

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 14th September 2010 at 7.30pm

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

In the Chair: Councillor Elliott

In attendance: Three members of the Parish and Police Beat Manager Sara Stephenson and PCSO Tim Russell.

Public Question Time :

i)The rumour that a wind turbine was to be included in the anticipated new planning application from Mr. Hobhouse was thought to be correct.

It was stated that the Parish Council had reported the appearance of a further caravan on the site and had asked for enforcement action to be taken. This had been declined however the Parish Council agreed that this would be pursued once again.

Action: the Clerk to respond to David Norris and SSDC Planning.

ii)David Jury requested that the Parish Council pursue the promise of an hydraulic report regarding the bridges on the River Pitt. **Action:** John Knight to undertake.

iii)Vagrants in Hadspen: **Action:** All parishioners to report appearance to police. See 4. below.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Mrs. Groskop County and District Councillor, Mike Beech, District and Parish Councillor and Councillor Whittaker who was unwell.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes

The amended minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on 10th August 2010 were accepted by those present as a true record and authorised.

4. Reports

As Mrs. Groskop and Mr. Beech were not present there was nothing to report.

Tim Russell stated that there had been reports of nuisance motorbikes . It would be helpful to know which day of the week and at what time they had appeared so police presence could be arranged and complaints followed up. Mr. Jennings (member of the public present) , advised that the bikes appeared on Sundays post lunchtime. No other bike problems were identified.

Councillor Clark expressed concern about two male vagrants recently seen in Hadspen. They both seemed to be under the influence of drink. One had settled into his porch and as he has two small daughters was worried for their safety. The PC stated that they were both known to the police but were not thought to be of any danger to the public. Councillor Clark and anyone else approached in the village should be strongly discouraged from engaging with them and that their presence should be reported to the police on Tel: 0845 456 7000 who would deal with them.

The current criminal problem related to vans circulating in the area taking garden implements/machinery . Everybody should be aware of the need for security and all garden sheds etc kept locked.

The Parish Council were advised that they should write to Traffic Management and Highways, copied to themselves, seeking installation of speed monitoring devices on necessary parts of the village. The PCSO team would happily support any such request.

5. Matters Arising

5i) The Clerk had received comments on the reply from Roger Meacham re the Flood Relief Pond at Hadspen from Alan Whittaker. It was suggested that a reply be drafted to be circulated to all.

Action: Draft response to be circulated by Clerk to all for comment.

5ii) Speeding : See item under PCSO report.

5iii) Standing Orders: A copy of the revised updated Standing Orders with its addendum had been issued to all once again to read and provide any comments back to the Clerk. It was agreed that the Clerk would present the document for adoption at the next meeting. **Action: the Clerk.**

5iv) Future planning application for the Quarry owned by Mr. Hobhouse.

As it was anticipated that a new application would arrive very shortly everyone was once again reminded that any contact from the applicant wishing to discuss the application should be noted, date/time/content of discussion and reported back to the Clerk so that any breach of Code of Conduct implications could be followed up.

Action: All to note.

5v) Queen's Jubilee.

Councillor Carter updated the Parish Council on investigations she had made to date.

It was agreed that the celebrations should aim to be self financing. Committee members were still required to help get plans underway.

Location of event and catering options needed to be investigated further. Lighting, safety issues, licenses, insurance, furniture were still to be addressed. Thanks were given to Councillor Carter for all progress made.

6. Reports on Parish Councillor Portfolios

Councillor Knight was able to report that the programme of pothole filling in the parish was underway. He would continue to pursue the safety issue highlighted to Highways. It was noted that Parishoners should not mark up the roads themselves and should advise the Parish Council of any roadworks necessary. **Action: The Clerk to thank Tony Leech for his support.**

Councillor Carter stated that there was still rubbish to be cleared from the Parish. It was confirmed by all that no further action should be taken regarding Paul Jennings as at the Parish Council's request SSDC were pursuing various issues requiring enforcement. See Enforcement item.

Footpaths. The quick action of Eve Wynn and installation of swing gates was deemed admirable. **Action:** The Clerk to thank her for such prompt action and seek help regarding gates required on WN22/09 at the Mill Stream End of the path.

7. Review of Planning Applications etc

i) For consideration at September 2010 meeting

The Clerk reported that no applications had been received.

ii) Pending consideration by SSDC

a.10/02623/LBC and 10/02622/FUL Hadspen Cottage

b.10/03085/FUL Knapp House Sunny Hill . Retrospective.

c.10/03010/FUL Land OS 0041 Shatwell Lane Yarlinton Wincanton.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had had no observations to make on this application. This had been relayed back to SSDC Planning.

iii) Planning Applications granted by SSDC : All permitted with conditions.

- a. **10/00913/FUL** The erection of a single storey health facilities building for the students of Sexey's school (within parish).
- b. **10/01481/FUL** Construction of a covered walkway to serve school dining facilities at Sexeys School (out side parish).
- c. **10/00528/FUL** Demolition of existing farm complex at the Aviaries Bruton (outside of parish).

iv) Temporary Road Closures. None received.

v) Path Diversions.

Eve Wynn had inspected path WN22/13 and had advised that the path was now clear of farm machinery and animals.

vi) Enforcement Action

The Clerk reported that enforcement had been requested on:-

- a. The Quarry (Henry Hobhouse) where a further caravan had been pitched.
- b. Paul Jennings in Pitcombe where a barn had been constructed without planning permission, spoil from the foundations had been banked up along the verges on Pitcombe Hill, soil had contaminated the road and had run in to the River Pitt and gullies blocked .

It was agreed that all of these issues should be strongly followed up and action requested of the District Council.

Action: Clerk.

8. Finance

- a. The following account was presented for authorisation and duly signed:-
Clerk's Expenses for August 2010 £14.58 (Cheque No: 281).
- b. The Clerk advised that the end of second quarter financial report would be presented at the October meeting. The Parish Council would also need to discuss and decide the principles to be followed for the establishing of the precept requirement for 2011/12 bearing in mind the cutbacks currently being pursued at district and county levels. All spend should be reasonable and clearly accounted for.

9. Correspondence received .

SCC	Annual Report . Hard copy circulated for all to read.
SALC	Parish/Town Council Precept capping – See 8b above. Via email. All to read.
SSDC	Update of register of member's interests. The Clerk to present for completion at the next meeting.

10. Meetings /Workshops/Training

SALC	September 25 th 2010 Area Meeting at Woolavington.
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11. Any other Business

Councillors Carter and Elliott advised they would be unable to attend the next meeting.

12. Date of next meeting:

October 12th 2010.

The meeting was closed at 20.35.

Mrs. R. J. Morgan
Clerk to the Parish Council of Pitcombe
16th September 2010