

Pitcombe Parish Council

25 January 2004

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on
Tuesday 13th January 2004.**

Present: Cllrs. Bell, Brook, Elliott, Holt, Smith, Taylor.

In attendance: County Cllr. Carroll, District Councillor Alexandria Winder.

In the chair: Cllr. Brook

1 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on November 11th 2003.
Minutes Approved.

2 Matters arising from the minutes.
None

3 To approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 19th 2003
Minutes Approved.

4 Matters arising from the minutes.
None

5 Apologies for Absence.
Cllr O'Leary, absent on business.

6 Declarations of Interest.
None.

7 Public Participation.
None

Reports from Portfolio Holders.

8 Environment, Health (Cllr Elliott)

8.1 Travellers, Rudge Lane

Cllr Elliott had discussed the situation with Mr Hobhouse. The travellers were itinerant agricultural workers, who had worked on apple picking, and were now pruning apple trees. It was believed that they might have some protection in law. However, the concern was that the bus, in which the travellers lived, was parked next to a bridleway, and the dogs were threatening to passers by. The situation might be acceptable if the vehicle were parked elsewhere. It was hoped that the vehicle might be moved within the next few weeks.

8.2 Shatwell Farm

The District Council had responded that it was unlikely that action would be taken unless there was structural change, and if there were complaints from neighbours.

8.3 Hedges in Old Station Lane.

Cllr Elliott reported that Highways (SCC) was responsible for verges within one metre of the kerb. A small ransom strip was owned by the beneficiaries of Mrs Showering. It had been stated that the Parish Council had planted the hedge, but this was not believed to be the situation. The Council would not object if the

current owner pruned the bushes.

- 9 Highways (Cllr Holt)
- 9.1 Road Closures
A number of temporary road closures for maintenance work, had been notified to the Parish Council. The one of most concern was a five week closure of the A359 at Wanstrow, for culvert maintenance.
- 9.2 Local Road Maintenance.
Mr Bunting agreed to have his hedge clipped.
Cllr Holt to report the condition of Lime Kiln Lane, which required minor attention.
- 9.3 Winter Road Service (road salting)
Consideration should be given to providing salt bins in a few places in the Parish. These would have to be provided by the Parish Council, but Highways would fill them with salt.
- 10 Parish Tidiness (Cllr O'Leary)
- 10.1 Litter bins
It had been suggested that small litter bins should be provided near each of the Parish Notice boards, however this was not agreed.
- 10.2 Litter picking
The road from Hadspen to the Wagon and Horses requires regular litter removal. It was agreed that Councillors would take turns on a rota. Cllr O'Leary to organise.
- 11 Slurry Lagoon (Cllr Smith)
- 11.1 Legal action is being taken by the County Council against Mr Walters, for non-compliance with one of the planning conditions in the original agreement, concerning the provision of a bridleway.
- There was currently no odour problem.
- 12 Footpaths, Trees, CPRE (Cllr Taylor)
- A missing style, on footpath WN22/17 had been notified, and had been replaced.
- There had been some further discussions on the possibility of obtaining agreement for a 'permissive footpath', between St Leonard's Church and the A359. This was unlikely be successful, as it was not acceptable to the landowner. The Clerk was asked to write to the Countryside Officer, (Mr Paul Attwell) to record the situation.
- 13 Law and Order (Cllr Bell)
- Two break-ins had been reported locally, where garden equipment had been stolen after forcible entry. The Police had been informed. Cllr Bell was to attend a workshop on 'Crime and Disorder'.
- 14 General Matters (Cllr Brook)
- 14.1 Parish Workshop.
Attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Notes were available.
- 14.2 SSDC Centralisation
Some concern was expressed that the changes introduced in the management of the four Areas of the South Somerset District Council had resulted in some remoteness and slower response. Cllr Carroll, Leader of SSDC, noted the comments.
- 14.3 Parish Clerk Recruitment
The Chairman reiterated that it was essential to find a replacement for the Parish Clerk within a short time. Advertisements would appear in both Parish Magazines. Cllr Brook asked that all Councillors should try to locate a suitable person to take over.
- 15 Planning Applications:
- 15.1 04/00015/TCA Pacets, Hadspen To reduce tree overhanging the car park to the village hall by half/two thirds.
Council had no objections.

16 Planning Determinations:

To note following Planning Determinations (*Passed unless otherwise indicated*)

16.1	03/03077/COU	Hadspen House	Construct open air swimming pool
16.2	03/02498	Hedleys Hay, Redlynch	To erect a tool shed (Refused)

17 To approve Accounts to be Paid.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

17	M J Millican	Salary and Office Expenses, November-December	£156.09
17.3	M J Millican	Renewal of website licence (2 years)	£23.99

18 Correspondence.

18.1	Winsham PC	Withdrawal of Recreational Maintenance Grant	
18.2	SSDC	Committee Meetings to consider Local Plan report	
18.3	SSDC	Parish Information on SSDC Website	(to Cllr Brook)
18.4	WS Atkins	Temporary closure of A359 at Cole Road, Bruton (15 th January)	(To Cllr Holt)
18.5	WS Atkins	Temporary closure of A359 at Wanstrow (19 th January) five weeks.	(To Cllr Holt)
18.6	WS Atkins	Winter Service	(To Cllr Holt)
18.7	SSDC	Youth Issues, Notes from public forum, 12 November	(To Cllr Holt)
18.8	SCC	“Somerset Schools Need Governors”	(Copies to all)
18.9	SCC	Bridleway at Green Lane	
18.10	SYRP	Review	(To Cllr Holt)
18.11	SALC	Training Events	(Internal Audit, to Cllr Brook)
18.12	SSDC	Letter from Helen Rutter, re visit to Pitcombe PC meeting in November	
18.13	CPRE	“Our Countryside in Somerset in Danger”	(to Cllr Taylor)

19 Any Other Business.

Problems concerning tractors and trailers at Pitcombe had been reported to the Police, although it was not clear where responsibility lay.

It was reported that repairs to the bridge still waited for lime mortar.

Pitcombe Parish Council

24 February 2004

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on
Tuesday 10th February 2004.**

Present: Cllrs. Bell, Brook, Elliott, Holt, O'Leary, Smith, Taylor.

In attendance: District Councillor Alexandria Winder.

In the chair: Cllr. Brook

1 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2004.
Minutes approved.

2 Matters arising from the minutes.
The Clerk has spoken to Sgt Rooke, Wincanton Police, who confirmed that there had been a number of break-ins recently. Any suspicious vehicles should be reported to the Police.

3 Apologies for Absence.
County Cllr. Tim Carroll

4 Declarations of Interest.
None.

5 Public Participation.
None

6 To receive the resignation of Cllr Taylor and to declare a vacancy.
Cllr Roy Taylor had submitted his resignation to the Council. The Chairman thanked Cllr Taylor sincerely for his contribution to the Parish Council, as member and past Chairman over many years.

The Council declared that a Casual Vacancy existed. The Clerk had prepared a notice of vacancy to be posted on notice boards. If a poll was not requested by 2nd March, the parish Council would proceed to co-opt a person to fill the vacancy at the March meeting.

Reports from Portfolio Holders.

7 Environment, Health (Cllr Elliott)
The travellers' vehicle has now been moved from Rodge Lane. Mr Meyer, SSDC, had confirmed that the legislation likely to apply to the situation was the 1960 Act, and itinerant agricultural workers could be protected for up to eight months but this would be checked with SSDC legal Department.

8 Highways (Cllr Holt)
It was confirmed that Lime Kiln Lane was considerably narrowed in places by accumulated mud and debris. The margins of the road and road gullies required clearing.

There had been further discussions on the Somerset County Council Speed Management Review. The Review had not been completed, and was expected to be published in about two months time.

There was considerable discussion over the 'Slow' signs which had appeared in the C125 road near Cole Farm Barn. There had been no discussions with the Parish Council, but County Highways could act without discussions where road safety was concerned. It was pointed out that two other bends on the C125 were believed to be more dangerous than Cole Farm Barn. Cllr Holt would write to Colin Fletcher, Highways, and Cllr Winder would raise the matter with the District Council.

It was reported that the pointing of the bridge at Pitcombe had again been delayed but was expected to be complete by the end of March.

It was reported that the road sign on the road from Yeovil, approaching Grove Cross, showed 'A358' not A359. To be followed up.

The B3081 between Evercreech and Bruton is to be closed for resurfacing.

- 9 Parish Tidiness (Cllr O'Leary)
It was reported that a sofa had been left in Rodge Lane.
- 10 Slurry Lagoon (Cllr Smith)
It was reported that a white tanker had been seen at the slurry lagoon, and this had been reported to the Environment Agency.
- 11 Footpaths, Trees, CPRE (Cllr Taylor)
The Clerk had written to Paul Atwell, SSDC, on the suggestion for an extra footpath from the Church to the A359.
- 12 Law and Order (Cllr Bell)
Cllr Bell had attended the Crime and Disorder Workshop, and his notes were distributed.
- 13 General Matters (Cllr Brook)
Nothing to report.
- 14 To consider the following Planning Applications:
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|------|-------------|--------------------|--|---------|
| 14.1 | 03/03464REM | Land off Mill Lane | Construction of three new Houses amendment - Unit 3 moved slightly away from public highway) | (Minor) |
| | | | Council had no objections.. | |
- 15 To note Planning Determinations received.
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| 15.1 | 03/0340/FUL | Ludwell Rise | Demolition and re-building of garage, with bedrooms over | |
| 15.2 | 03/02056 | Grove Farm Quarry | Renewal of temp. siting of mobile home. | |
| 15.3 | 03/03351 | Cole Manor | Installation of micro-hydro system. | |
| 15.4 | 03/03248 | Godminster Manor | Repair and alteration to driveway | |
- 16 Correspondence.
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| 16.1 | SSDC | Workshop on Development Control Services, 4 th March to Cllr Brook | | |
| 16.2 | Asst Chief Constable | Partnership Funding for Community Support Officers to Cllr Bell | | |
| 16.3 | WS Atkins | Temporary closure of B3081, (Evercreech – Bruton), 23 rd February for two weeks to Cllr Holt and Notice boards | | |
| 16.4 | CPRE | Planning Update | to Cllr Brook | TCG to Cllr Holt |
| 16.5 | Yeovil CVS | Appeal for Grant | | |
| 16.6 | Mendip PCT | Notes | to Cllr Elliott | Shepton to Cllr Elliott |
| 16.7 | SSDC | Crime and Disorder Workshop – Notes to Cllr Bell | | |
| 16.8 | SCC | Licence for Notice Board at Cole – for approval | | |
| 16.9 | Countryside Agency | Vital Villages Update. | | |

- 16.10 SALC Agenda, Minutes, to Cllr Brook
Consultation Paper on revision of Burial Law to Cllr Smith
MP. Members Allowance – letter for
The Clerk was asked to respond
Village of the Year – entry form
- 16.11 David Heath MP Forthcoming Advice Centre, 13th March

17 Any Other Business.

- 17.1 It was reported that the Sheepwash grit store was in a very untidy state and appeared to have suffered from fly tipping.
- 17.2 Cllr Smith noted that offices appeared to have been constructed at the stables near Bottom Barn Farm. Cllr Winder was asked to try to obtain the plans from the original Planning Application.

