

# *Pitcombe* Parish Council

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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council  
held in Hadspen Village Hall,  
on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.30.p.m.**

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

In attendance:

Residents of the Parish: - **Ian Bell**

County Councillor: - **Justin Robinson**

PCSO: - **Tim Russell**

1. **Election of Chairman for the year 2008 – 2009**

**Councillor Taylor** was nominated by **Councillor Carter**, seconded by **Councillor Hartnell** and unanimously elected as Chairman for the year 2008-2009.

2. **Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2008 – 2009**

**Councillor Elliott** was nominated by **Councillor Carter**, seconded by **Councillor Hartnell** and unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman for the year 2008-2009.

3. **Public Participation**

**PCSO Tim Russell** gave a report to the meeting.

A quantity of diesel had been stolen from a car in Lancombe Lane. There had also been some rowdy behaviour in Mill Lane but no damage had been reported. He advised that locks and general security should be checked. Also garden machinery, sheds, barns etc. need to have adequate security. He also told the meeting that scrap metal as well as lead and manhole covers over drains were also being targeted as the metal has become very valuable. **Councillor Elliott** asked if the police had been informed of the charity walk by Ansford School that will go through the Parish on July 11<sup>th</sup>. **Tim Russell** said that as far as he knew no information had been received as yet.

**Councillor Elliott** also asked about cases of dogs being attacked by another dog in Hadspen, **Councillor Taylor** mentioned that a dog had entered an enclosure at Nettlecombe Cottage and had to be forcibly removed from the leg of a pygmy goat.

**Tim Russell** advised to report such cases to the police at the time of the incident also advised by **Councillor Robinson** to contact Laura Pearse at District Council as this was her area of responsibility.

4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2008**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

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### 5. Apologies for Absence

District Councillor Miali Felton

### 6. Declarations of Interest

None

### 7. Planning Applications For Consideration:

#### **South Somerset District Council.**

**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.

No observations

**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

No observations

**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.

**Councillor Elliott** reported that the Garage has already been demolished.

Comments were made by Councillors reference the increasing numbers of retrospective planning Applications.

**08/01767/FUL – Mr. M. Jennings – The erection of a steel framed barn to house machinery and feed** (GR 366809/133136)

**Location:** Land Os 7818 Lancombe Lane, Pitcombe, Bruton, Somerset, BA10 )PL.

Ian Bell commented that trees be planted as a screening measure.

Comment by Councillors of the need for general screening of the structure.

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

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

**Councillor Taylor** told the meeting that he had received correspondence on this application.

Ian Bell felt that this conversion would actually constitute a 'new build' as the present structure would have to be completely demolished before new work could begin.

There was also general concern in regard to access and the proposed parking spaces that appeared to block the access even more.

It was noted that this application was being made in a conservation area and was felt to be out of keeping and an over development within the area.

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### 8. Planning Applications Approved:

#### South Somerset District Council.

**08/00750/LBC – Mrs C. Carter. Construction of Lean-to Shed (GR: 365268/132510).**

**Location:** Honeywick House Honeywick Road Honeywick Castle Cary Somerset BA7 7LP.

Granted with conditions.

**00/00874/FUL – Mr. Andrew Hopkins. Demolition of existing Porch and erection of conservatory (GR 364791/123113).**

**Location:** Priddles Hill Farm, Cary Hill, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7NN

Granted with conditions.

### 9. Reports

#### a. Portfolio Holders

**Councillor Whittaker:** reported that cans and general rubbish are still being discarded through the valley.

**Councillor Carter:** reported that the field below Old Station Lane had been ploughed without leaving the footpath.

**Councillor Jury:** reported that he had received Correspondence on the following:  
Lime Kiln Lane the Council will arrange for patching works when they have patching in the area.

Mill Lane safety areas have been mended but also need patching.

The repairs that are needed on Sunny Hill Lane will be put forward for surface dressing works.

Wagon and Horses Cross Roads: No correspondence had been received but **Councillor Taylor** suggested that the signs that are still on the pub could be removed now that the pub is no longer functional. This would improve vision.

**Councillor Taylor** also asked if it was possible for a sign for the Village Hall to be erected by the Highways Department.

**Councillor Elliott:** reported that stables had being erected without appearing to have planning permission. **Councillor Elliott** asked if there was a planning process to follow for stables/large sheds etc.

**Councillor Robinson** told the meeting that this sort of planning generally goes straight to District.

**Councillor Elliott** asked if details of the Ansford Walk been forwarded to the Parish Council?  
**Councillor Taylor** reported that nothing had come through as yet.

**Councillor Hartnell:** reported that the final details of the accounts just needed to be tied up.  
**Councillor Taylor** reported that there is £1000 still to be paid into the Scottish Widows Contingency Account

#### b. County Councillor

**County Councillor Robinson:** reported that he still has £5000 to be given away to community groups. There is also a fund of £15,000 for larger local projects. Any schemes that the Parish Council would like to propose would need to be submitted by August/September.

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### c. Chairman

**Councillor Taylor:** reported on the rubbish collection that had failed last month. When he asked South Somerset Waste Department how people had been informed of the changes they claimed that leaflets were all addressed individually. **Councillor Taylor** asked **Councillor Robinson** to check how the leaflets were actually sent out.

Councillor Taylor had written to John Burrows thanking for the use of the facilities at Sunny Hill. He also expressed great delight in the new hall and a lovely building and thanked all the residents of the Parish for their support with the project.

### 10. Accounts for Payment

Allianz Community Council) For Somerset)	Local Councils Insurance Subscription	£322.10 £25
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### 11. Correspondence

Audit Commission SCC Record RSS Ltd Thatch CPRE SCC Environment Scottish Widows S.C.S.N.	External Auditor Somerset Heritage Roadshow 2008 Outdoor Play Products Rural Community Magazine Somerset Matters Road Closure Notices Notice of Changes to Computer Systems Community Safety Newsletter
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Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies

### 12. Meeting Dates 2008/09

**The Parish Council will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of every month.**

South Somerset Together	South Somerset Together AGM Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2008 – 17.30 – 19.30
Sustainable Somerset Together	Sustainable Community Event Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2008 – 10.30-12.00 or 14.30 – 16.00.
SSDC	Area East Committee – 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2008-05-13
SALC	Notice of South Area Meeting – 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2008

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

**To be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 7.30p.m. in Hadspen Village Hall**

### 14. Items for next agenda

*Members of the Council are asked to consider the following 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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