

# *Pitcombe Parish Council*

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 8th June 2010 at 7.30pm

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

In the Chair: Mike Beech, District and Parish Councillor

In attendance: County and District Councillor Mrs Anna Groskop, PCSO Daniel Arthur (part time) and 2 members of the Parish.

Public Question Time : A question was raised regarding posting of the agenda on the website. With Mr. Jury no longer sitting on the Parish Council this was still to be regularised.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

None received.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

### 3. Minutes . Annual Parish Meeting and Annual meeting of the Parish Council.

The Annual Parish Meeting minutes were agreed as a correct record and would be put forward for authorisation at next year's Annual Parish meeting.

The minutes of the annual meeting of the Parish Council on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were accepted by those present as a true record and authorised.

### 4. Reports

Mrs. Groskop advised she had nothing to report other than that there was a lack of money this year as the Council were working to a much restricted budget.

Mr. Beech also had nothing to report on this occasion.

Dan Arthur, the PCSO, said that there was no crime reported in Pitcombe over the last month. There was however an increase generally in scrap metal thefts in the area.

### 5. Matters Arising

5i) Councillor Whittaker presented a brief to the Parish Council regarding the Flood Relief Pond at Hadspen. This had been 'installed' in the 1980s by SSDC as part of their flood action plan and had helped divert excess water from the stream in to the pond to help prevent flooding.

The stream had recently been re-routed back to its original path by the current landowner, the fear being that this would re-create the flood problem that the installation of the Pond and re-routing of the stream had aimed to prevent. SSDC had maintained the pond in the past but it was now very overgrown and full of debris.

**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) Councillor Carter agreed to take on responsibility for the Parish Council's contribution to Pitcombe News.

5iii) It was agreed that the Parish Council would like to revisit speed issues in Cole and Hadspen. As the deciding factor against going forward previously had been the number of speed signs required to implement a suitable scheme, it was agreed that the Clerk should establish whether road drawn signs were now the norm which may be more acceptable to parishioners. **Action:** the Clerk.

5iv) The Clerk reminded all attending that agendas had to be legally posted three full working days prior to a meeting. If anyone was to be away within that time frame she asked that this be made known to her so alternative arrangements could be made. Responsibilities for posting agendas were;- Hadspen Village Hall (Councillor Elliott), Cole (Councillor Knight) and Pitcombe (Ms. J. Jeffrey's). With the recent resignation from the Council of Mr. Jury uploading of website information was currently being established.

## 6. Reports on Parish Councillor Portfolios

Councillor Knight was to meet shortly with Mr. Jury to understand the position regarding outstanding road actions. The Clerk had advised Tony Leach, Highways of the change in responsibility .

Councillor Whittaker advised that she would be attending a Path Liaison meeting next week and would report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

Councillor Elliott stated that her attempts to get Streetscene to collect fly tipping some time ago was being frustrated by Streetscene who now stated they would not pick up the rubbish and take it away. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Streetscene (Chris Cooper) to establish why action had not been taken.

## 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 June 2010 meeting

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.

c. 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.

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

**Action: The Clerk to report back to Planning accordingly.**

ii) Pending consideration by SSDC

09/04954/FUL Hobhouse Land OS 5955 Green Lane Pitcombe. Application withdrawn.

iii) Planning Applications granted by SSDC.

09/04305/FUL – Priddles Hill Farm  
Construction of silage Clamp and erection of agricultural building. Granted 17.5.2010

09/04482/FUL – Conversion of barn and stable block in to a dwelling at Bottom Barn Farm, Hadspen. Permitted with conditions.

10/00528/FUL Demolition of existing farm complex etc at the Aviaries, Bruton (outside of Parish) Permitted with conditions.

iv) Temporary Road Closure

None received.

v) Path Diversions

None received.

vi) Circulation and responses re planning applications

The Clerk asked that these be circulated as quickly as possible and that if there were to be people on holiday this be made known so that application circulation not be delayed.

**8. Finance**

a. The following account was presented for authorisation and duly signed:-

Clerk's Expenses for May 2010      £42.45 ( Cheque No: 277).

**9. Correspondence received .**

Mr. A. Jones	Open Gates reported at Sheepwash. This had been reported to Highways and the gates were now closed.
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**10. Meetings /Workshops/Training**

SSDC Area East Committee	Application 09/04954/FUL now withdrawn.
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**11. Any other Business**

To be included on the next agenda;

- Parish Council Vacancy
- Queens Jubilee Celebration
- Review of Standing Orders.

**12. Date of next meeting:**

July 13<sup>th</sup> 2010. Apologies received in advance from Mrs. Groskop and Councillor Clark.

The meeting was closed at 20.20.

Mrs. R. J. Morgan  
Clerk to the Parish Council  
10th June 2010