Date of next Meeting: 11th March.

Pitcombe Parish Council

10 June 2004

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on
Tuesday March 9th 2004**

Present: Cllrs. Bell, Brook, Elliott, Holt, O'Leary, Smith,.

In attendance: District Councillor Alexandria Winder.

In the chair: Cllr. Brook

17 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 10th February 2004.
Minutes approved.

18 Matters arising from the minutes.

Cllr Bell reported that the work on the bridge in Pitcombe has now been completed.

Cllr Smith reported that Mr Meyer, SSDC, would visit Mr & Mrs Hobhouse in the coming week, with reference to the stables.

19 Apologies for Absence.
None

20 Declarations of Interest.
None.

21 Co-option of new Council Member.

Mr Martin Jennings was nominated by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Elliott. There being no other nomination, Mr Jennings was co-opted to the Parish Council. Having signed the Declaration of Acceptance, Cllr Jennings took his seat.

22 Appointment of new Parish Clerk

Cllr Brook reported that the newly appointed deputy Town Clerk of Bruton had expressed an interest in the position. He had met her, and she seemed to be admirably qualified for the position. Council agreed that Marylyn Humphry would be offered the position, and the Chairman was asked to discuss salary and contract with Ms Humphry. It was envisaged that she would be placed on Spine Point 17 of the national scale. She would attend the next meeting of the Council, and would take over as from 11th May.

23 Public Participation.
None..

Reports from Portfolio Holders.

24 Environment, Health (Cllr Elliott)

The sofa left in Rodge Lane, reported at the last meeting, had been removed.

25 Highways (Cllr Holt)

It had been agreed with Colin Fletcher, SCC Highways, that one of the 'Slow' signs in the road near Cole Farm, would be removed. Lime Kiln Lane still required clearing, and Sheepwash still needed tidying. It was not known what was the outcome of the County Council review of its grit stores.

- 26 Parish Tidiness (Cllr O’Leary)
The Chairman congratulated Cllr O’Leary on his initiatives on tidiness in the Parish. The results were very encouraging. It was reported that there was a considerable amount of litter on the A371 outside Hadspen House. Mr Knight asked about the commercial activities, which took place in Mill Lane. It was believed that there was a licence for one lorry, and that other activities had been going on for a considerable time, and might be time barred. Cllr Winder to review the position with Mr Meyer.
- 27 Slurry Lagoon (Cllr Smith)
Nothing to report.
- 28 Footpaths, Trees, CPRE
Cllr Jennings agreed to take over the Footpaths and Trees portfolio.
- 29 Law and Order (Cllr Bell)
Nothing to report.
- 30 General Matters (Cllr Brook)
- 30.1 Portfolios for 2004-05
Portfolio holders were asked whether they wanted to see any changes in the coming year. It was agreed to leave the portfolios as they were.
- 30.2 Annual Parish Meeting Agenda (May 11th)
The usual format of the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) would be kept for the coming meeting, however, portfolio holders agreed to make a short statement on activities in their areas. A different format would be considered for future years.
It was agreed that coffee and biscuits would be served at the meeting, and that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, which would follow the APM, would be kept to a minimum. Portfolio holders were asked to let the Chairman know of any item that they would like to raise at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, by 29th April.
- 30.3 South Somerset Local Plan Deposit Draft – Proposed Modifications.
The modifications to the Local Plan which had been agreed, and the Inspectors comments, had now been published. The only change which affected Pitcombe was the inclusion of the Inset map showing the Pitcombe Conservation Area. This had been inadvertently omitted from the initial draft.

15 To Consider the following Planning Application

- 17.1 03/03397/LBC Hadspen House Stables Alterations (Amendments)
No observations.

16 To Note the following Planning Determinations (Passed unless otherwise indicated)

- 17.1 04/00015/TCA Pacets, Hadspen Tree works
17.2 03/03250/LBC Godminster Manor New drive and garden wall
17.3 03/03464/REM Land off Mill Lane Construction of three new dwellings

To approve Accounts to be Paid

The following account was **approved** for payment:

M J Millican	Salary and Office
expenses, January-February 2004	£159.37

17 Correspondence

- 17.1 Mendip PCT Board Meeting (to Cllr Elliott)
- 17.2 SSDC: Standards Committee Meeting 18th February (Procedure for dealing with complaints against Councillors, referred for local determination.)
- 17.3 SSDC Draft Tourism Strategy Walking Festival, May-June
2004-05
04: List of local walks

- 17.4 ODPM/Standards Board Consultation Papers on arrangements for investigating
allegations of misconduct (to Cllr Brook)
- 17.5 SPFA SPFA Newsletter
- 17.6 SSDC Tree Talk: Tree Wardens' Newsletter
- 17.7 Somerset Hedge Group Somerset Hedge Week
- 17.8 SSDC: Millennium People Factsheets: Grant Applications etc. (to Cllr Holt)
- 17.9 CVS Newsletter
- 17.10 CPRE Countryside Voice

18 Any Other Business.
None

Date of Next Meeting: 13th April.

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 11th May 2004

Present: Councillors Bell, Brook, Elliott, Holt, Jennings, O'Leary, Smith

In attendance: District Councillor Alexandria Winder

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

1 To elect the Chairman for the year 2004 - 2005

Councillor Brook was proposed and seconded for the position of Chairman. There being no other nominations, Councillor Brook was appointed.

2 To elect the Vice-Chairman for the year 2004 –2005

Councillor Smith was proposed and seconded for the position of Vice-Chairman. There being no other nominations Councillor Smith was appointed.

3 Introduction of the New Parish Clerk

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Mrs Marilyn Humphry as the new Parish Clerk.

4 Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2004

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th March be adopted as a true and accurate record. **Approved**

5 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 25th March 2004

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th March be adopted as a true and accurate record. **Approved**

6 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

7 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

8 Declarations of interest

Councillors Elliott and Smith declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 23 – Hadspen Short Mat Bowling Club.

9 Public Participation

None

Reports from Portfolio Holders

10 Environment, Health (Cllr Elliott)

Cllr Elliott reported that a hedge in Mill Lane had been trimmed very badly leaving it in a harmful condition. Action would be considered to resolve this matter.

11 Highway (Cllr Holt)

Cllr Holt reported that there would be temporary road closure in Mill lane from 15th May 2004. Maps are in place on the notice boards showing the alternative routes.

12 Parish Tidiness (Cllr O'Leary)

Cllr O'Leary advised council that there is a scheme in operation to collect old car batteries. Details of the scheme have been posted on the notice boards.

13 Slurry Lagoon (Cllr Smith)

Following the detailed discussions at the Annual Parish Meeting, earlier this evening, Cllr Smith reported that she had spoken with County Councillor Carroll and agreed that a meeting with the Environmental Agency be arranged at the earliest opportunity. Cllr Smith stated that she would report the results to the next council meeting.

14 Footpaths (Cllr Jennings)

Cllr Jennings reported that some styles needed repair. It was suggested that the District Council be contacted. They would be able to help.

15 Law and Order (Cllr Bell)

Nothing further to report

16 General Matters (Cllr Brook)

Nothing further to report

17 The Statement of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2004

Council was presented with the statement of the annual accounts. It was proposed and seconded that the accounts be approved. **Approved**

18 Planning Applications

18.1	04/00468/TCA	Laural Cottage, Pitcombe	Various tree work
18.2	01/01142/LBC	Cole Manor	Lean-to porch to rear
18.3	04/00617	Bottom Barn Farm	Conversion of Farm Buildings to dwelling (resubmission)

Council had no objections to these applications.

18.4	04/00622	Bottom Barn Farm	Erection of Hay barn
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Council reiterated the objections previously raised (25th March 2004 – 3.1)

19 To note the following Planning Determinations

19.1	04/00468/TCA	Laurel Cottage, Pitcombe	Various Tree Works	Approved
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Planning Appeal

19.2	03/02498	Hedleys Hay, Redlynch	Erection of tool store	Appeal Allowed
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20 Accounts for payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following accounts be approved for payment. **Approved**

20.1	SALC	Affiliation Fee	£ 68.30
20.2	M J Millican	Clerk's Salary & expenses	£164.33
20.3	Cornhill Insurance	Annual Premium	£232.99

21 Dates for meetings for 2004 – 2005

It was agreed that the council should continue to meet on the second Tuesday of every month. Meetings would in future commence at 7.30.p.m.

2004: 8th June, 13th July, 10th August, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November, 14th December

2005: 11th January, 8th February, 8th March, 12th April, 10th May (Annual Meeting)

22 Correspondence

22.1	SSDC	Wild Days Out programme	Village Hall Directory
22.2	Hadspen Short-Mat Bowling Club	Request for grant	To all Cllr
22.3	CPRE	Planning Updates	To Cllr Brook
22.4	SSDC	Membership of Freemasons	To all Cllr
22.5	Parrett Catchment Project	Newsletter	
22.6	dti/defra	Rural Broadband	
22.7	Community Council	“Thatch” magazine and invitation to subscribe	
22.8	SSDC	Working with young people	To Cllr Holt
22.9	SCC	Highways reorganisation	To Cllr Holt
22.10	Mendip PCT	Newsletter	To Cllr Elliott
22.11	SCC Highways	Temporary closure of Mill lane	To Cllr Holt & Notice boards
22.12	SCC Highways	Temporary closure A371, Cumnock Hill	To Cllr Holt & Notice boards
22.13	SALC	Items of interest	
22.14	SYRP	Newsletter	
22.15	Yeovil CVS	Newsletter	
22.16	SCC	Somerset Crafts maps	To all Cllrs
22.17	English Heritage	Traditional Builders Fair	

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence, or ask for copies.

Councillors Elliott and Smith left the meeting room.

23 Hadspen Short Mat Bowling Club

It was proposed and seconded that a grant of £50.00 be awarded to help set up the Club on the understanding that the club would be self-financing in future.

Approved

Councillors Elliott and Smith re-entered the meeting room.

24 Proposed Removal of BT Payphone in Hadspen

It was agreed that the removal of the BT payphone should be strongly opposed on the grounds it provided a necessary service for the village and a letter to this effect should be sent to BT.

25 Other Business

Council was advised that there had been tipping on Green Lane and that it was believed asbestos was present in the waste. A further broken style was reported.

Members of the Council considered the following matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime and Disorder; Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 8th June 2004

Present: Councillors Bell, Brook, Holt, Jennings, O'Leary, Smith

In attendance: District Councillor Alexandria Winder

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

1 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2004

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2004 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Minutes Approved

2 To review the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11th May 2004

Minutes were noted.

3 Matters arising from the minutes of 11th May 2004

Para 24. - Proposed removal of BT Payphone in Hadspen

Cllr Brook informed the meeting that he had written to BT on 13th April expressing the Parish Council's views on the need to retain the payphone. BT had replied on 19th May advising that the sheer volume of responses to their consultation letter meant that there would be a delay in a decision but BT assured that the recovery of the payphone would not proceed until the issues raised had been solved.

4 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Elliott.

5 Declarations of interest

None.

