

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 8th February 2011 at 7.30pm

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

In the Chair: District Councillor and Chair, Mike Beech

In attendance: 5 members of the Parish including Agent for Hadspen House

Public Question Time :

The main interests expressed were from Paul Hallam who was representing views expressed by two owners of properties in Shatwell Lane. He had as advised written directly to the Planner concerned himself but wished to make it known that although there were no objections to the buildings proposed , there were three elements of concern:- access regarding difficult manoeuvres on to the site by heavy vehicles, flooding of the lane due to a confirmed drain collapse, and the appalling state of the site generally.

The agent representing the applicant and the owner of the land at Hadspen House felt that adequate account had been taken of the access issue and the rearrangement of the yard were part of the works proposed and involved some rubble clearance. It was confirmed that compliance would be actioned for any condition proposed by Planning. The drain problem was unknown to him and would be looked in to.

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Co-option

The Parish Council agreed to the co-option of Caroline Donald on to the Parish Council. Forms were signed and authorised. **Action:** The Clerk to forward to SSDC Democratic Services..

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on 11th January 2011 were agreed by those present as a true record and authorised.

5. Reports

Mrs. Groskop reported that the County Council were still balancing their books for the next financial year in the light of budget cuts. This was expected to be finalised by 16/2/2011.

Councillor Beech stated that the Environment Agency were refusing to go forward with prosecution regarding the pollution on Pitcombe Hill. The issue had now been referred to David Heath MP for his help.

The PCSO reported an increase in a wide variety of thefts e.g. machinery heating oil, car fuel and asked that people increase their level of protection and challenge and/or report people/vehicles acting suspiciously. All were again asked to be doubly vigilant and to report any suspicious activity directly to the police.

6. Matters Arising

6i) Speed Issues - Pitcombe : Councillor Knight had not had any contact from Dave Grabham of Traffic Management Group. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Mr. Grabham to see what was happening regarding the next stage of action. **Action:** Clerk.

6ii) No Through Signs for Lancombe Lane, Pitcombe .

Councillor Beech stated that the signs had now been installed.

6iii) Grit bins

The requirement for salt/grit bins was discussed and it was agreed, proposed by Councillor Knight and unanimously supported by all other Councillors that the Honeywick Hill salt bin be relocated and two new bins ordered by the Clerk. Cost £167.20 including delivery charge plus VAT per bin. The Clerk confirmed there was enough in the budget to cover this.

Highways had advised that delivery of salt to the Quarry was unfortunately not possible.

Action: the Clerk was asked to order the two additional salt bins.

6iv) Tree felling at Hadspen House

The Clerk had received a response to say that tree/forest management was a normal part of estate management and the level carried out within their remit. No further action was deemed by the Parish Council.

6v) Notice board .

The notice board at the Village Hall was now out of warranty. Councillor Elliot offered to see what remedial action could be taken to stop the ingress of water.

7. Reports on Parish Councillor Portfolios

Councillor Carter reported on the outcome of the recent meeting of the Jubilee Celebrations Committee. Minutes had been circulated and are appended to these minutes.

Councillor Knight had nothing further to report on pothole repairs.

Councillors Clark and Elliott had nothing to report on this occasion.

8. Review of Planning Applications etc.

i) For consideration at February 2011 meeting

11/00135/FUL The erection of 2 agricultural buildings with associated access and yard area at Shatwell lane Yarlinton Wincanton. This application was discussed and it was agreed that although the Parish Council had no observations to make regarding the buildings proposed, there was concern regarding the following:-

Access to the site . This was considered inadequate for the vehicles expected on site, particularly during the construction of the new buildings.

Flooding in Shatwell Lane. The agent was not aware that there were any problems but was advised that heavy rain regularly caused flooding in the vicinity of the access. The drainage system had been examined by the relevant Council Department and declared broken down and in need of repair.

Actual location of the drain was to be located.

State of the site was considered to be unacceptable and in desperate need of clearance and tidying to make it more acceptable to all, but particularly those living within close proximity to the residential housing nearby.

Action: The Clerk was asked to respond appropriately to Planning.

11/00373/FUL – Formation of 32 parking spaces with new private roadway access to serve Sexey's School. **Action:** The Clerk was asked to seek an extension to the response time as on initial viewing the siting of the parking spaces was deemed to be inappropriate .There had also been a complaint regarding the seeming dismantling of the footpath nearby and the stile at the end of the footpath running to Gants Mill was in dire need of replacement/repair. All Parish Councillors were asked to view and provide their comments to the Clerk.

11/00021/FUL – 9 Mill Lane, Pitcombe. Erection of a two storey extension to the rear of the property. It was agreed that a site visit was recommended to gauge the impact of the proposed extension on neighbouring properties. **Action:** the Clerk to seek an extension to the response date.

ii) Pending consideration by SSDC

10/03340/FUL – The use of land for mixed use to include construction of underground eco-dwelling, erection of two geodesic greenhouses, erection of wind turbine, construction of two gypsy/traveller pitches and construction of anaerobic digester plant. **Note:** Additional supporting information expected.

10/03010/FUL - Land OS 0041 Shatwell Lane Yarlinton Wincanton. The Parish Council was informed by the Agent for Hadspen House that this application was likely to be withdrawn.

10/04686/DPO - The Aviaries (out of parish).

iii) Planning Applications granted by SSDC .

The Clerk again advised Councillor Beech that she was still not receiving written confirmation from SSDC Planning re decisions. This would be taken up by Councillor Beech.

iv) Temporary Road Closures.

Not applicable.

v) Path Diversions.

Nothing to report.

8. Finance

a. The following account was agreed for authorisation and duly signed:-
Expenses of £27.99 for the Parish Clerk for January 2011. (Cheque No: 288).

9. Correspondence received .

Glynn Parry SCC Democratic Services.	Action : Councillor Beech to undertake response.
SALC Good Councillors Guide and Training	No action required at this time.
SALC Election dates	General information for all intending to stand in the May 2011 elections.

10. Meetings /Workshops/Training

None advised.

11. Any other Business

11a. Sort It Plus Posters were provided for the Notice Boards at Cole and the Village Hall.
Action : The Clerk to see if the same information could be put on the web page.

11b. Parish Council Meeting dates :-
The Clerk advised that the next meeting dates were:-
8th March 2011
12th April 2011
10th May 2011 (Annual Parish Meeting and annual meeting of the Parish Council post election .

The Clerk had also booked all meetings for 2011/12 and would email to all.

11c. Pitcombe News .Councillor Clark advised that he was currently reviewing the financial viability of Pitcombe News which was of some concern .He would report further.

12. Date of next meeting:

8th March 2011

The meeting was closed at 20.45.

Mrs. R. J. Morgan
Clerk to the Parish Council of Pitcombe
14th February 2011