

# *Pitcombe* Parish Council

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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council  
held in the The Hadspen Village Hall  
on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: **Beech, Carter, Elliot, Hartnell, Jury, Taylor, Whittaker**

In the Chair: **Councillor Taylor**

In attendance: Residents of the Parish: – Martin and Celia Jennings, John Knight, Hamish and Gill Craig. PCSO Tim Lawrence. Visitor: Nigel Begg

1. **Public Participation**
2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008.**

- i. **Ansford School Annual Walk – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

**Councillor Taylor** read the meeting a letter that he had received from Mr. Benzie, headmaster of Ansford School. Councillor Taylor had hoped to be given assurances that when the walk takes place that it will be undertaken with proper care and responsibility and that Mr. Benzie would personally take on this responsibility. Since the correspondence white spray paint signs have been posted on the road and footpaths of the route seemingly without permission. **Councillor Taylor** will write to Mr. Benzie to find out if the painting had been done by a representative of Ansford School. The walk is scheduled to take place throughout the whole day; a map of the route to be taken has been posted on notice boards in the valley.

- ii. **BT Phone Box – Pitcombe**

Mr. Craig stated that he supported the letter written to the Parish Council by Andrew Jones. A new date for consultation with the District Council has not been fixed.

**Councillor Taylor** told the meeting that even though many Hadspen residents had asked for the phone box to be retained two years ago, when the same question had arisen, it was still taken away despite one or two elderly residents having no access to a phone at that time.

**Councillor Taylor** he would approach Tim Cook of SSDC, who is liaising with BT for a number of parishes regarding this matter, to ascertain new deadline for consultation. He also suggested that the residents of Pitcombe should write to the council so that the council could use this as evidence/support for retaining the telephone box.

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**Councillor Jury** undertook to do a survey in Pitcombe to ascertain opinion of the residents about the phone box.

Mr. Jennings told the meeting that there is one resident in Pitcombe who does not currently have a phone in their home.

Mrs. Craig wondered if the fact that the box is in a conservation area would make a difference.

**Councillor Taylor** told the meeting that this fact had made no difference to the removal of the phone box in Hadspen.

**4. Apologies for Absence**

None

**5. Declarations of Interest**

None

**6. Planning Applications – For Consideration.**

**South Somerset District Council.**

**08/02024/FUL Mr & Mrs C Lowe: The erection of a replacement garage and greenhouse (GR 367458 / 133662).**

**Location:** Red House Sunny Hill Bruton Somerset BA10 0NN

No Observations

**08/02140/FUL MR R Scott: The erection of an extension to south elevation of kitchen wing to provide dining area GR 366837/133673**

**Location:** Cole Manor Cole Bruton Somerset.

No observations

**08/02424/LBC Mr. Alexander Harley: The installation of replacement garage doors and the creation of a new internal doorway (GR 366817/133717)**

**Location:** The Manor House Cole Bruton Somerset BA10 0PL

No Observations

**7. Planning Determination**

**08/02024/FUL Mr & Mrs C Lowe: The erection of a replacement garage and greenhouse (GR 367458 / 133662).**

**Location:** Red House Sunny Hill Bruton Somerset BA10 0NN

Granted - subject to conditions

**08/01628/FUL – Mr. and Mrs. Vernon – The erection of a single storey link extension. (GR 367070/132354).**

**Location:** Pitcombe Barn, Church Lane, Pitcombe, Bruton, Somerset, BA10 0PE

Granted - subject to conditions

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**08/01551/FUL – Mr A. Drysdale - Replacement of existing window with a dormer window**  
(GR 367216/133059).

**Location:** Pitcombe Farmhouse, Pitcombe Hill, Pitcombe, Bruton, Somerset, BA10 0PF.

Granted – Subject to conditions

**08/01751/FUL – Mr. W. Gyoury – Demolition of existing Garage & Carport and erection of Pergola (for use as carport)** (GR 365707/132626)

**Location:** Nettlecombe, Hadspen, Castle Cary, Somerset, BA7 7LW.

Granted – Subject to conditions

## 8. Reports.

**PCSO Tim Lawrence** told the meeting that thefts of fuel and scrap metal are things to look out for in our area. Please report any suspicious activity.

There was an incident involving youths from Castle Cary. They had blocked the road with branches at Honeywick and were abusive to several members of the public. They have either been or are in the process of being dealt with.

As there have been incidents of motorbikes and mini motos causing nuisance or distress in the Parish any further such incidents should be reported to the Police on 0845 456 7000. If necessary dial 999.

Two PCSOs will be monitoring the Ansford School walk on 11<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Councillor Beech:**

Two cases of anti social behaviour has been addressed and successfully resolved in Pitcombe.

### **Councillor Jury:**

Reported that there was still a wait for patching work to be done on various lanes in the Parish.

**Councillor Taylor** asked for the grass triangle at the top of Lime Kiln Lane be reinstated as grass rather than be patched with tarmac where it had been eroded.

**Councillor Carter** reported that the drains on Honeywick Hill are all blocked following the very heavy rain. **Councillor Jury** said that there is no programme for the regular clearing of the drains.

Residents of Pitcombe Hamlet who walk from the village to Bruton have requested the existing A359 footpath be extended to the top of Pitcombe Rock. Sunny Hill School are aware of the request and Councillor Jury will contact SCC Highways to discuss the proposal

### **Councillor Carter:**

Strimming is being carried out by the District Council throughout the Parish. Mr. Craig reported that strimming is also being done by Terry Crane. Most of the footpaths in the Parish are walkable with the exception of one field in which a crop of broad beans are currently being grown.

**Councillor Whittaker:**

Reported that she was still having to clear bags of rubbish left near her house. **Councillor Jury** reported that couple of refrigerators have been dumped on the side of the road leading up to Redlynch.

**Councillor Taylor:**

A sign reading Nichol's Yard with an address (including a Post Code) and a telephone number had been installed at Knapps Hollow Councillor Taylor has discussed this with James Meyers of Planning at SSDC who will be observing the site.

**9. Accounts for payment**

Bruton School for Girls	Rent for Meetings	£12.00
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**10. Correspondence**

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

Somerset County Council	Somerset Local Initiatives Budget for SCC Councillors
Charles A Llewellyn Chairman of Governors Ansford School	Re: Ansford School Annual Walk.
Robert Benzie Headteacher – Ansford School	Re: Ansford School Annual Walk + Map of Route
Richard Crowe 2012 Creative programmer & Team South West SCC	Re: Ringing in the Olympics in the South West
SCC	Somerset Community Safety Newsletter – Summer 2008
CPRE	Somerset Community Safety Newsletter – Special Edition 2008
David Heath CBE MP	Countryside Voice Magazine
Andrew Jones	Re: 2008 Village Tour Re: Pitcombe Telephone Box

**11. Meetings/Workshops**

SSDC	Area East Committee – 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2009
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**12. Items for next agenda**

**13. Date, time and place of next meeting**

**To be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30p.m. 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*