

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 11th January 2011 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Knight, Carter, Clark, Elliott and the Clerk, Mrs. R. Morgan.
In the Chair: District Councillor and Chair, Mike Beech
In attendance: 17 members of the Parish and the applicant for Planning application at 4(i),
10/03340/FUL.

Public Question Time :

a. The Parish Council was thanked for the provision of the salt bins which had served the parish well during the recent snow. Thanks went to a number of residents who had helped spread the salt in an attempt to keep the roads clear. The Parish Council were asked to consider adding a number of additional bins and to perhaps seek a supply of additional grit at the Quarry to cover the Hadspen area. It was agreed that this would be discussed under item 6 (iii).
The Parish Council stated that it hoped that parishioners would accept responsibility during bad weather and volunteer to add salt to the roads.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were given and accepted from Mrs. Groskop and PCSO Tim Russell.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on 14th December 2011 were agreed by those present as a true record and authorised.

4. Review of Planning Applications etc.

i) For consideration at December 2010 meeting

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.

Prior to discussion by the Parish Council on this item, the meeting was adjourned to allow the public in attendance to ask questions of the applicant.

The formal meeting was then reconvened for the Parish Council to debate the application.

As a result the Parish Council unanimously agreed that they were unable to support the application. The Clerk was asked to draft up a response to SSDC Planning to cover the points raised. Copy of letter attached.

ii) Pending consideration by SSDC

10/03010/FUL - Land OS 0041 Shatwell Lane Yarlinton Wincanton.
10/04686/DPO - The Aviaries (out of parish).

iii) Planning Applications granted by SSDC .

10/03982/FUL - Swimming pool at the Manor House, Cole. Granted with conditions.

10/04731/S73 – Gants Mill. To allow continued use of land for siting of a marquee from 15 April to 15 October. Granted with conditions.

The Clerk 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.

A371 Prestleigh Hill, Doulling. From 10/01/2011 for ten working days.

v) Path Diversions. Nothing to report.

5. Reports (Note: PCSO not in attendance.)

No reports were received from Mrs. Groskop or Councillor Beech.

The PCSO had asked the Clerk to report that since the last meeting :-

a. items had been moved in a garden with nothing stolen. This was thought to have been a prank.

b. Straw had been set alight in a field. This was an isolated incident.

c. There had been two burglaries in isolated properties.

d. Heating and vehicle thefts were also on the increase.

All were asked to be vigilant and to report any suspicious activity directly to the police.

6. Matters Arising

6i) Speed Issues - Pitcombe : Councillor Knight had made contact with Dave Grabham of Traffic Management Group and awaited confirmation of the next stage of action. **Action:** SSC TMG.

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

The Clerk confirmed that the signs had been received by SSDC. The Contractor would shortly be contacting the land owner to agree when they would be installed. **Action :** SSDC.

6iii) The Snow.

Action : Councillor Knight agreed to contact Highways with a view to re-locating the salt bin near Honeywick Hall to Cole Farm. He would also ask if it would be possible to have a supply of salt delivered to the Quarry at Lime Kiln Lane as the owner had kindly agreed to this with a view to keeping the roads clear at the end of the village. He would also follow up the snow clearance that had taken place leaving hard impacted ice on the road out of Hadspen.

Action: the Clerk was asked to seek a quote for additional salt bins and to review the budget to see what money was available.

7. Reports on Parish Councillor Portfolios

Councillor Carter stated that the next meeting of the Jubilee Celebrations Committee was set for January 17th.

Councillor Knight reported that all potholes should now have been repaired. The tree root problem was confirmed as being on Highways work programme. Visibility at Pitcombe had been resolved with hedge cutting.

Parishioners had successfully spread grit through the poor weather conditions to alleviate problems. In view of a number of complaints received from parishioners , it was agreed that in the spirit of the Big Society parishioners should accept a greater degree of self-help . This should be made clear in the next edition of Pitcombe News.

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

8. Finance

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

Expenses of £40.34 for the Parish Clerk for Decemberr 2010. (Cheque No: 287).

9. Correspondence received .

SSDC – Democratic Services.	Update of Register of Member's interests. Clerk reported completion of exercise.
SSDC Planning (TPO)	A reply had been received re the TPO . It was agreed by the Parish Council

SWP Bruton 100 Stone Highways Winter Service updates	that as a result they did not wish to take the matter any further. The Clerk was asked to respond accordingly. All had received a copy of the email . The Clerk was asked to follow up receipt of hard copies for the notice boards. It was confirmed that post Christmas collections and the effect of the snow were on the SSDC website. Licence applied for. All agreed these had been most useful.The Clerk was asked to send a note of thanks to Geoff Dight of Highways.
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10. Meetings /Workshops/Training

None advised.	
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11. Any other Business

a.Action: The Clerk was asked to follow up reports that there was tree felling at Hadspen House.

b.Action: The Clerk was asked to see what could be done re the recent water leakage into the Village Hall Notice Board

c.Caroline Donald was co-opted on to the Parish Council .

12. Date of next meeting:

8th February 2011

The meeting was closed at 20.35.

Mrs. R. J. Morgan
Clerk to the Parish Council of Pitcombe
20th January 2011