6 Public Participation

a. Slurry lagoon. Mr Mike Taylor stated that at the end of last year he understood that the problems with the slurry lagoon and the associate spreading of waste had been solved and therefore made no further complaints about the continuing odours as he thought these would come to an end. However, in view of the continuing problems with the odours, especially in this hot weather, he considered that it was necessary for a public meeting to be arranged in the Village Hall with all the interested agencies as soon as possible. He asked the Council to explain exactly the current position.

b. Mr Taylor also asked why the last minutes posted on the web site were February. Cllr Brook advised that Mike Millican had agreed to continue running this and the matter was in hand.

c. Western Gazette Photo Call – It was asked why there had not been prior notice given for the photo call. Cllr Smith explained that the Gazette had not given prior warning and that the opportunity for a photograph had to be taken, even at such short notice.

Reports from Portfolio Holders

7 **Environment, Health** (Cllr Elliott's report presented by Cllr Holt)

- a. Council was advised that the problems with the hedge in Mill Lane had been dealt with.
- b. The ownership of the hedge in Old Station Lane is still unclear and enquiries with the Local Planning Authority and the Land Registry will be made.
- c. Cllr Brook drew Council's attention to an advertisement for the 'Nomads Tent'. District Councillor Winder agreed to notify the DC.

8 **Highways** (Cllr Holt)

Cllr Holt reported that she was endeavouring to have the drains in Honeywick Hill cleared and the mud removed from Lyme Kiln Lane.

9 **Parish Tidiness** (Cllr O'Leary)

- a. Cllr O'Leary reported that there had been problems with the collection of Recycling boxes in certain areas but this had been resolved.
- b. An increase of litter was noticed over the half term period.
- c. It was reported that a letter had been sent to the Bursar of Bruton School for Girls in advance of Parents Day. Last year there had been severe congestion caused by double parking at Sunny Hill. The Principle has replied stating he will make sure parking is on one side of the road only.

10 **Slurry Lagoon** (Cllr Smith)

Cllr Smith reported that there is currently no exemption registered and so no waste should be imported or spread. The lagoon is not in use. Tim Carroll and David Heath have both written to Dr Owen of the Environment Agency about this matter and David Heath has requested that a representative of the Agency attend a meeting with the Parish Council and all interested parties. There is an Area East Committee Meeting tomorrow, 9th June to recommend the DC to support the Environmental Protection Unit in writing to the Environment Agency expressing serious concerns over the future of the site. Cllr Brook will attend and speak to the meeting. Cllr Smith agreed to write a synopsis of the current situation for the Parish News. The meeting was advised that all odours from the site should be reported to the Environmental Agency and that evidence of further deliveries of waste should also be reported, i.e. registration number of vehicle, name of firm, date and time.

11 **Footpaths** (Cllr Jennings)

Cllr Jennings reported that repairs to the styles will take place within the next few weeks.

12 **Law and Order** (Cllr Bell)

Cllr Bell read out a letter from the SSSDC regarding the formation of Area Action Panels. They are looking at four areas: Anti Social Behaviour, Drugs and Alcohol Abuse, Communications and Vandalism. The PCs were asked to let the Panel know of any problems in their area. No problems relating to these topics were identified.

13 **General Matters** (Cllr Brook)

Nothing further to report

14 **Clerk's arrangements for PAYE**

The Clerk informed Council that arrangements had been made with the Inland Revenue for her salary to be included as a deduction against her allowances. A letter to this effect is attached to these minutes.

15 Planning Applications

15.1 04/01314/COU Barn at Grove Farm Change of use of agricultural building to storage of hedge and tree plants for wholesale
Council had no objections to this application.

Approved

16 Accounts for payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following accounts be approved for payment.

Approved

16.1	Soft Mat Bowling Club	Grant	£50.00
16.2	M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£70.31
16.3	Hadspen Village Hall	Hire of Hall - June 2003 -May 2004	£76.00
16.4	Allianz Cornhill Insurance	Amended renewal – balance	£ 3.52

17 Arrangements for Audit

The Clerk advised Council that Pitcombe had been selected as one of the 5% of local councils for intermediate audit.

18 Correspondence

18.1	SALC	Clerk's Training Events	To Clerk
18.2	SALC	Clerk's Workshop	To Clerk
18.3	SSDC	Area East Action Panel – Law & Order	To Cllr Bell
18.4	SSDC	Standards Committee – Meeting 18 th May	
18.5	S. Playing Fields Ass	Newsletter	
18.6	SCC	Licence for Notice Board at Pitcombe	Held by Clerk
18.7	Scottish Widows Bank	Change of Clerk – signature required	Clerk
18.8	CCS	Summer Conference 30 June - Taunton	
18.9	Somerset & Exmoor Nation Park	Notice of Joint Structure Plan Alterations 1996-2016 – Deposit draft June 2004	
18.10	SSDC	Minutes of Standards Committee Meeting 18 May	
18.11	Base Leisure	Latest News	
18.12	Avon & Somerset Police Authority	Policing Plan Summary 2004/05	Cllr Bell
18.13	The Balsam Project	Newsletter – Summer 2004	
18.14	CPRE	Spring 2004 Newsletter	
18.15	CPRE	Countryside Voice	
18.16	BT	Extension of consultation period to 12 th July 2004	
18.17	Hadspen Short Mat Bowling Club	Formal thanks for the grant	
18.18	CPRE	Fieldwork – Stepbystep guide to good campaigning	Cllr Brook
18.19	SSDC	Notice of meeting 9 th June 2004 Agenda item 7. – Hadspen lagoon –odour nuisance	Cllr Brook

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence, or ask for copies.

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 10th August 2004

Present: Councillors Bell, Brook, Elliott, Jennings, Smith

In attendance: County Councillor Carroll, District Councillor Alexandria Winder
Paul Attwell, Senior Countryside Officer

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

1 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2004

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2004 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Minutes Approved

2 Matters arising from the minutes of 13th July 2004

- a. Para. 2b. - Slurry Lagoon - see para.10.
- b. Para.5a - Notice board at Lime Kiln Lane

Councillor Winder is awaiting the results of her enquiries.

3 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Holt and O'Leary

4 Declarations of interest

None.

5 Public Participation

Mr M Taylor asked why the minutes of the Parish Council meetings and the Annual Parish Meeting were not posted immediately on the Pitcombe website. The clerk advised Mr Taylor that until minutes were approved by Council they were only a draft version and understood that these should not be posted on the web. The clerk agreed to make enquires and report back.

6 Community Access Fund

Paul Attwell, Senior Countryside Officer gave a presentation about the Countryside Service, details of the Community Access Fund and the types of projects the grants covered. Cllr Brook agreed to publicise this in the Pitcombe News and collate the suggestions to apply for a grant. Mr Attwell offered to help complete the grant application.

Reports from Portfolio Holders

7 Environment, Health (Cllr Elliott)

Ragwort had been reported and Cllr Elliott has obtained the necessary information from DEFRA. She will place this information in the Pitcombe News and will take action as required.

8 Highways (Cllr Holt)

A report from Cllr Holt advised that cleaning had taken place in Lyme Kiln Lane. Cllr Brook stated that the problem related to the lack of drainage on the A359 and this needed to be dealt with. Cllr Carroll suggested that Charlie Higgins, County Highways, be contacted and asked to visit the site. There were several lanes that were overgrown and Cllr Brook agreed to show Mr Higgins around. Clerk to contact Mr Higgins.

9 Parish Tidiness (Cllr O'Leary)

Cllr O'Leary sent a report. There had been total confusion regarding recycling boxes. This has been caused by the depot relocation and Cllr O'Leary will follow this up and post an update on the notice boards. Cllr Brook stated that the rota for litter picking had expired. Clerk to ask Cllr O'Leary to deal with this.

10 Slurry lagoon (Cllr Smith)

The meeting between Mr Myers, Environment Agency, and Mr Walters had been cancelled by Mr Walters and so far another date has not been arranged. Mr Taylor stated that he was very dissatisfied with the meeting of the 20th July 2004. He also related the problems he had encountered on Sunday 8th August when trying to report the smells from the lagoon to the Environmental Health. He is concerned that while the meeting of 20th July agreed that the best way forward would be for Mr Walters to empty the lagoon, Mr Walters has not as yet agreed and Mr Taylor was worried that operations would continue. Cllr Carroll stated that all activity has been suspended and that the outlook is better now, than it has ever been, to bring the matter to a conclusion. With regard to the bridleway this is now in the hands of the legal section, Cllr Carroll will establish the current position.

11 Footpaths

Cllr Jennings reported that a tree had come down which he would clear in the near future and he would also deal with any overhanging branches. It was agreed that the Dog Notices on the footpaths were too small and were ignored. Clerk to contact Mr Attwell to ask for bigger notices.

12 Law and Order (Cllr Bell)

Nothing to report

13 General Matters (Cllr Brook)

Councillor Brook notified Council of a rise in the Clerk's pay.

14 Accounts for payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following account be approved for payment.

14.1	M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary	£67.70
14.2	Bruton Town Council	Admin Expenses Aug 04 – Mar 05	£96.00

Approved

15 Correspondence

15.1	SSDC	Planning applications- guidance notes	All cllrs
15.2	SALC	Clerk's Salaries and mileage allowances	Cllr Brook
15.3	Environment Dept	Community Access Fund	All cllrs
15.4	SSDC	Tree Warden's Charter	Cllr Jennings
15.5	Parrett Catchment Project	Newsletter	Cllr Jennings
15.6	SSDC	Area East News	
15.7	SSDC	Agenda Area East Mtg 11 th August	
15.8	Victim Support	Request for donation	All Cllrs
15.9	SSDC	4 th local transport Plan	

15.8 Victim Support – Council agreed that a donation of £20.00 to be made.

16. Items for the next agenda

Councillors agreed to forward items for discussion/decision at council meetings to the Clerk by the end of each month so that they can appear on the agenda.

17 Planning Determinations – Permission Granted

17/1	04/00620/COU	Mr & Mrs Hobhouse	The change of use of stables to farm office – retrospective application
17/2	04/00586/FUI	Mr P J Wyatt	The erection of a village Hall and provision of new access and parking

Next meeting Tuesday 12th October 2004

Members of the Council considered the following matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime and Disorder; Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 12th October 2004

Present: Councillors Elliott, Holt, Jennings, O'Leary, Smith

In attendance: County Councillor Carroll,
District Councillor Alexandria Winder

In the Chair: Councillor Smith

1 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th August 2004

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It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th August 2004 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Minutes Approved

2 Matters arising from the minutes of 10th August 2004

- a. Para. 2b. – Notice Board at Lime Kiln Lane – Council noted that the sign was deemed permissible under the planning rules for advertising signs and therefore planning permission is not required.
- b. Para.5 - Posting minutes on web site. It was agreed and seconded that the Clerk should arrange for draft minutes to be posted on the website with the necessary disclaimer.

Approved
- c. Para 6 – Community Access Fund – A request has been made for access to be improved where the footpath 22/12 joins the 22/10.
- d. Para 8 – Highways – A visit has been made by Highways and agreement made to clean the drains in Lime Kiln Lane. The drains are to be surveyed in connection with a drainage scheme for the A359 in the next financial year
- e. Para 10 – Slurry Lagoon – Council was advised that Mr Walters was to commence emptying the lagoon when the maize was cut. The dates given for this were between mid September and mid October. There is still one field to cut but action should commence in 10 days.
- f. Para 11 – Dog notices – The Clerk advised Council that Paul Atwell could not provide larger 'Dog Notices' as he had no budget for this but he could supply more of the smaller ones and also laminated A4 copies of the Countryside Code. Cllr Jennings agreed to pursue this. Cllr Jennings informed Council regarding the 'Right to Roam' legislation and confirmed that none of Pitcombe land was included in the scheme. It was suggested that Cllr Jennings arrange for this information to be placed in the Parish magazine.

