

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 13th July 2010 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Knight, Whittaker, Elliott and Carter and the Clerk, Mrs. R. Morgan.
In the Chair: Mike Beech, District and Parish Councillor
In attendance: One member of the Parish.

Public Question Time :

i) Mr. Elliott commented that the engineering works being carried out by Wessex Water to install a reed bed for sewage treatment for the benefit of three houses opposite his house seemed to have been unnecessarily problematic (e.g. inability to locate water supply, measurements and levels having to be redone). This was discussed in some detail and it was agreed that the clerk write to SSDC to ascertain what was happening.

ii) Mr. Elliott stated that he supported the Parish Council's attempts to raise once again the issue of speeding from Hadspen through to Cole.

1. Apologies for Absence

Received and accepted from Mr. Clark and Mrs Groskop.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on 8th June 2010 were accepted by those present as a true record and authorised.

4. Reports

There were no items of note to report.

5. Matters Arising

5i) The Clerk had written to Roger Meacham re the Flood Relief Pond at Hadspen but had not yet received a reply. This would be chased for the next meeting.

Outstanding Action: It was agreed that the Clerk write to Roger Meacham to ascertain SSDC's formal views on the re-routing and to establish where the responsibility lay for the maintenance of the pond.

5ii) **Speeding** : it was agreed that the Clerk would follow up how to go about the setting up of a Community Speed Watch Scheme in Pitcombe. **Ongoing Action:** the Clerk. It was noted that a number of parishioners had made their views known about perceived road signage requirements.

5iii) **Standing Orders:** A copy of the revised updated Standing Orders had been issued to all to read. The Clerk felt there was nothing onerous in the new set which now incorporated reference to the Freedom of Information Act. Any queries should be addressed to the Clerk. The Standing Orders would be discussed and set before the Parish Council for agreement at the next meeting.

5iv) The Clerk reported that the Parish Council was now free to co-opt any suitable interested party on to the Parish Council. Nobody however had expressed an interest. **Action:** The Clerk to confirm the criteria needed to join the Parish Council.

6. Reports on Parish Councillor Portfolios

Councillor Knight had met with Mr. Jury and a list of potholes etc drawn up and passed to Highways (Tony Leech). Although he had not heard back formally he had noticed that potholes and road problems (tree roots) had been highlighted so he was hopeful that remedial work would shortly be underway.

Councillor Carter reported that she had received a complaint about further flytipping (a gas container, car bits, spray cans) at Stumps Cross, Herne Lane off A359 in to Bruton. **Action:** Councillor Elliott to report this to Streetscene.

Councillor Elliott reported she was still experiencing problems having old piles of flytipping removed by SSDC with nobody wishing to take clear ownership. Asbestos seemed to be at the root of the problem but it was felt that Streetscene should take control of the problem. **Action:** Councillor Beech to speak to Helen Rutter in an attempt to resolve the stalemate.

Councillor Whittaker advised that she had attended a Parish Path Liaison meeting on 16th June which she had found very useful.

Councillor Carter stated that Footpath WN22/7 running from the Church to Pitcombe Hill was reported as impassable due to a proliferation of stinging nettles. Macmillan Way was also impassable with parked vehicles and loose animals on the path. It was believed that Mr. Hopkins was non-compliant with the terms of redirection of the path and the Clerk was asked to report this to planning for enforcement. Councillor Whittaker had also reported this to the local Countryside ranger. **Action.**

7. Review of Planning Applications etc

Note: Although Councillor Beech chaired this discussion it should be noted that he did not offer any comments on the applications and abstained from voting to ensure that his position as District Councillor would not be compromised .

i) For consideration at July 2010 meeting

10/00966/FUL and 10/00969/LBC Alterations to access and installation of metal gates at Hadspen Valley House, Lime Kiln Lane, Hadspen. This application was discussed and the Parish Council agreed that there were no objections to this application. **Action:** The Clerk was asked to report this back to Planning.

ii) Pending consideration by SSDC

a. 10/00913/FUL The erection of a single storey health facilities building for the students of Sexey's school (within parish). It was agreed that the Parish Council had no observations to make. It did however wish to establish if the Shinglers at Gants Mill had been consulted as the new buildings would be visible from their property.

b. 10/01481/FUL Construction of a covered walkway to serve school dining facilities at Sexey's School (out side parish). As per a. above.

iii) Planning Applications granted by SSDC.

a. 10/01183/LBC – Insertion of new and replacement windows at Hadspen Farm. The Parish Council supported this application.

b. 10/01317/COU – Change of Use of premises from B1 (light industrial) to B2 (car repairs and servicing) Priddles Hill Farm Castle Cary. The Parish Council had had no observations to make other than a minor concern that this may bring about an increase in traffic on the site. This had been addressed by the Planning Officer.

c. 09/04482/FUL – Conversion of barn and stable block in to a dwelling at Bottom Barn Farm, Hadspen. Permitted with conditions. Conditions circulated as they were substantial.

iv) Temporary Road Closure. None received.

v) Path Diversions. None received.

8. Finance

a. The following accounts were presented for authorisation and duly signed:-

Clerk's Expenses for June 2010 £19.72 (Cheque No: 279).

b. External Auditor invoice for 2009/10 £141.00 (Cheque No: 278).

c. The Clerk presented a reconciliation of accounts to each Parish Councillor which were accepted.

9. Correspondence received .

SCC	Chairman's awards for service to the community – This was discussed by the Parish Council and no nominations made. Councillor Carter confirmed that the War Memorial was situated in the Parish Church. Councillor Elliott offered to pass the correspondence to the PCC. This was to take place on 27/3/2011. The Clerk was to pass a note to Pitcombe News to this effect.
War Memorials Trust	
2011 Census	

10. Meetings /Workshops/Training

SSDC Area East	Area East Forum notes. To be circulated for all to read.
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11. Any other Business

The PCSO had advised the Clerk that Gillian Craig of Twillbee Cottage was their Neighbourhood Watch Representative for Pitcombe.

Councillor Whittaker advised all present of her new email address.

Helen Spratling had confirmed that she would be happy to join Councillor Carter on her Jubilee committee.

12. Date of next meeting:

August 10th 2010.

The meeting was closed at 20.50.

Mrs. R. J. Morgan
Clerk to the Parish Council of Pitcombe
17th July 2010