

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the The Hadspen Village Hall
on Tuesday 10th June 2008 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: **Carter, Elliot, Hartnell, and Taylor**
In the Chair: **Councillor Taylor**

In attendance:
Residents of the Parish: – **John Knight, Celia Wheadon**

Public Participation

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th May 2008

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th May, 2008 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 13th May 2008.

None

4. Apologies for absence.

Councillor **Whittaker**, Councillor **Jury**.

5. Declarations of Interest

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

Comment Reserved

7. Reports.

Councillor Elliott:

Reported that Gant's Mill Lane is in a terrible mess. It will be resurfaced, in due course, by the Railway Company.

It was also reported that Lime Kiln Lane appears to be in need of resurfacing. This information to be forwarded to Councillor **Jury**.

Councillor Hartnell:

Last years accounts to the end of the year (April 2007 – March 2008) were given to the Council. Councillor Carter noted the generosity of Bruton School for Girls in their help during the time the Village Hall was unavailable.

Councillor Carter:

A parishioner had reported that fingerposts were not visible at certain **points on the footpaths**. The Highways have indicated that they prefer that fingerposts should be put on tarmac roads. There are also nettles growing over a certain footpath. Biddy Coghill-Smith had done a very good job in weed killing certain paths. Merida Drysdale has asked that the foot-paths by Pitcombe Church be trimmed in time for a wedding in the Church.

Councillor Jury

Pitcombe Parish Highways – June 2008

1. Highways have identified and marked areas requiring patching in Mill Lane and Lime Kiln Lane.
2. Lancombe Lane and Hell Ladder Lane will remain as restricted byways and will not be upgraded Biways open to all traffic (BOATS) as requested by the Trail Riders Fellowship (See letter SCC dated 15th May 2008)
3. Ansford Parish Council have advised that highways have agreed improved speed restrictions on the approach to the crossroads at the Wagon & Horses (See Copy letter from SCC dated 17th April 2008)

Councillor Taylor:

At the last meeting the question of litter was raised. **Councillor Taylor** asked if parishioners would report instances of litter 'hot-spots'. These reports can then be followed up by Street Scene if necessary. This month a number of 'arrows' had been left after a cycle race through the Parish.

Additional Report

Draft Minutes – Subject to Confirmation

Councillor Carter reported an incident that had occurred in her garden on June 7th. A group of 5 young people starting throwing sticks, mud etc. at herself and her gardener. They used very bad language and refused to stop their behaviour. A couple of the young people then returned and vandalised parts of her garden. They returned again the next day and carried out further vandalism. The incident has been reported to the police and is currently being investigated.

Councillor Taylor reported that he had recently been to a meeting at Ansford School and was very disappointed to discover that the young people who were causing trouble in and around Castle Cary & Ansford were subject to very little or no discipline from the authorities.

Councillor Taylor will be writing expressing the concern of the Parish Council generally over the Ansford School walk that is due to take place thorough the valley on July 11th. He will also ask for a named person to whom he can refer should there be any trouble.

8. Accounts for Payment

9. Correspondence

The Playing Field	Newsletter
SCC	Public Rights of Way Newsletter
SSDC	Notes of District and Parish/Town Meeting
SSDC	Minutes of Flood Risk meeting at Hadspen.
SCC	Road Closure – B3081 Dropping Lane Bruton – 2 weeks from 30 th June.
SCC	Road Closure – Bratton Seymour Road Bratton Seymour & Shepton Montague – 2 weeks from 30 th June.
SSDC	Removal of Payphone in Pitcombe.
SSDC	The Expression of Interest from the Blackmore Vale – Funding.
CPRE	Recruitment

10. Meeting Dates 2008/09

SSDC	Standards Committee – 4 th June
SSDC	Area East Committee -11 th June

11. Planning Application Results

SSDC

08/01039/FUL – Mr. A. Drysdale. Conversion of redundant barn into holiday let accommodation (GR367204/133096).

Location: Pitcombe Farm Pitcombe Hill Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA10 0PF.

Planning refused

SCC

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 section 53 applications to modify the Definitive Map and Statement by upgrading Restricted Byways (RB) to Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs).

Will **not be determined** by Somerset County Council. Application routes will remain as restricted byways.

Councillor Taylor read a letter from the Environment Directorate explaining the determination.

Removal of Payphone in Pitcombe

Unless SSDC hears from the Parish Council with a case to retain it, it will be removed.

11. Items for next agenda

12. Date, time and place of next meeting.

To be held on Tuesday 8th July 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