3 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brook and Bell

4 **Declarations of interest**

- None.

5 **Public Participation**

Mr Taylor expressed his concern that access to minutes was difficult. Cllr Smith advised that someone had now shown an interest in running the website and this should improve the situation.

Mr Taylor again expressed his concerns about the Slurry Lagoon and the Environment Agency's actions. Cllr Smith stated she was well aware of the timescales and would certainly chase up action.

Reports from Portfolio Holders

6 **Environment, Health** (Cllr Elliott)

Cllr Elliott had contacted the Planning Office in Wincanton regarding the Apple Pickers who arrived at Rudge Wood in September.. Council was informed that they were currently within the law but the situation would be monitor.

Council was advised that the householder in Mill Lane had agreed to prune the hedge and take out the brambles which have caused problems.

Council was informed that the question of ownership of the hedge in Station Road has been referred to the Land Registry in Weymouth.

7 **Highways** (Cllr Holt)

It was reported that as yet the work on the drains in Lime Kiln Lane had not been carried out and it was further noted that the lower half of the Lane's drains were also in need of attention. Cllr Holt agreed to contact Highways again.

Council was advised that Pitcombe Rock would be closed from 22nd November for three weeks. Notices of the closure would be placed on the notice boards.

8 **Parish Tidiness** (Cllr O'Leary)

Council was informed that the collection of the recycling boxes was improving. A new Litter Rota for councillors had been prepared and a copy would be placed in the Parish Magazine.

9 **Slurry lagoon** (Cllr Smith)

Nothing further to report.

10 **Footpaths**

Cllr Jennings had received a request from the Trail Riders Fellowship for a modification order to turn Lancombe Lane from a Road used as Public Path (RUPP) to a Bye way open to all traffic (BOAT). Council agreed to discuss this at the next Council meeting.

11 **Law and Order** (Cllr Bell)

No report

12 **General Matters** (Cllr Brook)

No report

13. Planning Applications

04/02496/FUL Mr P Simpson Cumberledge House, Sunny Hill –
Alterations and conversion of integral garage, erection of detached garage and replacement of 3 trees.

Mr & Mrs March, told Council that they were very upset that most of the trees had been removed from the site and did not consider that the removal of a further three trees should be allowed. Council stated it was opposed to the plan and considered it was too large a dwelling for the site. Cllr Carroll suggested that the Council try to obtain Tree Preservation Orders for these trees. Clerk was instructed to make the necessary enquiries.

14. Planning Determinations - Granted

04/00622/FUL Mr & Mrs Hobhouse – bottom Barn Farm – Erection of Hay Barn

04/02327/FUL J Ralfe - Lisbury Cottage – the demolition of a single storey extension and the erection of a two storey extension and double garage.

15. Accounts for payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following account be approved for payment.

1	CPRE	Membership renewal	£25.00
2	M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary for August & September	£128.32

Approved

16. Correspondence

1	Victim Support	Acknowledgement/thanks for donation	
2	SCC	Speed Management Review	Cllr Holt
3	Avon & Somerset Police	Newsletter	Cllr Bell
4	David Heath MP	Notification of advice days	Notice Boards
5	SCC	Passenger Transport Strategy	
6	SSDC	Parish Lengthsman Scheme	
7	SSDC	Parish Council Precepts 2005/06	
8	SSDC	Working with Young People	Cllr Holt
9	SSDC	Wheeled Bins	Cllr O'Leary
10	CPRE	Newsletter - Fieldwork	
11	SSDC	Consultation with Local Councils – Planning	All Cllrs
12	SCC	Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 - Questionnaire	Cllr Jennings
13	SSDC	Annual Parish Council Workshop 20/10/04	Cllr Brook
14	Avon & Somerset Police	Newsletter	Cllr Bell
15	CPRE	Annual General meeting 6 th November 2004	
16	SCC	Annual meeting of PC and SCC 5/10/04	
17	SCC Highways	Staff change – C Higgins leaves 8/10/04	Cllr Holt
18	SCC	Somerset Minerals Local Plan	
19	SSDC	Area East Community Safety Action Panel – Action Plan 2004/05	Cllr Bell
20	Balsam Centre	Health Walks	
21	NALC	Annual Review and Accounts	
22	SW Regional assembly	Regional Spatial Strategy Consultation	Cllr Brook
23	DEFRA	Consultation – Clean Neighbourhoods	

18. Somerset Mineral Local Plan - Cllr Carroll agreed to forward a copy of the report.

17. Items for the next agenda

Councillors were reminded to forward items for discussion/decision at council meetings to the Clerk by the 25th of each month.

Next meeting Tuesday 9th November 2004

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 9th November 2004

Present: Councillors Bell, Brook, Elliott, Holt, Jennings, O'Leary, Smith

In the Chair: Councillor Smith

In attendance: District Councillor Alexandria Winder
Councillor Marlene Masters, Yarlington
Councillor Justin Robinson, Bruton

1. Public Participation

Mr Taylor raised the following points:

- a. Planning – Mr Taylor was concerned that a planning application had not appeared on last month's agenda and that no comment had been made by the Council. The Chairman stated that there had been some confusion due to holidays. Planning was on the agenda to be discussed at item 9.
- b. Slurry Lagoon – Mr Taylor had spoken to Ian Myers, EA, today and been advised that Mr Walters has applied for a license to spread the contents of the lagoon on the land. Mr Taylor is concerned that this may lead to the same problems of last year.
- c. Slurry lagoon – Mr Taylor is concerned that as it is prohibited for persons to enter the lagoon because of noxious fumes surely it would be dangerous to spread the same on the land. The Chairman assured Mr Taylor that this was no so.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2004

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2004 be adopted as a true and accurate record with the addition of an addendum recording the nomination of Councillor Jennings as the Council representative on the Village Hall Committee.

Minutes Approved

3. Matters arising from the minutes of 12th October 2004

- a. Para. 7. – Highways – Councillor Holt reported that the drains in Lime Kiln Lane have as yet not been jetted but Tony Leach, Highways, hopes to carry out the work in w/c 15th November. The lower end has already been cleared. A report has also been made to Highways about Mill Lane subsidence.
- b. Para 9 – Slurry Lagoon – Councillor Smith stated that the Environment Agency were issuing a license for the final emptying and spreading of the contents of the lagoon. A meeting is to be arranged between the EA and Mr Walters to discuss what will happen to the lagoon after it is emptied as he is required to apply for permission to fill it in.

4 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Carroll

5 Declarations of interest

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None.

6. Application to modify RUPPS WN22/24 and WN 22/8 to BOAT

Councillor Brook explained to Council the background to this application and then introduced Marlene Masters, a Councillor from Yarlington, who has had first hand experience of such an application. She stated that under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW) a new category of public right of way, the 'Restricted Byway' (RB) was introduced. Under the Act all 'Roads used mainly as public paths' – RUPPS will be converted to RBs and it will become an offence to drive a vehicle on these. As yet no date has been given for when the conversion will take place but this is why applications are being made now by The Trail Riders Fellowship to turn RUPPS to 'Byway Open to All Traffic' – BOAT. She strongly advised that the Council should vigorously resist the application and suggested that Councils should get together to fight these applications. She stated that an organisation GLEAM – Green Lanes Environment Action Movement, was a good source of knowledge and agreed to forward details to the Council.

Council agreed that a letter should be sent to SCC stating that the Parish Council vigorously resists the application and that the Council do not believe that public vehicle rights have ever existed.

7. Audit Report – Increase Fidelity Guarantee

It was proposed and seconded that the Fidelity Guarantee be increased to £5000, in line with the Auditors recommendations.

Approved

8. Precept

The Clerk presented draft proposal for the precept bearing in mind the Councils decisions of last year to increase the reserves. Payments of the grants to the Pitcombe PCC and Hadspen Village Hall are being paid now and the Clerk suggested that these in future should be paid when the precept is received. This was agreed. The Clerk advised she had written to these bodies regarding the amount required for 2005/06 and that the Council would be required to decide the precept at the next meeting to comply with SSDC timings.

9. Planning

It was decided that the Clerk will provide copies of the notice of planning application for the notice boards and Councillors will notify the Chairman if they are to be away more than seven days. This should ensure that plans do not in future become delayed. Procedures will be reviewed if problems occur.

10. Planning Applications

04/02618/COU – R C Walters – Priddle Hill Farm - Change of use from agricultural to commercial, equestrian and light industrial – No comments were made.

11. Planning Determinations - Granted

04/02618/COU R C Walters - Priddle Hill Farm – change of use from agricultural to commercial, equestrian and light industrial units

12. Accounts for payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following account be approved for payment.

1	Moore Stephens	Audit Fee	£58.75
2	M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary for October 2004	£64.16

3	Scottish Widows Bank	Transfer of funds to Treasury Account	£500.00
4	Pitcombe PCC	Church maintenance grant	£450.00
5	Hadspen Village Hall	Annual grant	£460.00

Approved

13 Correspondence

1	CPRE	Countryside Voice magazine	Cllr Smith
2	SCC	Reappointment of LEA Representative Governors for Voluntary Aided and Voluntary Controlled Schools	
3	Countryside Agency	Conclusive Map of Open Country	Cllr Brook
4	SS Primary Care Trust	Consultation – South Petherton Community Hosp.	
5	SCC	Somerset Waste Local Plan – Proposed Modifications	
6.	Mendip Primary Care Trust	Board meeting	
7	Parrett Catchment Project	Newsletter	
8	Working with Young People	Creative Christmas Activities	
9	Community Council	Somerset Funders Fairs – 9 th November	Cllr Smith
10	Playing Fields Assc.	Newsletter	
11	SALC	Guide to becoming a Quality Council	All
12	SSDC	Budget Consultation – 29/11/04 – Churchfields	
13	SSDC	Area East News	
14	Office of Deputy PM	New Ethical Framework Regulations	
15	SSDC	Notes of Annual Parish meeting with SSDC of 20 th October	
16	SSDC	Area East Agenda – 10 th November	
17	Lyn & David Jury	Trail Riding, Lancombe Lane	All Cllrs
18	Age Concern	Request for grant/posters	

14. Items for the next agenda

Pitcombe Parish Website - Cllr Brook advised that he had approached Tom O’Leary about maintaining the website. Further discussions were to take place with Mike Millican and a report would be made at the next meeting.

15. Reports from Portfolio Holders

a. **Environment, Health** (Cllr Elliott)

Council was advised that the hedge in Mill Lane had been cut back by the householder.

Council was informed that the ownership of the hedge in Station Road has been established as Mr Fawcett, the builder and therefore this matter is no longer the responsibility of the Council.

b. **Footpaths** (Cllr Jennings)

Council was advised that Paul Atwell, Countryside Office SSDC had agreed to replace the styles which had been causing access problems with gates.

