

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in
Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 10 April 2007**

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

In attendance: County Councillor Robinson

1. Public Participation

No comments received.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 13 March 2007

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2007 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Approved

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of 13 March 2007

Storage of Methane Gas Bottom Barn Farm – Councillor Elliott stated that this was not yet in production and there had been no planning application submitted for the purpose.

4. Apologies for absence

None received.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Elections 2007

Councillor Brook stated seven nominations had been received by the Returning Officer and Pitcombe Parish would not be having an election.

7. Accounts

The Clerk presented copies of the accounts for year-end 31 March 2007, which were approved and signed by the Chairman Councillor Brook.

8. Planning Consultation

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07/01166/FUL – Ms Caroline Donald – Removal of existing timber garage and replacement with single-storey, shingle-roofed timber garden room/garden shed.
Location: Pacets, Hadspen, Castle Cary BA7 7LX.

No observations.

07/01393/FUL – A H Farming – Change of use of barn to light industrial and refurbishment into 3 units.
Location: Priddles Hill Farm, Cary Hill, Castle Cary BA7 7NJ

The Council had no serious objections to this application but in view of the history of this site the Parish Council would like the Planning Officer to enquire as to what sort of activity is proposed in respect of light industrial use and increase in traffic.

9. Reports

Councillor Taylor awaits information regarding the tree clearance work on the overhead BT lines in Honeywick Lane.

Councillor Taylor announced Somerset Waste Partnership's (SWP) home composting scheme is now offering reduced priced composting bins to local residents. Leaflets are available to those who are interested in purchasing this equipment.

Councillor Holt reported that Honeywick drains are now cleared, much discussion had taken place with the authorities and everyone was happy with the outcome. The drain in Cole has also been attended to and is now reported clear.

Councillor Holt stated that she and Councillor Jennings had surveyed a dead and dangerous tree approximately 60 feet high on the road fork with Pitcombe Rock and the A359. The tree has been marked with paint and is considered to be a danger to overhead BT wires and the boarding house on the opposite side of the road.

Councillor Jennings agreed with Councillor Holt's comments regarding the tree and stated he was very concerned. It was agreed that Cllr Holt would contact Scott Davis SSDC to try and establish responsibility for the land on which the tree stands.

Councillor Carter spoke about footpaths and referred to the planting of hedging along the footpath 22/6 to the side of Cole Manor. The Rights of Way Team, SSDC have supplied a spreadsheet for completion regarding clearance and usage of Rights of Way within the Parish of Pitcombe. Discussion followed with Cllr Jennings as to the usage of Lancome Lane as a footpath and bridleway. Opposition had been raised in 2004 to the proposed re-categorisation of this pathway from a Road Used as Public Path (RUPP) to a Byeway Open to all Traffic (BOAT).

County Councillor Robinson commented on the Hill View speed limit signage. He stated that a speed check was scheduled to be carried out in the next week and the results may lead to a 40 mph speed limit being imposed.

Chairman Councillor Brook suggested that we write to District Councillor Winder acknowledging her support to the Parish Council. The Clerk agreed to do this.

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10. **Accounts for Payment:**

SALC	Affiliation Fee 2007-2008	£81.14
J Linden	Admin costs – Printer/Copier consumables and postage	£41.42
J Linden	Clerk’s salary for March 2007	£69.63

11. **Correspondence:**

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies.

1.	John Burrough Headmaster	Bruton School – Proposed Extra Street Light A359
2.	DCA	Memorial Safety
3.	SSDC	Somerset Local Area Agreement Summary – Sept 2006
4.	SCC	South Somerset Area Working Panel – Minutes
5.	SSDC	Notes of Meeting – South Somerset Village Shops & Post Offices
6.	SCC	Invitation to subscribe to Community Council for Somerset
7.	Highways	Highway Lighting A359 Cole Road, Pitcombe – acknowledgement of Parish support.
8.	Yeovil Police	Chief Superintendent’s update on Community Safety and neighbourhood policing.
9.	SSDC	Street Trading Policy – proposed amendment
10.	Audit Commission	Appointment of Moore Stephens Auditors
11.	SSDC	Refuse & Recycling Collection Bank Holiday 2007
12.		Castle Cary & Ansford Newsletter – February 2007
13.	Land Mgt Info Service	Parish Mapping on CD ROM promotion
14.	SCC	Statement of Community Involvement
15.	SCC	Thatch Magazine – Spring 2007
16.	Moore Stephens	Notice of Annual Audit for year end 31 March 2007
17.	SSDC	Tree Warden Newsletter- Tree Talk
18.	SCC	Parish/Town Council Questionnaire- Highway Related Services
19.	SCC	Home Composting – reduced price bins available to Somerset residents
20.	SCC	Information Sheet – Environmental Maintenance
21.	Clerks & Council Direct	Newsletter – March 2007
22.	SCC	Your Somerset – News from SCC – April 2007
23.	SSDC	Rights of Way Network Management
24.	SCC	Public Rights of Way and Open Access Land – Guide for Dog Owners and Walkers

Meetings/Workshops:

SCC	Somerset Area Working Panel – 6.45 pm at Victoria Hall, Crewkerne - 24 April 2007
SCC	Area Working Team – Invitation to discuss Somerset County Councils Unitary Proposals – 6.00 for 6.30 pm Bath & West Showground on 18 April & 22 May 2007

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SSDC	Illegal Advertising Protocol – Meeting at 9.30 am Brympton Way Yeovil on 10 April 2007
SSDC	Area East Community Planning Sub Committee – 9.30 am Wincanton – 28 March 2007
SSDC	Area East Committee Meeting – 9.30 am, 11 April 07 - Wincanton
SCC	Invitation to discuss SCC Unitary Proposals - additional meeting – Marston Magna Village Hall at 6.30 pm on 29 May 07

The new council will convene on 15 May 2007.

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