

# *Pitcombe* Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday, 12 February 2008**

Present: Councillors: Beech, Carter, Elliot, Jury, Taylor and Whittaker  
In the Chair: Councillor Taylor

In attendance:

County Councillor Justin Robinson

District Councillor Miali Felton

Residents of the Parish - Dr. & Mrs. Derek Pheby, Cathy Brook, Sue Chamberlain, Alison Shingler, Greg Beedle,

### **1. Public Participation**

Dr. and Mrs. Pheby informed the meeting that the problem with the storm drain which had become blocked one and again and that nobody appeared to have the authority to make any decision to have the problem rectified.

Cathy Brook informed the meeting that the land containing the slurry pit was going to be auctioned on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 at 2 p.m.

### **2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2007**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

### **3. Matters arising from the Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2007**

None

### **4. Apologies for absence**

Councillor Hartnell

**5. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Carter from Item 7

**6. Grove Cross**

Following a number of Road Traffic Accidents in the location of Grove Cross Junction the Council discussed and considered the possibilities of any measures that may be taken in the future to make this particular stretch of road safer.

Councillor Robinson suggested that Councillor Jury should contact Scott Davies for any accident data that is available.

**Action:**

Councillor Jury to discuss with Scott Davies.

**7. Planning Applications – For Consideration**

**Presented by: Councillor Taylor**

**No observations**

**Application for Listed Building Consent/Conservation Area Consent  
08/00173/LBC – Mrs. C. Carter. Refurbishment and alterations to cider house to form additional accommodation in connection with the main house and repairs and re-roofing of lean-to-shed GR:365268/132510**

**8. Planning Applications – Approved**

**07/0456/FUL – Mr. R. Comer & Mr. D. York.** Erection of quarry managers workplace/home and change the use of land from agricultural to domestic curtilage (GR 365458/131407)

**Location: Grove Farm Quarry, Lime Kiln Lane, Hadspen, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7NX**

**Approved with conditions**

**Somerset County Council**

**Town and County Planning Act 1990**

**Wessex Water** – Change of use and installation of below ground submerged aerated filter sewage treatment plant and above ground blower and control kiosks and vent stack, together with extension to roadside lay-by in highway verge opposite Rodge Cottages, Hadspen, Castle Cary, Somerset (Grid Ref: 365655 – 132838)

**Granted with conditions**

**9. Planning Application – Refused**

**07/04853/FUL – A.H.Farming.** Demolition of front lean-to and erection of new lean-to to rear and conversion of building into 3 light industrial units (**GR:364874/132143**).

**Permission refused**

**10. Portfolio Holders**

**Councillor Elliot** reported that she had contacted Oliver Dowding to discuss danger of holes in his field. Was not aware that any immediate action was going to be taken to repair the holes.

**Councillor Carter** reported that a new rights of way newsletter would be coming out every two weeks. She also reported that where possible the steps of the stiles that had become slippery would be creosoted.

**Councillor Jury** reported that the winter weather has caused issues with pot holes on some of the lanes. He will be putting together a list of defects to be given to the local authority.

**11. County Councillor**

**Councillor Robinson** reported that the 30 mph speed limit currently in place on the Cole/Castle Cary Road may be extended to the bottom of the hill. There is currently no agreement from the police on this matter but it is under review.

**12. District Councillor**

**Councillor Felton** reported that Somerset Waste Partnership is looking to introduce same day collection for all waste. Whether all waste will be collected weekly is still not clear. There are no plans to trial the collection of plastic and card in our area but reported that South Somerset sends less waste to landfill than any area in the county. She also reported that a joint meeting for a flood alleviation scheme has not been possible to arrange. The Environment Agency consider that the problem is not big enough to convene such a meeting.

**13. Chairman**

**Councillor Taylor** expressed his frustration with the difficulty of being able to contact any of the officers at District and County level. This frustration highlighted by several recent incidents involving flood prevention, a jetting problem (eventually fixed by a sub-contractor) and planning issues and SCC Your Somerset Magazine regarding a consultation about wind turbines, he had been asked to find out how the conclusions would be made.

Councillor Taylor asked the District and County Councillors if there was any way to improve communications. Advised by Councillors Felton and Robinson to write to the Chief Executive

and to Tim Carroll detailing all the difficulties encountered. Councillor Jury recommended that by putting everything in writing it appeared to produce a more complete and rapid response.

**12. Accounts for Payment:**

None

**13. Correspondence:**

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

1.	Somerset Highways	Temporary Road Closure B3081
2.	SALC	Audit and Accounting Update
3.	Somerset Playing Fields Association	The Playing Field - Newsletter
4.	Avon & Somerset Constabulary	Improvements
5.	Communities and Local Government	Consultation on Orders & Reg. Of Local Authority Members
6.	Ansford School	Minutes of Ansford School & Community Forum 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2008

**Meetings/Workshops:**

1.	SSDC	Area East Committee – 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2008
2.	Ansford School	Ansford School and Community Forum 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2008
3.	Somerset Local Authorities' Civil Contingencies Unit	Parish Flood Fair 21 <sup>st</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2008
4.	SALC	SALC Area Meetings
5.	SSDC	Area East Forum 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
6.	SSDC	Queen Camel Village Hall SSDC Annual Parish Meeting with Area East Town and Parish Councils. 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2008

**14. Any Other Business**

**Councillor Beech** reported that it appeared that contractors were not clearing the roads following hedge cutting.

**15. Items for the next agenda**

Grove Cross

**16. Next Meeting – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

*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*