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 14th December 2004

Present: Councillors Bell, Brook, Elliott, Holt, Jennings, O'Leary, Smith

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: District Councillor Alexandria Winder

1. Public Participation

Mr Taylor stated Mr Walters had still not made any attempt to empty the slurry lagoon. He had spoken to Mr Myers of the Environment Agency but felt that he had more important issues to deal with. Mr Taylor reminded Council of the decision taken at the meeting on the 20th July 2004 that it was in the best interest of all that the lagoon was emptied.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2004

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It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2004 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Minutes Approved

3. Matters arising from the minutes of 9th November 2004

a. Para. 3(a) – Highways – Councillor Holt reported that the drains in Lime Kiln Lane had been sluiced through but that the drain at the top which is causing problems seems to have disappeared in the bank. Ken Chamberlain of Highways has noted this but what action will be taken is not known. Councillor Holt had no information regarding the subsidence.

Councillor Bell reported that he had spoken to Tony Leach of Highways who advised that all potholes 40mm deep had to be filled.

b. Para 3(b) – Slurry Lagoon – Councillor Smith confirmed that Mr Walters had still not emptied the lagoon. He apparently has met with consultants to decide what he can put in it and possibly this is the reason for no action. Councillor Smith has written to Mr Myers.

c. Para 6 – Application to modify RUPPS – Clerk advised that SCC had acknowledged PPC's letter and noted the objections. Peter Lacey of SALC had confirmed this was the correct action and suggested that if local people have evidence of use or lack of use they should make this information known.

d. Para 7 – Fidelity Guarantee – Clerk confirmed that the amount had been raised to £5000.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Carroll

5 **Declarations of interest**

Councillors Brook and Jennings declared a personal and prejudicial interest for item 9.- Planning Applications.

6. **Precept and Grants**

It was proposed and seconded to set the precept for 2005 – 2006 at £3,100. **Approved**

It was proposed and seconded that Council approve the following grants and in the case of Wincanton Sports Centre it acts in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 agreeing that this is in the opinion of the Council in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in a measure commensurate with the expenditure.

Pitcombe Church – maintenance of Churchyard	£550
Hadspen Village hall	£460
Wincanton Sports Centre	£ 50

Approved

It was further decided that subscription to CPRE should continue. **Approved**

7. **Disability Discrimination Act**

The Clerk advised Council that she had attended a course about the Disability Discrimination Act in relation to its impact on the Council. As the provider of the Hall for the Council Meetings the Council should ensure that the Hall complies with the Act. Council agreed that the current facilities did not comply but as plans for the renovation had been passed which would bring the building into compliance and the Council had put money aside to assist the rebuilding Council has done all it can to comply.

8. **Bruton: The Way Forward**

Council decided that they had nothing to contribute.

9. **Planning Applications**

04/03300/FUL - Mr & Mrs Hobhouse The Wildings – erection of a porch to the rear

04/03416/LBC - Hobhouse Ltd, Barton Building, Hadspen House – insertion of 2 no. windows on west elevation

Council approved both these planning applications.

Councillor Jennings left the meeting.

04/03281/FUL - Mr & Mrs Jennings, Alders, Lancombe Lane – conversion of existing outbuilding to form a one bedroom granny annexe

Council approved this planning applications.

Councillor Jennings returned to the meeting.

Councillor Brooks left the meeting and Councillor Smith took the Chair

04/03205/FUL – Prof C Brook Plum Tree Cottage – insertion of two no velux windows

Council approved this planning applications.

Councillor Brook returned to the meeting and again took the Chair.

10. **Planning Determinations - Granted**

04/02496/FUL P Simpson Cumberledge House, Sunny Hill

Council expressed their disappointment that the plans had been passed and thanked Councillor Winder for her efforts at the Planning Meeting.

11. Reports from Portfolio Holders

Councillor Holt – Highways Council was advised that the road in Bratton Seymour would be closed for three weeks starting 14th February 2005.

Councillor Elliott – Environment - Council was advised that the travellers had gone leaving one empty caravan and enquiries would be made about this.

Councillor Bell reported that an outbuilding had been demolished at the Old Vicarage, Sunny Hill and was concerned that this might be a listed building. Clerk was asked to write to Area East Planning for information.

Councillor O'Leary advised Council that he had received the Refuse Collection Arrangements for Christmas and the New Year. Copies would be displayed on the notice boards.

12. Accounts for payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following account be approved for payment.

M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary for October 2004	£64.16
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Approved

13. Correspondence

1	SSDC	Area East Newsletter	
2	Somerset Highways	Temporary Road Closure	Cllr Holt
3	Avon & Somerset Police	Newsletter	
4	SCC –Environment Dept	Planning & Local Plans – Annual Report & Charter for Planning Control Service	Cllr Brook
5	SCC	Minutes of meeting with Parishes 5 th October	
6.	Yeovil training College	Programme of Short Courses	
7	Mendip Primary Care Trust	Board Meeting	
8	The Standards Board	Guidance on lobby groups, dual-hatted members	All Cllrs
9	The Standards Board	Guidance for monitoring officers & standards committee	
10	Wincanton Sports Centre	Request for grant	
11	SSDC	Report of planning committee decision – Cumberledge House, Sunny Hill	
12	SSDC	SS Local Plan Deposit Draft 1998 – Further proposed modifications	
13	Community Council	Thatch magazine	
14	CPRE	Fieldwork magazine	
15	Avon & Somerset Police	Newsletter	Cllr Bell
16	Somerset Highways	Assistant Highway Service Manager	Cllr Holt
		Scott Davies appointed from 13 th December	
17	Somerset Highways	Winter Service 2004/05	Cllr Holt

18	Somerset Highways	Road Closure notification from 14 th February – Bratton Seymour	Cllr Holt
19	SCC – Safety Camera Partnership	Elected Members’ Day 25 th January 2005 – Weston-super-Mare	
20	SSDC	Refuse Collection arrangements – Christmas & New Year 2004/05	Cllr O’Leary
21	SSDC	Changes re planning	All Cllrs
22	Balsam Project	Newsletter	

14. **Items for the next agenda**

To be submitted to the Clerk by 25th January 2005.

15. **January Meeting**

It was proposed and seconded that there would be no meeting of the Council in January 2005.

Approved

Next meeting Tuesday 8th February 2005

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

10 June 2004

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held at
Hadspen Farm on 25th March 2004.**

Present: Cllrs. Bell, Brook, Holt, Smith.

In the chair: Cllr. Brook

1 Apologies:
Cllrs Elliott, Jennings, O'Leary,

2 Declarations of Interest:
None

3 To Consider the following Planning Applications:

The following three applications were considered together. Mr H Hobhouse explained that due to medical reasons, he required office accommodation at ground floor level. It was possible that the proposed holiday accommodation would now be used by a member of the family. No objection to the siting of the proposed hay barn had been raised by neighbours.

Some concern was expressed that some of the points made in the letter of support were not accurate and may require revision.

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| 3.1 | 04/00622/FUL | Bottom Barn Farm | Erection of a hay barn |
| 3.2 | 04/00617/COU | Bottom Barn Farm | Conversion of farm buildings to dwelling, holiday unit and self contained annexe (resubmission) |
| 3.3 | 04/00620/COU farm | Bottom Barn Farm | Change of use of stables to office (retrospective application). |
| 3.4 | 04/00586/FUL | Adj. Hadspen Village Hall | Erection of a village hall and provision of new access and parking. |

Mr Peter Wyatt, Chairman of the Village Hall Trust, explained the current proposals. The plans envisaged rebuilding the hall on the current site, with new walls built just outside the existing foundations. An enlarged north end would accommodate toilets, a small meeting room, and disabled access. Sole access to the car park would be via a new road through Mr Hobhouse's orchard.

Council approved the Application.

4 To Note the following Planning Determinations:

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| 4.1 | 03/03052/FUL | Bruton School for Girls | Provision of synthetic pitch and erection of floodlights. |
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(Approval granted

with conditions)

4.2	03/03397/LBC extension	Hadspen House Stables	Alteration and	<i>(Withdrawn)</i>
4.3	03/03377/FUL above)	Hadspen House Stables	(as	<i>(Withdrawn)</i>

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 8th February 2005

Present: Councillors Bell, Brook, Elliott, Holt, Smith

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: District Councillor Alexandria Winder

1. Public Participation

Mr Taylor stated he was very concerned that no action is being taken by Mr Walters to empty the Slurry Lagoon and that further telephone conversations with the Environment Agency have not been fruitful. Mr Taylor asked Council if they had received any further information and suggested that it was perhaps time to again contact David Heath MP for assistance.

2. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 14th December 2004, 5th & 17th January 2005

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It was agreed that the minutes of the meetings held on 14th December 2004, 5th & 17th January 2005 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Minutes Approved

3. Matters arising from the minutes of 14th December 2004

- a. Para. 3(a) – Highways – Councillor Holt reported that most of the drains in Lime Kiln Lane are now working but there are at least two which have disappeared in the bank. With regard to the subsidence Council was informed that the work had been completed. Councillor Bell stated that no work had been done. Councillor Holt agreed to contact Highways again on both these matters.
- b. Para 3(b) – Slurry Lagoon – Councillor Smith confirmed that nothing is happening currently. Ian Myers, EA, has reported that their legal department is reluctant to take action as the contents of the lagoon was deposited legally. The EA apparently have other concerns with Mr Walters and it is hoped these may assist in finding a solution. Councillor Jennings had sent notice of his concerns that once seeding starts in about two months it will be too late to spread the contents of the lagoon. Council noted this and Councillor Smith stated she would continue to pursue EA. Council was advised that if and when the lagoon smells again the Environmental Health should be able to place a Statutory Nuisance Order on the lagoon which would require it to be emptied.
- c. Para 11 – Removal of Outbuilding, Old Vicarage - Clerk advised she had written to SSDC Planning but no reply had been received. Clerk will make further enquiries.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Jennings and O'Leary

5. Declarations of interest

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None

6. Footpaths

John Knight has offered to clear the brambles from the verge in front of the old railway wall in the lane approaching Cole and plant daffodils. Council agreed the proposal and Councillor Smith offered to convey the Council's decision and thanks to Mr Knight.

Approved

7. Planning

The following Planning Determinations were noted

04/03205/FUL – Prof C G D Brook Plum Tree Cottage – insertion of two windows

04/03281/FUL – Mr & Mrs Jennings Alders, Lancombe Lane–conversion of outbuilding

04/03300/FUL – Mr & Mrs Hobhouse The Wildings - erection of a porch to the rear

04/03416/LBC – Mr & Mrs Hobhouse Barton Building – insertion 2 windows on west elevation

Planning Application

05/00251/COU Hobhouse Ltd – Barton Building, Haspen House – Change of use of part of the ground floor to residential use.

Council had no objections to the application for change of use but voiced their concerns over the way the application had been submitted in stages. District Councillor Winder agreed to take the matter up with the District Council.

Approved

8. Reports from Portfolio Holders

Law & Order: Councillor Bell reported he had received the latest crime statistics from the Community Safety Partnership and informed Council that Pitcombe was in the lowest category for all sections.

Parish Tidiness: Councillor Holt reported that rubbish had been tipped in the field at the end of Green Lane, including an old fridge and possibly some asbestos sheeting. District Councillor Winder stated that if the tipping was on private property it was the responsibility of the landowner to clear. However, if there was asbestos Environmental Health may be able to help. Councillor Holt will follow up.

