

# *Pitcombe Parish Council*

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council  
held in Hadspen Village Hall  
on Tuesday 9th February 2010 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Knight, Whittaker, Carter, Elliott and the Clerk, Mrs.  
R. Morgan.

In the Chair: Councillor Beech

In attendance: County and District Councillor Mrs Anna Groskop and three members of the Parish.

Public Question Time : Two members of the public in attendance wished to make their views known regarding item 8 i) planning application 09/04954/FUL. They were generally supportive of the application regarding the residency of the four current occupants but were quite clear that this should not become a general traveller site. They felt that any agreement should relate to named residents only and that the situation be reviewed every three years.

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Jury and the PCSO.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

## **3. Reports**

Mrs. Groskop advised that she had nothing new to report other than that she wished to update the Parish Council regarding budgets. The County Council did not intend to increase their budget this year, whilst the District Council would not intend be increasing theirs more than 2%.

## **4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 26th January 2010**

These were accepted by those present as a correct record and authorised.

## **5. Matters Arising**

- i) The Clerk reported she had not been formally made aware of any interest regarding the Parish Council vacancy.
  - ii) Three large green salt bins had been ordered for the Parish. Councillor Knight had agreed to take delivery of the bins at Hadspen Village Hall and would agree with Councillor Jury and other Councillors where they should be placed.
  - iii) The Clerk agreed to write a small notice for the next issue of the Pitcombe News seeking a volunteer/s interested in the setting up of a small committee to discuss possible celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee in 2012.
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## **6. Clerk's report on Finance Issues**

- i) The Clerk advised that she was still awaiting clearance from Barclays Bank regarding Councillor Knight's addition as a signatory to the account. She had not made any transfer of funds at this time in the light of the additional non-budgeted spend on the three salt bins. It was agreed this be reviewed again at March's meeting when an up to date financial statement would be prepared.
- ii) The Clerk presented each Councillor with a copy of the draft Risk Assessment for Pitcombe Parish Council. All Councillors were asked to consider this for approval at the next meeting. The Clerk would be happy to answer any questions in the meantime.
- iii) The Clerk advised that the Parish Council needed to address the requirement of the new publication scheme under the Freedom of Information Act. Draft documents were passed to each Councillor to peruse. The Parish Website already contributed to the requirements in that all key documents were already accessible.  
Final actions to be agreed at March's meeting.

## **7. Parish Councillor Portfolios**

Councillor Knight reported he was still waiting for the stile to be repaired. There was nothing else to report.

## **8. Review of Planning Applications**

**For consideration in February :**

09/04954/FUL – The use of land for the long term residential use of travellers. This application brought about some discussion. See also comments from the public. It was decided that this site should not become a general site for travellers. Any application granted for residency should only apply to named people i.e. those currently living on the site . Any change to this should require a fresh application being submitted. The situation should also be subject to review very three years.  
Action: Clerk to respond to SSDC Planning.

**Pending consideration by SSDC:-**

09/04305/FUL Priddles Hill Farm  
09/04915/LBC and 09/04912/FUL Gardeners Cottage Hadspen.

**Planning Applications granted by SSDC:**

09/03397/FUL – Ashridge Trees (Two Polytunnels)- Granted 13/11/2009  
08/03014/FUL – The Aviaries Out of Parish – Granted 3/11/2009  
09/04063/FUL - Sexeys School Extension – Granted 5/01/2010

**Temporary Road closure:** A303 Willoughby Hedge – Closed for five weeks from 15/02/2010.

**Path Diversion WN22/13**

The Clerk had responded to SSDC stating that they ensure a good path width was maintained and that any proposed hedging be kept closely trimmed so it did not impinge on to the path thus making it narrower and difficult for people to pass.

## **9. Accounts for payment**

The following account was presented for payment and authorised: -

Clerk's Expenses for January 2010 £ 21.03 ( Cheque No:263).

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**10. Correspondence received – to read**

SSDC	Letter from leader and chief Executive of SSDC re exploration of joint working arrangements with E.Devon.
SSDC	Area East Forum notes
SSDC	Annual Parish meeting with Town and parish Councils.
SSDC	Area East Committee minutes

**11. Meetings /Workshops**

Stakeholder Workshops- evening sessions Area East Community Forum	Awaiting proposals from SSDC  February 23 <sup>rd</sup> Session postponed. New date awaited.
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**12. Any other Business**

It was agreed that the position regarding Pitcombe Notice board should be on the agenda for March.

**13. Date of next meetings:**

9<sup>th</sup> March , 13<sup>th</sup> April, May 11th.

Note: The Clerk to email all with meetings for 2010/11.

The meeting was closed at 20.00.

Mrs. R. J. Morgan

Clerk to the Parish Council

15th February 2010

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