annual Subscription	£26.00
J Linden	Clerk's salary for July and August 2006 (Includes attendance at Training Event Edington 5 July 2006)	£182.91
J Linden	Mileage Allowance (re above Training Event)	£24.77
J Linden	Admin costs – postage July and August 2006	£7.68

12. Correspondence:

1	Somerset Highways	Parish Survey 05/06
2.	SSDC	Area East Committee Notice of Meeting 9 Aug and Minutes of 12 July 2006
3.	Somerset Highways	Temporary Closure, Pitcombe Rock
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5.	“	“
6	Wincanton Sports Centre	Application for grant
7.	SSDC	Corporate Plan – How Did Year One Go?
8.	SSDC	Clean Neighbourhoods & Environmental Act 2005
9	SSDC	Area East Committee Notice of Meeting 22 Aug and Minutes of 9 August 2006
10.	EnCams	Local Environmental Quality – Town and parish council
11.	Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership of the SLCC
12.	Shopmobility	Request for grant 2007
13.	SSDC	Area East Community Planning Sub Committee Agenda 30 Aug 06
14.	SSDC	Planning (Development Control) on the Move
15.	Somerset Highways	Temporary Closure of B3081 Station Road, Bruton

Meetings and Workshops:

22	SCC	Tue 26 Sep 06 - Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan Workshop, Council Offices Yeovil 2.00 – 4.00 pm
23	SSDC	Wed 27 Sep 06 Annual Housing Strategy Seminar 2006 at Haynes Motor Museum Sparkford – 10.00 am – 4.00 pm
24	SALC	Sat 30 Sep 06 AGM at North Curry Village Hall - 12.30 pm

13. Items for the next agenda.

- Sheepwash (rubble)
- Travellers
- Precept
- Hedges

14. Clerk's Contract

It was proposed and seconded that the council adopt the recommendation of the National Agreement on Salaries and Conditions of Service of Local Council Clerks, amending the Clerk's contract to 4 hours per week minimum effective from 1 April 2007.

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Next meeting Tuesday 10 October 2006.

Please forward all items to Clerk by 29 September 2006.

**From the Parish Clerk:
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Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and
Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights*