

# *Pitcombe* Parish Council

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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council  
held in Hadspen Village Hall  
on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7.30 pm**

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

In attendance: PCSO Tim Russell, District Councillor: Maili Felton  
Residents of the Parish: Alan Whittaker, James Clark, John Knight

**1. Public Participation**

Resident John Knight asked who would be responsible for removing dead badgers from the roads in the Parish. The general consensus was that it would probably be the County Council but Councillor Taylor would make enquiries to Street Scene.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

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

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009.**

None

**4. Apologies for absence:**

None

**5. Declarations of Interest:**

None

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

**South Somerset District Council.**

**Application No. 09/00260/FUL**

**Applicant: A.H. Farming.**

**Proposal: Change of use of part of building from equestrian use to light industrial and carrying out of internal and external alterations to convert from 5 units to 3 and the formation of a parking area (Retrospective Application)**

**Location: Priddles Hill Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset, BA7 7NJ (GR: 367193/132735)**

The members of the council were somewhat disturbed that this was a retrospective application. Councillor Taylor would speak to the planning officer Simon Fox regarding this matter – if possible the council would oppose this application.

**Application No. 09/00753/TPO**

**Applicant: Mr. Philo**

**Proposal: Application to carry out tree surgery to 2 Lime trees known as T1 & T2 of the South Somerset District Council (Pitcombe No. 1) Tree Preservation Order 1985, and to carry out tree surgery works to various trees and fell a Poplar all within a conservation area.**

**Location: The Old School Church Lane Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA10 0PE (GR: 367193/132735)**

**Councillor Jury** to speak to Martin Jennings as tree warden in Pitcombe otherwise no observations.

**Application No. 09/00772/COU**

**Applicant: Mr. Richard Hollingbery**

**Proposal: Change of use of room in former dairy building to use as a research and development facility.**

**Location: Godminster Farm, Godminster Lane Bruton Somerset BA10 0NE (GR368403/132979)**

No observations

**7. Planning Information Only:**

**Application No. 08/05174/FUL**

**Applicant: Mr. G. Mayers**

**Proposal: The erection of a first floor extension and and two dormer windows to rear of building**

**Location: 1 Pitcombe Hill, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0PH. (GR 36726/133140)**

**8. SSDC -Planning Applications – Determined.**

None

**9. Somerset District Council – Regulation Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009**

Residents James Clark and Alan Whittaker reported that they had attended this meeting and had been very disappointed at both the conduct of the meeting as well as the outcome. The planning issue pertaining to Wessex water was the last item on the agenda at the end of a long meeting. Councillors showed no interest in the matter and voted unanimously to approve the scheme despite vehement opposition from the residents of Hadspen and the overlooking of comments made in writing by the Parish Council.

**Councillor Taylor** reminded the meeting of the history of the application. He also had a copy of the report from the Regulation Committee of the County Council. He proposed to the Parish Council that he would write a letter to the County Council as the report had expurgated and

misreported the response and letters of opposition from both residents of Hadspen and the Parish Council. He would also be writing to **County Councillor Justin Robinson**.

#### **10. Pitcombe Flooding**

**Councillor Jury** reported that there had been a successful meeting held on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> for all those in the Parish who had been directly affected by the flooding. He also reported that residents have now formed their own flood action group and have been told that they will receive the support of the Parish Council. **Councillor Taylor** asked that the group be reminded that if they are to hold a 'Parish' meeting then correct procedures will have to be followed. **Councillor Jury** told the meeting that the group are aware of necessary procedures.

#### **11. Hamlet of Pitcombe Issues - No report**

#### **12. Hadspen Lagoon**

**Councillor Taylor** showed the meeting recent photo's that he had taken of the lagoon. These showed the state of the now redundant liner. Asbestos sheeting has been dumped adjacent to the perimeter of the lagoon on the highway. In trying to determine who was responsible for control of the lagoon, now it is closed, **Councillor Taylor** had been in touch with the Environment Agency. He had received a reply to his email from Mr. Dave Sharpe, the environment officer. It appears that the Environment Agency is no longer responsible for the ongoing care or supervision of the area involved now that the lagoon is closed.

#### **13. Reports**

##### **Portfolio Holders:**

**Councillor Jury** told the meeting that County Highways will provide a sign for the Village Hall. A charge will be made which The Council agreed to pay.

The patching has been completed in Mill Lane. Details of flooding from blocked drains in Mill Lane have been forwarded to County Council.

The overhanging hedge in Mill Lane still needs to be cut back. **Councillor Jury** will write on behalf of the Parish Council to the owners asking them to cut back the hedge.

**Councillor Jury** was asked about the large amount of standing water leading onto the road at the end of Mr. John Griffin's field in Cole.

##### **Community Support Police Officer Tim Russell** raised the following points:

To be on the lookout for suspicious vehicles and take the registration numbers if possible.

There have been recent thefts of livestock – both lambs and cattle – in the Wincanton area.

Trailers and 4x4's have also been stolen recently in the Wincanton area.

There are cold callers in the area. Please be wary of anyone who calls without an invite, offering to carry out work on roofs and/or gardens. Do not allow them to start any work and please call the Police on 0845 456 7000.

Review your shed security – crime prevention advice available from your local PCSO.

**Councillor Taylor** reported that he had seen scrambling bikes up by the quarry.

PCSO Russell replied that the field will soon be planted with maize by Mr. Garrett which will prevent bikes using the field in the future.

**Chairman:**

**Councillor Taylor** told the meeting that there have been three applications for the post of Parish Clerk. Because the Parish Council Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings two of the applicants are unable to do the job. The third applicant lives too far away. **Councillor Jury** will re-advertise.

**14. Accounts for Payment**

SALC – Membership	£87.18
Blackmore Vale	£32.55
Advertisement	

**Approved**

**15. Correspondence**

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

Somerset CC Environment Directorate	Authorisation for MG Car Club – Kimber Classic Trial on 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2009
SCC Communications & Marketing	Investing In Somerset
C.P.R.E	Somerset Matters - Newsletter
SSDC	Dispensations Guidance.
SCC	Focus on Somerset Transport

**16. Meetings Workshops**

March 2009	Somerset County Council	Regulation Committee (Planning)
11 <sup>th</sup> March 2009	S.S.D.C.	Joint Area Committee - East

**17. Items for Next Agenda**

**Parish Clerk.**  
**SCC – Regulation Committee.**

**18. Date, time and place of next meeting:**

**To be held on Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 7.30 in Hadspen Village Hall.**

*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.*