

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in
The Village Hall, Hadspen, on Tuesday 11 September 2007 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: Beech, Carter, Elliott, Hartnell, Jury, Taylor.
In the Chair Councillor Taylor

In attendance: District Councillor Felton, County Councillor Justin Robinson, Residents of Parish.

1. Public Participation

Resident Mrs. Connie Earl reported problems regarding Green Bin, District Councillor Felton took details and stated she would look into the matter.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 14th August 2007

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th August 2007 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of 14th August 2007

The Chairman stated that while there was a vacancy for a Clerk Councillor Hartnell would be helping him with the duties of the Proper Officer.

Councillors **Felton & Robinson** were asked to comment on what planning rules were in place for "Replacement Buildings" particularly with regard to the new building at Hadspen Quarry particularly as its appearance is considered to be larger than the original.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from, PCSO Tim Russell & PCSO Sara

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Planning Consultation - Refused

07/02247/FUL – Mr A Hopkins – Restoration of monastic fishponds to include importation of puddling clay for dam cores

Location: Land OS 5031 Lime Kiln Lane, Hadspen

SCC County Planning Authority – Granted with Conditions

07/01623/CPO - Mr Rob Comer - Proposed 0.3HA Extension to Allow further building stone extraction and new access road at Grove Farm Quarry, Lime Kiln Lane, Castle Cary, Somerset.

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A resident asked what the conditions were and the relevant document was made available.

7. Venue for Council Meetings

The Chairman said he would approach Bruton School for Girls to attempt to organise a suitable venue.

8. Reports

Councillor **Carter** reporting on the condition of the footpath at Ring House stated that Mrs Coghill-Smith had been successful in clearing the nettles.

Councillor **Carter** reported that live electric fences on Mr Hobhouse's land were still a hazard. The fences were obstructing Footpaths and Bridleways making them difficult to negotiate. Councillor **Elliott** agreed to investigate the matter.

Councillor **Jury** gave an update on highway issues (listing attached).

Councillor **Elliott** A traveller is currently in residence in Rudge Lane it was presumed that this was probably connected to the apple harvest.

District Councillor **Felton** asked the councillors to consider affordable housing in the area

Count Councillor **Robinson** stated that he had spent much of the last month re-building bridges regarding the failed unitary authority bid..

9. Accounts for Payment:

J Linden	Clerk's salary July 2007	£139.27
CPRE	CPRE membership renewal	£ 27.00

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10. Correspondence:

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

1	SCC	Tour of Britain Cycle Race in Somerset – 11 September 07 leaflets/notices
2	Cllr David Jury	Letter to SSDC Highways re clearance of verges Honeywick Lane
3	Home Aid Partnership	Taunton Deane and South Somerset Home Aid – Leaflets/notices
4	SSDC	Notes from Area East Workshop held on 1 Aug 2007
5	David Heath CBE MP	Notification of Annual Village Tours – posters/timetable
6	SCC	Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – re 0.5HA extension to Quarry
7	SALC	Items of Interest to Councillors and Clerks – August 2007
8	SALC	Minutes of Meeting of South Area held 11 June 2007
9	SALC	Annual Report & Accounts
10	SALC	Working Together for a Safer Somerset - Briefing Sheet for Parish Councils - August 2007

Meetings/Workshops:

SALC	Somerset Branch Autumn at Meeting 10.00 am 28 September – Yeovil Town House.
SSDC	First meeting of Area East Forum (Castle Cary Area) – at 6.30 pm on 17 October at Wincanton.
SALC	New councillor Training Events
SALC	Clerk Training events

11. Items for the next agenda

Next meeting Tuesday 09 October 2007.

Members of the Council considered the above 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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Highways Portfolio

September 2007

Outstanding Items

1. Mill Lane

Reported 3rd July

Clothier Builders.

Construction traffic restriction sign.

Current status:

Replacement for stolen sign is still awaited. .

2. Mill Lane

Reported 3rd July

Sunny Hill School.

Pot holes in hard standing outside employees cottages in Mill Lane are expanding into the highway.

Current Status: Discussions with Bursar who agreed to instruct their maintenance man to complete repairs, Anticipated completion end of August. Work is still outstanding.

3. A359/Lime Kiln Lane

Reported 9th July

SCC Highways Ref No.149480

HGV No access sign removed from top of lane near to quarry. Probably stolen.

Current Status: See SCC letter dated 3rd August - work instruction issued 31st July. 3 month priority. Work is still outstanding.

4. Verges and banks/overhanging trees Lime Kiln Lane

Reported 11th July

SCC letter 3rd August ref: Ti/DR/4.89

Requested that the verges and banks be cut back to restore road to original width.

Current Status: Verges have been cut and SCC have issued a work instruction dated 31st July with a 3 month priority for the bank trimming. Work is still outstanding.

I also spoke with Peter Wyatt regarding residents concerns regarding the overhanging trees. He stated that he would check the lane for any immediate concerns and would be undertaking a tree trimming exercise this coming winter.

5. Missing Road Signs

Reported 11th July

SCC letter 3rd August ref: Ti/DR/4.89

In addition to the HGV restriction sign in 3 above. Two further hazard warning signs were found to be missing.

- a. Slow sign approaching bend just prior to Cole. **This has been replaced**
- b. Bend and Road narrows sign on the bend at the junction of the Ci25/Lime kiln Lane.

Current Status: Both these signs have been recovered and works instructions for their replacement were issued on the 31st July with a 3 month priority. Work is still outstanding.

Items completed during past month

1. Patching/road edge erosion

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A number of areas were identified in Mill Lane and the main C125 near Cole.

Current Status: Works completed.

2. Blocked Drains outside Honeywick Cottage

Reported 19th July

SCC Ref No. DEF 24060

Current Status: Works completed.

3. Landslides & Drains in Honeywick Hill

Reported 15th August

See my letter dated 15th August

Current Status: Works completed.