Road Signs: Council was informed that the road signs for Pitcombe on the A359, Cole Road, are in the wrong place, also the sign at Grove Cross for Pitcombe is broken and the road number is incorrect. It states A358 instead of A359. The Clerk was asked to report these to highways and also request signs to the Church off the A359 and also at the junction for the Church.

9 Accounts for payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following account be approved for payment.

Approved**10 Correspondence**

1	SSDC	South Somerset Countryside Handbook	Cllr Jennings
2	SCC	Somerset Direct	All Cllrs
3	South Somerset NHS	Trust Board Briefing	
4	SCC –Environment Dept	Parish Survey 2003/4 - report	Cllr Brook
5	SSDC	Tree Talk	Cllr Jennings
6.	SALC	Freedom of Information Act; National Agreement on Salaries and Conditions of Service of Local Council Clerks	
7	City of Wells	Celebration of Civic Service – Wells Cathedral Sunday 10 th April 3p.m.	
8	SRYP	Newsletter	Cllr Holt
9	Office of the Deputy PM	Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Authorisation of the Qualified Person	
10.	Mendip & South Somerset Community Safety Partnership	Summary of Crime Audit for comment	Cllr Bell
11	SCC	Taunton in 2026 – Invitation to discuss future	
12	CPRE	Newsletter	
13	SSDC	Area East Committee Meeting 9/02/05	
14	SSDC	Consultation responses on planning applications	All Cllrs

11. Items for the next agenda

Items to be submitted to the Clerk by 25th February 2005.

Next meeting Tuesday 8th March 2005

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 12th April 2005

Present: Councillors: Bell, Brook, O'Leary, Smith

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: County Councillor Carroll, District Councillor Alexandria Winder

1. **Public Participation**

Mr Pheby stated that the usual piles of grit supplied by Highways had not been provided this winter. It was explained that grit will now only be supplied if grit bins are made available because of Environment Agency concerns about leeching. It was agreed that the decision to purchase a grit bin be taken in October at the time of the precept discussions.

Mrs Pheby was concerned about the growth of brambles etc over the drains on the C125. The Clerk agreed to report this to the District Council

2. **To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 8th February 2005**

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It was agreed that the minutes of the meetings held on 8th February 2005 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Minutes Approved

3. **Matters arising from the minutes of 8th February 2005**

a. Para. 3(a). – Highways – Councillor Holt sent a report to Council to advise that the work in Mill Lane had a work order but that a wrong message had been put on the computer. This will be followed up. It was also stated that the drain problem at the bridge in Cole had been reported.

b. Para 3(b) – Slurry Lagoon – Councillor Smith stated that Ian Myers, Environment Agency had now been replaced by Brian Paine. He has a meeting with Mr Walters scheduled for 13th April and we await the outcome of this. Emptying did start before Easter but is not completed. Councillor Brook advised that the required planting is growing well and the hedging is becoming established.

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c. Para 3(c)– Removal of Outbuilding, Old Vicarage

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Clerk reported that SSDC had replied stating that planning permission was given in 2003 and the outbuildings have been demolished for health and safety reasons. The vicarage is not a listed building.

d. Para 7 – Planning application – Barton Building COU

SSDC stated that the need for COU planning was not evident until the application was submitted for the two windows. Hence the two separate applications.

4. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Elliot and Holt

5 **Declarations of interest**

- None

6. **Road Signs**

- a. Council was advised that the broken Pitcombe sign at Grove Cross and the incorrect road number on the main road sign had been reported to Highways who will carry out the necessary repairs/amendments.
- b. Church signs – It was agreed that the PCC should be consulted regarding the need and payment for the signs. Clerk was asked to write to PCC.
- c. Parish Boundary signs. Council agreed that Highways should be asked to move the sign in Cole Road to the Parish boundary.

Approved

- d. 20 mph Speed Limit outside schools – County Councillor Carroll stated that the council would shortly be consulted about the introduction of a 20mph speed limit outside Bruton School for Girls in Cole Road. He advised that as this is an “A” road electronic signs would be installed and the 20 mph would only be in force during school time.

7. **Planning Determinations Granted**

05/00251/COU Barton Building Hadspen House Change of use to residential.

04/03514/CPO Hadspen Quarry Ltd, Grove Farm Continued winning & working of Hadspen Stone and extension of Quarry area and retention of existing quarry infrastructure

8. **Planning Applications**

05/00645/FUL Mr & Mrs Watkins, Longmead, Cole Road Erection of a single storey extension to dwelling
Council had no comments to make.

9. **Reports from Portfolio Holders**

Councillor Brook stated that he was pleased that the parish was generally free of litter due to the hard work of the councillors although the A359 area remains a problem. Special thanks was given to Harriet Reid for all her efforts. County Councillor Carroll advised that doorstep collection of bottles would be in place within 12 months but that plastics would never be included.

Iain Bell reported that he had received a report on the state of crime within Somerset and there was a downward trend in the crime figures.

10. **Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2005**

The Clerk presented a statement of the annual accounts. Council agreed to approve these accounts.

Approved

11. **Request for Grant from Hadspen Village Hall**

Council agreed to approve a grant of £1,500 to Hadspen Village Hall.

Approved

County Councillor Carroll suggested that funds could be available from SCC, Environment for the Village Hall under the Aggregates Levee Sustainability Fund. He suggested that the Hall Committee contact him for assistance

with an application.

12 Accounts for payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following account be approved for payment.

M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary for February and March 2005	£128.32
SALC	Affiliation Fee	£70.34

Approved

13 Correspondence

1	Office of the Deputy PM	Vibrant Local Leadership, Citizen Engagement & Public Service-Why Neighbourhoods Matter	
2	CVS	Community News	
3	South Somerset NHS	Trust Board Briefing	
4	Parrett Catchment Project	Fact finding day – 14th March	Cllr Elliott
5	SALC	Minutes of meeting 6th December 04	
6	The Standards Board	Consultation paper	All Cllrs
7	SSDC	Launch of SS Parish Paths Stewardship Scheme	Cllr Jennings
8	SSDC	Countryside Service Public Rights of Way Survey	Cllr Jennings
9	SSDC	South Somerset Walking Festival	
10	Community Partnership	Safety Newsletter and Workshop 24/3/05	Cllr Bell
11	South Somerset NHS	Consultation development Crewkerne Hosp	
12	SSDC	Licensing Act	All Cllrs
13	Environment Agency	Oil Storage Regulations	
14	SSDC	Licensing Act Seminars	
15	CPRE	Fieldwork & Countryside Voice magazines	
16	SSDC	Refuse & recycling collection 2005	Cllr O'Leary
17	Community Council for Somerset	Thatch magazine & request for subscription	
18	SSDC	Notice of Election	Notice Boards
19	City of Wells	Celebration of Civic Service	Cllr Brook
20	SSDC	Area East News	
21	Avon & Somerset Constabulary	Newsletter	Cllr Bell
22	DEFRA	Quality parish councils- grants	
23	SSDC	Launch of Parish Paths Stewardship Scheme	Notice Boards Cllr Jennings
24	Mendip NHS Trust	Agenda & minutes	
25	SSDC	Letter to tree warden	Cllr Jennings

14. Annual Parish Meeting

Council confirmed the date of the Annual Parish meeting as 10th May 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

15. Items for the next agenda

Items should be forwarded to the Clerk by 28th April.

16. County Councillor Carroll announced that this would be his last meeting at Pitcombe as he was not standing for re-election here. He stated he had spent 12 very enjoyable years and thanked the Council for always treating him with courtesy and kindness. Councillor Brook gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Council and wished Councillor Carroll well for the future.

17. **Confidential Business - Motion to exclude the Public**

Council agreed that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

Approved

18. **Clerk's Contract**

It was proposed and seconded that the Council agree that Pitcombe Parish Council adopt the National Agreement on the Salaries and Conditions of Service of Local Council Clerks and confirm that the salary scale should be from 16 – 21. It was further agreed that the hours of working should be reviewed annually.

Approved

Next meeting Tuesday 10th May 2005

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime and Disorder; Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 10th May 2005

Present: Councillors: Bell, Brook, Elliott, Holt, Jennings
In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: County Councillor Robinson,
District Councillor Alexandria Winder

1. Election of Chairman for the year 2005 – 2006

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Charles Brook be appointed as Chairman. Councillor Brook signed the form of acceptance of office.

Approved

2. Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2005 – 2006

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Elliott be appointed as Vice- Chairman.

Approved

3. Public Participation

None

4. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 12th April 2005

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It was agreed that the minutes of the meetings held on 12th April 2005 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Approved

5. Matters arising from the minutes of 12th April 2005

a. Para. 3(a). – Highways – Councillor Holt stated that Tony Leach from Highways was to inspect the subsidence and hoped to deal with the problem within the month.

b. Para 3(b) – Slurry Lagoon – It was reported to the Annual Parish meeting that emptying of the lagoon was in progress

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Para 6(b) – Signs to the Church – Councillor Brook reported that the PCC had agreed that signs should be erected on the A359 at Sheepwash and on Mill Lane and they would pay half the costs. It was proposed and seconded that the Council should therefore request that these signs be installed by Highways and meet half the cost.

Approved

c. Para 7(c) - Parish Boundary Sign - It was reported that Highways had agreed to move the Pitcombe sign to the Parish Boundary.

6. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor O'Leary

7. **Declarations of interest**

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None

8. **Planning Determinations Granted**

05/00645/FUL Mr & Mrs Watkins, Longmead, Cole Road - Erection of a single storey extension

05/0008/FUL Miss S E Smith, Renewal of previous 5 year permission for siting of mobile home

9. **Planning Applications**

05/01019/TCA Mr P J Wyatt Hadspen Village Hall Application to remove oak tree

Mr Wyatt was asked to address the meeting. After much discussion it was decided that in the long-term interests of the community no objections would be made to the removal of the tree. It was further agreed that a line of silver birches be planted on the boundary.

Application approved.

05/01063/FUL Mr Taylor Nettlecombe Cottage Erection of a conservatory

Application approved.

05/01195/FUL Bruton School for Girls Conversion of existing Prep School Car Park
entrance to 2 ways.

Council opposed this plan because it was considered that the entrance is not large enough to provide sufficient sight for the vehicles and that the current speed limit of 60 mph on Strutter's Hill, the junction with Pitcombe Rock together with the existing access problems of the houses at the top of Strutter's Hill would make this highly dangerous.

Application Opposed

10. **Reports**

District Councillor

District Councillor Winder reported that there was to be a change in the way planning applications are dealt with in order to speed up the process. It is proposed that if the Parish Council's opinion is contrary to the Planning Officer it will require the District Councillor to obtain the support of two others in order for the plan to go to full Committee. The DC will be responsible for establishing the planning reasons. The date of introduction has not yet been agreed.

Council was also informed that James Myer has now returned as Planning Enforcement Officer.

District Councillor Winder also explained that applications for grants from Area East would now only be dealt with twice yearly and that applications for the current round must be submitted before the end of this month.

11 **Accounts for payment**

It was proposed and seconded that the following account be approved for payment.

