

# *Pitcombe* Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in  
Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 13 February 2007**

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

In attendance: County Councillor Robinson  
District Councillor Winder

**1. Public Participation**

Comments were received on the Wind Turbine and the Chairman stated that this would be dealt with under agenda item 6.

It was reported that motorcyclists had returned to the Quarry area. There had been many bikes and associated motor vehicles during a recent weekend and their activities were creating a nuisance. The police had been contacted at Portishead and as a result PCSO Hooper had patrolled the area the following weekend. It is important to get as much evidence as possible by way of vehicle registration numbers (bikes and cars) involved with this nuisance.

It should be noted that when contacting Portishead 0845 456 7000 a 'Crime Number' be obtained as this ensures that your call receives follow up action.

**2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 9 January 2007**

The minutes of the meeting were agreed with the following addition and amendment:

Addition at Item 6 Wind Turbine Proposal – Nettlecombe Hill

“Mr Benzie committed to carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment prior to submitting a planning application for a Wind Turbine at Ansford School.”

Amendment Item 8 Reports (Para 2)

**Cllr Carter** referring to the ploughing of fields stated that she had heard from Mr Peter Wyatt who had agreed to roll the footpath next year.

**3. Matters arising from the Minutes of 9 January 2007**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Holt.

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### 5. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

### 6. **Wind Turbine – Nettlecombe Hill**

Referring to the informative meeting held on 30 January 2007 the Chairman asked the Council to consider whether it wished to consult the electorate with regard to a feasibility study of renewable energy sources being carried out. After discussion the Council agreed that further developments on this matter be awaited and consultation with the electorate be postponed for the time being.

### 7. **Local Government Reorganisation**

**County Councillor Robinson** confirmed that no agreement had been reached on the unitary structure proposals for Somerset County Council. A business case has been submitted and the Government will announce, by the end of March, areas that will progress to stage 2. Final decisions on areas restructuring will be announced in July 2007.

### 8. **Elections 2007**

Local elections will take place on 3 May 2007 and the Chairman urged those present to consider standing for election/re-election.

The Council has received a Democracy Pack of information on Town and Parish Elections - details will be posted on the website [www.pitcombepc.org.uk](http://www.pitcombepc.org.uk) and notice boards in March.

### 9. **Planning Application**

**07/00409/CON** – J Clothier - Installation of window in gable of dwelling

**Location:** Hackney Stables, Pitcombe Hill, Pitcombe, BA10 0PF

The Council was informed that planning permission was not required for this application.

9a. **Cllr Elliott** reported the production and storage of methane gas at Bottom Barn Farm. Mr Myer, Enforcement Officer will be consulted regarding this matter.

9b. **Cllr Elliott** also referred to the mobile home at Bottom Barn Farm and will consult with Mr Myer over its continued siting.

9c. **The Chairman** reported that Mr Myer had reached an agreement with Andrew Hopkins that the remaining aggregate will be removed by Easter. Mr Hopkins will also attend to the mess at the back of the site. A retrospective Planning Application will be made in respect of the dugout and contour of valley floor.

### 10. **Planning Determinations Granted**

**06/04494/FUL** – Gerald Spratling – Erection of 2 storey extension to front of dwelling

**Location:** Manor Farm, Cole.

**06/04460/FUL** - Mr & Mrs West – Erection of first floor extension

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**Location:** 1 Gristway Cottages, Hadspen, Castle Cary.

**06/04657/FUL** - Mr C Comer & Mr D York, Renewal of temporary siting of mobile home.

**Location:** Grove Farm Quarry, Lime Kiln Lane, Hadspen, Castle Cary.

### 11. Reports

**Cllr Holt** (not in attendance) provided notes in respect of a traffic accident outside the houses on the A359 at Hill View on 10 February 2007. There were two casualties and the road was closed for several hours. Cllr Holt has written to Mr Colin Fletcher, South Somerset Highways requesting a re-think on speed limits and signage. **County Councillor Robinson** reported that Colin Fletcher will visit and review the situation. He will also investigate cutting back the vegetation to help improve visibility.

**Cllr Taylor** reported the overhanging trees in Honeywick Lane and will contact Highways regarding this ongoing problem.

**Cllr Carter** reporting on footpaths stated that she had been in contact with Priddles Hill Farm regarding the fingerpost. A response was still awaited from Mr Hollingbury regarding repairs to the broken stile and missing yellow markers.

**County Councillor Robinson** spoke about Area Working Panels and a forthcoming meeting on at 6–8.30 pm on 21 February at Long Sutton Golf Club. The Area Panels will be looking at how County Council services can be delivered locally in the future and provide easier access to the residents of each area of Somerset.

The **Chairman** mentioned receipt of Tree Preservation Order (Pitcombe No. 1) that specifies the trees at Priddles Hill Farm, Pitcombe.

### 12. Accounts for Payment:

J Linden	Admin costs – postage	£3.84
J Linden	Clerk's salary for January 2007	£69.63

### 13. Correspondence:

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

1.	SSDC	Countryside Access Team – Contact Details
2.	SCC	SCC Business Case to create Unitary Council for Somerset
3.	SCC	Somerset Access – Newsletter 2006
4.	SST	Local Strategic Partnerships
5.	Chair of Bruton	Booklet – Bruton: The Way forward Action Plan
6.	Yeovil Police	Public Feedback Survey 2006 - Citizen Focused Policing Programme Board
7.	SALC	Democracy Pack – Elections 2007
8.	SCC	Area Working Panels
9.	SSDC	Local Government Reorganisation – Recent Workshops
10.	SSDC	Re Meeting Wincanton 10 January - Apology
11.	Somerset Highways	Temporary Closure B3081 – 11 Feb 07.
12.	SALC	Items of Interest to Clerks and Councillors January 2007

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| 13. | SSDC                           | Local Government Reorganisation and South Somerset  |
| 14. | SCC                            | Community Chest re-launch   |
| 15. | SSDC                           | Town and Country Planning - Pitcombe Tree Preservation Order 2006                                 |
| 16. | SSDC                           | Elections 2007 – Becoming a District Councillor (Booklet)   |
| 17. | SSDC                           | Elections Bulletin No. 2  |
| 18. | SSDC                           | Area East Committee   |
| 19. |                                | Leaflet South West Planning Aid   |
| 20. | SW Regional Assembly           | Regional Space Strategy – Newsletter Nov 2006   |
| 21. | SALC                           | Parish & Town Elections 3 May 07  |
| 22. | SALC                           | Minutes of South Area Meeting 11 December 2006  |
| 23. | NALC                           | Legal Briefing - Consultation on Amendments to Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members. |
| 24. | Communities & Local Government | Consultation Paper Amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members.           |
| 25. | Audit Commission               | Appointment of External Auditor – Moore Stephens 06/07  |

### Meetings and Workshops:

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| SSDC | Parish Plan Workshop 7 pm 15 February 07, Chilthorne Domer              |
| SSDC | Area East Committee Notice of Meeting 0930, 14 February 2007, Wincanton |
| SALC | Parish & Town Elections 3 May – Workshops for Prospective Candidates    |
| SALC | South Area Meeting 7.30 pm 12 March 07, West Camel                      |

### 14. Annual Parish Meeting

The Council agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 10 April 2007 at 7.30 pm followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

### Next meeting Tuesday 13 March 2007

Please forward all items to the Clerk by 1 March 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*