

Pitcombe Parish

Minutes of the Pitcombe Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 12 May 2009 in Hadspen Village Hall

Present:

In the Chair: Councillor Michael L.J. Taylor, Chairman of the Parish Council

Councillors: M. Beech, J. Elliot, N. Hartnell, D. Jury, A. Whittaker and C. Carter.
County Councillor J. Robinson, District Councillor M. Felton and PCSO
Tim Russell

Parish Clerk: Mrs. R. Morgan

Residents of the parish: Mr. K. Elliott, Mr. I. Bell, Mr. & Mrs. Craig

1. Opening remarks and welcome

Councillor Mike Taylor opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.
Rosie Morgan was welcomed as the new Parish Clerk.

2. To receive the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th April 2008.

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes be approved as a true record.

3. Matters arising

Councillor Taylor reported on the following:-

Hadspen Lagoon

Despite having contacted the various agencies, none were interested in pursuing the deterioration of the fencing further. The lining of the lagoon had however now been weighted down with stones and earth which was all that could be hoped for in the short term.

Speed Limits

There had been no support from Highways in making any changes to the speed limits currently in place.

4. Report on the work of the Parish Council for the year April 2008 - March 2009

Councillor Taylor gave a brief overview of the Council's work during the past year which had been relatively quiet.

Planning: There had been a number of planning applications during the year which had given rise to strong comments from the Parish Council. These comments had been noted

by District Planning but no further action had been taken. District Councillor Felton explained the scheme of delegation in place however Councillor Taylor felt that the opinion of the Parish Council did not seem to count. It was suggested that the Parish Council consider inviting the Planning Officer to attend a future Parish Council meeting for discussion on planning issues.

Finance : Councillor Taylor presented the year end account which is attached to these minutes . This shows a healthy year end balance.

Councillor Taylor thanked members of the public for their contribution to council meetings and acknowledged the considerable support that County Councillor Robinson and District Councillor Felton had given to the Council.

5. **Discuss any motions of which notice has been given to the Clerk.**

None received.

6. **Open Discussion**

It was generally noted that the Parish Council had managed to keep the precept element of the Community Charge low this year.

Mr. Elliot asked why the Pitcombe flooding article in the April edition of the Pitcombe News was under the Parish Council section. Councillor Jury explained that he was acting as the liaison between the Parish Council and the flood group . He stated that the magazine was not an official document of the Parish Council and that all matters regarding the Parish Council's involvement with the flood group were correctly recorded in the minutes of the council.

Councillor Taylor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at approximately 8.15 pm.

Mrs. R.J. Morgan
Clerk to Pitcombe Parish Council
May 15th 2009