M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary for April 2005	£67.60
Allianz Cornhill	Insurance	£297 26

Bruton Town Council	Annual administration costs	£144.00
Pitcombe Church	Grant for maintenance of the churchyard	£550.00
Hadspen Village Hall	Grant	£460.00
Hadspen Village Hall	Grant	£1500.00
Wincanton Sports Centre	Grant	£50.00

Approved

12 Correspondence

1	SSDC	Funding Fayre, 11 th May 2005	
2	SCC	Local Transport Plan 2006 – 2011 Summary	
		Comments by 27 th May	
3	SCC	Review of tendered bus services	
4	SSDC	Sport & Active Leisure Strategic Framework Consultation	
5	South Somerset NHS Trust	Briefing	
6	Trafalgar Weekend	21 st -23 rd October – Guide to taking part	
7	SSDC	Kerbside Recycling Collection Dates 2005/06	
8	SSDC		Notice of Election of County Councillor
9	SSDC		Bank Holiday refuse dates
10	SSDC		Area East Committee agenda 11/05/05
11.	SSDC		Safer Communities Event – 16 th June
12	Avon & Somerset Constabulary		Newsletter Chief Sup. Andy Marsh

Trafalgar Weekend - Council agreed that a joint event should be arranged with Hadspen Village Hall. Councillor Elliott agreed to carry this forward.

13. Meeting Dates for 2005/06

Council agreed to meet on the second Tuesday of each month commencing at 7.30.p.m.

14. Casual Vacancy

Councillor Brook advised Council that as Councillor Smith had withdrawn from the Council a notice of vacancy would be posted on 11th May 2005.

15. Items for the next agenda

Wheeled Bins

Items should be forwarded to the Clerk by 1st June 2005.

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 14th June 2005

Present: Councillors: Bell, Brook, Elliott, Holt, O'Leary, Smith

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: District Councillor Alexandria Winder

1. Chairman's statement

The Chairman advised Council that the matter relating to Councillor Smith's withdrawal last month had been solved and welcomed her back to the Council.

2. Public Participation

Mr Taylor asked for permission to speak at item 4. This was granted.

3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 10th May 2005

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It was agreed that the minutes of the meetings held on 10th May 2005 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Minutes Approved

4. Matters arising from the minutes of 10th May 2005

Para 5(b) – Slurry lagoon – Councillor Smith stated that, as already advised by e-mail and a notice on the Parish Notice Boards, the Environment Agency had written to Mr Walters following a meeting with him, Sue Everett, Paul Sanders and Brian Payne, confirming that operations to empty the lagoon should recommence on 15th June and be completed by 29th July. The residue to be disposed of by direct injection onto land previously set aside that becomes available from that date. Walters is to update the EA on a weekly basis.

Mr Taylor stated that he was not happy over the length of time it has taken to get to this stage and was concerned that Mr Walters would not comply with EA letter. Events of last year led him to be sceptical about Mr Walters intentions. He also expressed his concerns that the Parish Council would not keep up the pressure but was assured that a close eye was being kept on the situation.

5. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Robinson and Councillor Jennings

6. Declarations of interest

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None

7. Planning Determinations Granted

05/01019/TCA
05/01063/FUL

Hadspen Village Hall
Mr Taylor, Nettlecombe Cottage

Application to remove tree
Erection of conservatory

8. Planning Applications

05/01388/FUL L Dewey, Valley Head, Cary Hill, Application to amend access to highway

The Council had no objections to this application

05/01318/LBC Mr & Mrs Scott. Cole Manor provision of internal alterations to
kitchen wing

The Council had no objections to this application

5/ECS/7552 Creech Hill Farm, Pitcombe Energy Crop Scheme – large scale
planting of Miscanthus (elephant) Grass

After much discussion the Council asked the Clerk to write to the Forestry Commission to express their concerns about the evasiveness of the crop and it likely spread, its effect on drainage especially as it is harvested in February and the fact no reference had been made on the plans that there is an existing footpath running through area 3.

Works at farm/ Valley head

Concerns were raised about activity and works being carried out at the farm next to Valley Head. Apparently earth is being moved and there has been talk of land fill. Councillor Smith suggested that the Council write to the owner, Andrew Hopkins, to ask him what is planned. Clerk was asked to write expressing the Council's anxiety over the activities and works being carried out.

9. Annual Accounts for Annual Audit

Council approved the accounts and the Chairman signed the audit form.

Approved

10. Wheeled Bins

Councillor O'Leary stated that he had contacted SSDC and been advised that there would be a two month consultation before wheeled bins would be introduced. SSDC also stated that as the vehicles needed to deal with the bins are larger, access could be a problem and the wheeled bins might not be introduced to Pitcombe at all. If this was the case the existing black sack system would continue. Black sacks would not be supplied by SSDC.

11. Reports

a. Portfolio Holders

Councillor Holt – Highways. It was reported that the drains in Honeywick Lane had been cleared, by hand yesterday. The area of subsidence in Mill Lane has been marked with red paint but there is no date for the work to be carried out.

b. District Councillor - Nothing to report

c. Chairman - The Chairman stated that Councillor Jennings had expressed his wish to stand down as the Council's representative on the Hadspen Hall Committee. After much discussion Councillor Elliott agreed to be the representative with Councillor Brook deputising as necessary.

12. Accounts for payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following account be approved for payment.

M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary for May 2005	£67.60
Hadspen Village hall	Rent for Hall	£76.00

Approved

13 Correspondence

1	SCC Environment	Community Access Fund 2005
2	SALC	Items of Interest for Councillors & Clerks
3	SALC	An evening for the newer Councillor
4	SALC	Procedures for responding to planning applications
5	SALC	South Area meeting – 13 th June – Long Sutton
6	SCC	Equal Opportunities
7	St Margaret's Hospice	Newsletter and request for grant
8.	SSDC	Country Breaks 2006
9	Commission for Patient & Public Involvement in Health	A Chance to have your say on health in Somerset
10	SW Regional Assembly	RSS Update
11	CPRE	Newsletter
12	Parrett Catchment Project	Newsletter
13	Bruton Town Council	Report of Bruton: The Way Forward
14	SSDC	Notification of member appointments
15	SSDC	Corporate Plan
16	Playing Fields Association	Newsletter
17	SALC	Items of interest for June
18	CPRE	Countryside Voice
19	CPRE	Fieldwork
20	Community Council	Thatch
21	South Somerset NHS Trust	Putting People at the heart of service - Questionnaire

14. Items for the next agenda

Items to be sent to the clerk by Thursday 30th June 2005.

Next meeting Tuesday 12th July 2005

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

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Present: Councillors: Brook, Elliott, Holt, Smith

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: County Councillor Robinson
District Councillor Alexandria Winder

1. Public Participation

No comments received.

2. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 14th June 2005

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It was agreed that the minutes of the meetings held on 14th June 2005 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Minutes Approved

3. Matters arising from the minutes of 14th June 2005

a. Para 4 – Slurry lagoon – Councillor Smith stated that the 29th July remained the firm date for the lagoon to be emptied and that Brian Payne of the Environment Agency (EA) was prepared to go down the legal route if necessary. It was emphasised to Council that all incidents of the “smells” should be reported immediately to the EA and the Environmental Health Agency (EH) and to Councillor Smith. Mr Taylor stated that it was of great importance that complainants should insist that EH come out at whatever time they are called as it is vital that they witness the smells themselves to establish a Statutory Nuisance. It was agreed that a leaflet drop should be made to all households in the parish. Councillor Brook agreed to write this and deliver copies to Councillors for distribution. It was also agreed to send a copy to Bruton Town Council as they too have experienced problems from the lagoon.

b. Para 8 – Priddle Hill Farm

Councillor Brook read out a letter from Colin Winder, Winder Design, which advised Council of the work being carried out. A copy is attached to the minutes.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Bell, Jennings and O’Leary

5. Declarations of interest

None

6. Planning Applications

05/01544/FUL J Lockley, Priddles Hill Stables

Replacement of defective building with

05/01656/FUL Bruton School for Girls, Sunny Hill
switchroom

Installation of new 500Kva transformer and

The Council had no objection to this application

7. Bank Mandate

Council approved the following bank mandate:

- to appoint Barclays Bank as bankers to the Parish Council
- to accept the terms of the Barclays Customer Agreement
- to appoint Councillors Brook, Elliott and Holt to sign cheques for the Council, any two signatories being required.

Approved

8. Accounts and the Annual Audit Return for 2004/05

Council approved annual return to the Council's external auditor and the Chairman signed the Statement of Assurance.

Approved

9. Reports

a. Portfolio Holders

Councillor Elliott - Environment

Trafalgar Celebrations - It was reported that the Hall Committee has agreed to light a beacon and hold a supper in the Hall on Friday October 21st. Details will be announced nearer the date.

Weeds – It was stated that no reports had been received of notifiable weeds but that Councillor Elliott would monitor the situation.

Councillor Holt - Highways.

Drain at Cole - It was reported that the drain at Cole by the bridge had been reported but as yet no action taken.

Mill Lane - The subsidence has still not been sorted out. A further hole appeared to which the Highways emergency team attended and after some confusion a metal plate and bollard have been placed over it. Councillor Holt will make further enquiries.

Drain Lancombe Lane - Efforts have been made using special equipment to find the missing drain in Lancombe Lane but to no avail.

Footpaths – Councillor Brook raised the question of the lack of maintenance of the Parish footpaths. District Councillor Winder stated that she would inquire but stated that this could have something to do with the fact that Pitcombe had not signed up to the Parish partnership scheme. In the absence of Councillor Jennings the Clerk was asked to make enquiries.

b. County Councillor

County Councillor Robinson advised Council that he was the holder of a new portfolio – Adult and Community Services – which was keeping him very busy. He stated that he had a meeting with Colin Fletcher, Highways to discuss Bruton road problems and would take the opportunity to visit Mill Lane. He also advised that the speed limit outside Bruton School for Girls was funded for this financial year and should go ahead subject to planning etc. Councillor Robinson produced a letter/leaflet concerning fire safety in the home. Free advice was available for the elderly and it was suggested that this be advertised in the Parish magazine. Councillor Elliott agreed to

arrange this.

c. **District Councillor** - Nothing to report

d. **Chairman** - Nothing to report.

10. **Accounts for payment**

It was proposed and seconded that the following account be approved for payment.

M J Humphry

Clerk's Salary for June 2005

£67.60

Approved

11. **Correspondence**

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| 1. | DEFRA | Clean neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 |
| 2. | SSDC | Flood Awareness Workshop – 26 th July |
| 3. | Avon & Somerset Constabulary | Newsletter |
| 4. | SSDC | South Somerset Local Plan Deposit Draft 1998 – further proposed modifications |
| 5. | Countryside Agency | Focus magazine |
| 6. | SSDC | Area East News |
| 7. | SSDC | Standards Committee minutes |
| 8 | SSDC | Area East Committee Agenda 13 th July 2005 |
| 9. | Clerks & Councils Direct | Magazine |
| 10. | Ironman UK Triathlon | Volunteers required for 21 st August |
| 11. | SSDC | Countryside Day at Wincanton 13 th August |
| 12. | SSDC | Hackney carriages - Delimitation |

12. **Items for the next agenda**

Items to be sent to the clerk by Thursday 28th July 2005.

