

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
held in Hadspen Village Hall
on Tuesday 9th December 2008 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: **Beech, Elliot, Hartnell, Jury, Taylor, Whittaker**
In the Chair: **Councillor Taylor**

In attendance: Nigel Begg & Residents of the Parish: John Knight

1. Public Participation

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th November 2008

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 11th November 2008.

The Telephone Box – Pitcombe.

- i. Councillor **Taylor** told the meeting that the Parish Council had taken all possible action to Box at Pitcombe. He had spoken to Tim Cook of SSDC who had stated that unless BT appealed to OFCOM (and won the appeal) against the council veto of removal of the telephone box, the box would not be removed. Mr Cook had heard nothing from BT or had any news of an appeal. Councillor Taylor anticipates that the objection to removal will stand.
- ii. Councillor **Jury** reported that there had been no change on the white arrows.
- iii. Councillor **Taylor** will write to Mr. Benzie to ask if any progress has been made.

4. Apologies for absence

PCSO Tim Russell

5. Declarations of Interest

None

6. Planning Applications – For Consideration.

**08/04922/FUL – Chas. Clothier and Son Ltd. –Amendment to windows of dwelling on Plot 3
(Revised Application)(GR 367209/133472)**

Location: Land East of Mill Lane Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA10 0NX

No objections or comments

7. Planning Applications – Determined.

08/04093/LBC - Mr. Alex Harley – The creation of a new internal doorway

Location: The Manor House, Cole, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0PL.

(GR 367324/133100)

Application Approved

8/04232/FUL Mr. Paul Jennings - Alterations and conversion of barn to form annexe to 2 Mill Lane Cottage.

Location: Barn at 2 Mill Lane Cottages, Mill Lane, Pitcombe, Bruton Somerset.

(GR 367324/133100)

Application Refused

8. Grant applications

St. Leonard's Church – Churchyard Maintenance Grant 2009/2010

Sum of £600 agreed

Hadspen Village Hall Maintenance Grant 2009/2010

The Council decided that no grant this year on the precept but money could be available if necessary. Councillor **Hartnell** suggested paying rent for meetings at the beginning of the year. This was unanimously agreed.

Councillor Taylor suggested a grant should be given to support the Pitcombe News magazine.

It was suggested that a grant of £150 should be given this was unanimously approved.

Councillor Taylor proposed a grant of £250 for “Joybells” the charity supported by Diana Scott as a show of gratitude for her unofficial minute taking throughout the year. Councillor Taylor was asked to ascertain if the council were lawful in awarding a grant outside of the community.

It was decided that Councillor Jury would insert an advertisement, in January, in ‘The Blackmore Vale’ Magazine for the vacancy of an employed Parish Clerk.

9. Budget & Precept 2009/2010

Councillor **Taylor** produced a printed budget for the proposed precept this was discussed by the councillors present.

The final calculation for the precept was £3,560.

10. Publication of Minutes

Councillor **Taylor** has established that there is no requirement to publish the Minutes until they are ratified and confirmed at the following meeting. Councillor **Jury** proposed that the Minutes would not be made public until they were ratified. Members of the Council agreed to put the Minutes on the notice boards after the meeting once they have been confirmed.

11. Reports.

Portfolio Holders

Councillor **Whittaker**:

Reported that as far as she was aware no progress had been made on the removal of the asbestos.

Councillor **Elliot**

Whilst making enquiries as to the responsibility of removing silt from the River Pitt had discovered from SSDC that the removal of silt under the bridge is responsibility of the Highways.

Councillor **Elliot** also read an email from Carol Wyatt. See appendix for details.

Councillor **Elliot** reported that the travellers have now gone from Henry Hobhouse field but there are still travellers at Sheepwash.

Councillor **Jury**

Also reported on the travellers at Sheepwash.

He also told the meeting that arrangements had been made to clear the gullies on the Cole to Hadspen road.

Highways had taken the temporary flood signs away due to Health and Safety. Highways suggested the possibility of permanent signs but this was not popular with Parishoners.

The patching in Honeywick Lane is still to be done.

Councillor **Taylor**

Councillor **Taylor** read an email from PCSO Tim Russell which asked about the policy of keeping the arches open under the viaduct at Pitcombe.

Councillor **Jury** explained to the Meeting that it was the policy to keep only one of the arches open. Councillor **Jury** would email Tim Russell with the information.

Councillor **Hartnell**

Reported that Sexey's School students have been are breaking the law by parking on the pavement by Elm Field. He has discussed the problem with the Headmaster who has taken action. They are also parking too close to the junction as well as on the pavement. Councillor **Hartnell** will email Tim Russell with the information

12. Accounts for Payment

13. Correspondence

South West Employers	News
SSDC	Pioneer 'Devolution of Services'
InterRoute	Re: A303 Willoughby Hedge to Mere Public Information Events.
Somerset Highways	Winter Service 2008/2009
CPRE	Fieldwork Magazine
SSDC	Register of Electors

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

14. Meetings/Workshops

10th December	SSDC - Area East Committee
20th December	David Heath – Advice Centre –Dovecot BLDG - Bruton

15. Items for next agenda

Recruitment of Parish Clerk

16. Date, time and place of next meeting

To be held on Tuesday 10th February 2009 at 7.30pm in Hadspen Village Hall

Members of the Council are asked to consider 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