Next meeting Tuesday 9th August 2005

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime and Disorder; Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

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Present: Councillors: Bell, Elliott, Holt, Jennings, and O'Leary

In the Chair: Councillor Elliott

In attendance: District Councillor Alexandria Winder

1. Public Participation

John Knight expressed his concerns at the deterioration in the maintenance of the footpaths and advised Council that many are overgrown and difficult to negotiate. Councillor Jennings stated he had been in constant contact with Paul Atwell, Senior Countryside Officer and after many problems with stolen equipment and replacement troubles cutting and clearing had started today. Council was advised that the Bridleways and Public Footpaths should be cut two or three times a year. Landowners are responsible for footpaths crossing their land.

Mike Taylor stated that there had been little nuisance since the lagoon was emptied but was concerned as to the future plans.

Mike Taylor advised Council that a survey of 101 homes (249 persons) had been carried out to ascertain the support for a new village hall. 242 were in favour and 7 against.

2. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 9th August 2005

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It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meetings held on 9th August 2005 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Minutes Approved

3. Matters arising from the minutes of 9th August 2005

a. **Para 4 a – Slurry lagoon** Councillor O'Leary gave Councillor Smith's report. Council was advised that the lagoon is now empty and that the Environment Agency are in the process of preparing a case against Mr Walters and witness statements have been taken. The Environment Agency are still awaiting his proposals for the site.

b. **Para 8 – Website** Councillor O'Leary gave Councillor Smith's report. Council was advised that David Jury had agreed to take over the website management and was currently in discussions with Mike Millican. It was suggested that he be invited to the next Council meeting when Council would be able to define what was required. Council agreed.

c. **Para 4 b – Footpaths** - See Paragraph 1.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Brook and Smith

5. Declarations of interest

None

6. Planning Applications

05/02223/FUL Ashridge Trees Grove Cross Barn Erection of Polytunnel

Council agreed to support this application.

Approved

05/01195/FUL Bruton School for Girls Sunnyhill The Conversion/enlargement of
entrance/exit the existing prep school car park

Council had also received plans of the proposals from SCC regarding Traffic Calming on the A359 at Bruton School for Girls. This scheme, if accepted would have a direct effect on this entrance as it would straddle the 20/30mph barrier. It was suggested therefore that the Clerk contact Area East Planning to advise them of this proposed scheme as it would appear that they are unaware of SCC plans. With regard to the plans themselves concern was raised about the number of trees that would be needed to be removed.

Councillor Holt stated she would contact Bev Norman, Senior Traffic Engineer SCC and it was agreed to delay discussion of the Traffic Calming until the next meeting to allow Councillors time to study the plans.

7. Grant to Hadspen Village Hall

Councillor O'Leary considered that the grant of £1,500 was given specifically for rebuilding and should not be diverted to pay for tables. District Councillor Winder pointed out that in order to attract funding it was beneficial if the Parish Council gave support. After much discussion it was proposed and seconded that a grant be made to Hadspen Village Hall for the cost of one table. This being £88.52 plus VAT.

Approved

8. Reports

a. Portfolio Holders

Councillor O'Leary advised there was an increase in the amount of unauthorised tipping in the Parish and he had recently taken four sodden double mattresses, which had been dumped, to Dimmer Recycling Centre. Councillor Brook had requested that a new litter rota be drawn up. Councillor O'Leary proposed the parish be divided giving each Councillor responsible for litter in a particular area. This was approved by Council and Councillor O'Leary agreed to draw up the areas and put the details in the Parish magazine.

Approved

Concerns were expressed regarding Dimmer Recycling Centre and problems that had occurred when articles are refused. The Clerk was requested to write to Wyvern Waste requesting information on what can be accepted for recycling.

Councillor Holt stated that the hole in Mill Lane had been fixed and Wessex Water had carried out their repairs as well. It was reported that another hole has appeared in the road at Blackpits Lane and Councillor Holt agreed to report this.

Councillor Jennings advised Council that it was National Tree planting week from 23rd November and that

there was to be a seed gathering Sunday at Nine Springs in Yeovil on 9th October.

- b. District Councillor** - Councillor Winder stated SSDC are arranging a Workshop on the new delegated planning process and details should be out shortly. It was also stated that South Somerset Homes are looking for small patches of land near enough to towns for Social Housing and Pitcombe was asked to notify any possible sites.

9. Accounts for payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following account be approved for payment.

M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary for July 2005	£67.60
CPRE	Annual subscription	£25.00

Approved

10. Correspondence

1	SCC	Traffic Calming Bruton School for Girls	Clr Holt
2.	SSDC	Parish Council Allowances	All Cllrs
3.	SCC	Statement of Community Involvement in Planning	
4.	SSDC	South Somerset Food Festival	
5.	The Local Channel	Re free website	Clr Smith
6.	Countryside Focus	Magazine	
7.	Local Works	Campaign for Sustainable Communities Bill	
8.	CPRE	Fieldwork magazine	
9.	SSDC	Tree Talk	
10.	Playing Field Ass.	Newsletter	
11	Parrett Catchment Project	Invite Annual General meeting 20 th October	
12	Clerks & Council Direct	Magazine	
13	SSCAT	New Brochure & letter explaining scheme	
14	SCC	Somerset Local Minerals Local Plan 1997-11	
15	SSDC	Area East Meeting 14 th September 2005	
16	Community Council	Thatch Magazine	
17	SSDC	Housing Strategy Seminar – 28 th September	
18	SSDC – Tony Leach	Re Haynes Motor Museum Signs	

Item 7 **Campaign for Sustainable Communities Bill** Correspondence passed to Councillor Jennings for circulation to all Councillors.

Item 18 **Unauthorised Road Signage** The Clerk stated she had contacted Somerset Highways about unauthorised signs on the roadside, in particular those of Haynes Motor Museum. Tony Leach had replied stating that Haynes Motor Museum do erect a number of signs during the summer and those considered unsafe are removed immediately and believes that their remaining signs have now all been removed. Council was advised that if unauthorised signs do appear which are considered inappropriate/dangerous Tony Leach should be contacted immediately.

11. Items for the next agenda

Website; Traffic Calming; Trafalgar Celebrations; Precept

Next meeting Tuesday 11th October 2005

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime and Disorder; Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 11th October 2005

Present: Councillors: Bell, Elliott, Holt, Jennings, and O'Leary

In the Chair: Councillor Elliott

In attendance: District Councillor Alexandria Winder

1. Public Participation

None

2. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 13th September 2005

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meetings held on 13th September 2005 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Minutes Approved

3. Matters arising from the minutes of 13th September 2005

- a. **Para 4 a – Slurry lagoon** The Chairman stated that lagoon looked pristine. The clerk informed Council that the Environment Agency are continuing with the legal action.
- b. **Para 4 b – Footpaths** - Councillor Jennings sent a report that all the footpaths with the exception of perhaps one have now been cleared.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Jennings and Smith

5. Declarations of interest

None

6. Website

After discussion it was agreed that it would be more beneficial to the community if the website was to incorporate all parish events and not just agendas and minutes. Mr David Jury, who has taken on the management of the website, agreed to write an article for the parish magazine.

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7. Policing

Councillor Henry Hobhouse informed the Council of the new beat system that was to be introduced in this area, on a six month trial basis from November. The emphasis is to put a visible police presence in the community. Each area will have a beat officer, in this area PC Sara Stephenson, and 3 PCSOs, Thelma Mead and 2 others. Each Parish will be asked to make a contract with the police and details were requested on the frequency the beat officer/PCSO would be required to attend council meetings, neighbourhood watch and coffee mornings. Councillor Hobhouse agreed to arrange for Inspector Neil Pitman to attend the next Council meeting.

8. Planning Determination - granted

Council noted that the following planning application had been granted.

05/01544/FUL	Priddles Hill Stables	Priddles Hill Farm	Replacement of defective building with new workshop.
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9. Traffic Calming at Sunny Hill

After much discussion Council agreed that Councillor Holt would contact Bev Norman, Senior Traffic Engineer to advise of the council's concerns with the proposed scheme, emphasising that speed cushions could increase the use of the C351 as a short cut to Castle Cary and to advise the Council's preference for the alternative option of timed lights. Also to ask for some form of traffic calming on the C351 near the boarding houses of Bruton School for Girls and to extend the 30mph along the whole of Mill Lane.

10. Trafalgar Celebrations

Councillor Elliott advised that the event would commence at 7 p.m. The beacon being lit at around 7.30.p.m. Tickets available from Carol Wyatt.

11. Precept

The Chairman proposed that 50p per week be added to the precept for each Band D property to raise money for the rebuilding of the Village Hall. This would mean a rise of £26.00 bringing the D Band to £43.50. It was explained that many such projects had been funded in this way. After much discussion it was agreed that this proposal was supported but the figure should not be more than double the existing Band D rate. This would raise 35p per week per household. It was agreed that the Chairman would make this proposal known to the electors through the parish magazine and the notice boards and a formal proposal put forward at the next Council meeting.

The Chairman further proposed that if the Council was to agree the proposals to raise money for the rebuilding of the hall through the precept it should be a condition that the name of the hall should be changed. It was stated that any decision to change the name of the hall was the responsibility of the Hadspen Committee of Trustees and they should be requested to do this but Council did not consider it appropriate to make it a condition of funding.

12. Annual Audit

The Clerk reported that the audit for the year ending 31st March 2005 had been approved and was now closed.

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13. Reports

District Councillor - Councillor Winder stated SSDC's decision on the introduction of car parking charges for Castle Cary and Wincanton had been delayed for 6 months pending the report on car parking strategy.

14. Accounts for payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following account be approved for payment.

M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary for July 2005	£67.60
Moore Stephens	Audit Fee	£58.75
Hadspen Village Hall	Grant for one table	£100.00
		Approved

15. Correspondence

1.	SCC	Provisional Local Transport plan
2.	SSDC	Scheme of delegation workshop for ward/parishes -19 th October – Names by 14 th October
3.	SSDC	Parish paths Stewardship scheme newsletter
4.	Conservation foundation	Parish Pump news
5.	SCC	Slinky Bus Launch – Wincanton -13 th October 5.30pm
6.	SSDC	Minutes of Standards Committee – 6 th July 05
7.	Bridgwater College	IT Training in your parish
8.	SCC	Highway Lighting – (to Councillor Holt)
9.	St Margaret's Hospice	Newsletter
10.	SSDC	Parish Plan Information Evening
11.	Chief Superintendent Marsh	Newsletter & invitation to 'Building Community Cohesion in Somerset' conference on Monday 17 th October -9.30
12.	SSDC	Area East meeting 12 th October 9.30 a.m.

16. Items for the next agenda

Precept, including increase for Village Hall

Next meeting Tuesday 8th November 2005

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 9th November 2005

Present: Councillors: Brook, Elliott, Jennings, O'Leary and Smith

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: County Councillor Robinson

1. Presentation by Inspector Neil Pitman

Inspector Neil Pitman was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. Inspector Pitman introduced himself advising he had been appointed six months ago to this sector, covering all of South Somerset, except Yeovil. He stated that one of his aims was to improve performance and advised Council that Wincanton Station was now the sixth best performing station in the sector with detection rates improved from 13% - 28%. Inspector Pitman further explained that he wished to improve relations with the Community and had worked closely with County Councillor Hobhouse to introduce Neighbourhood policing. A meeting was arranged for 21st November to draw up the agreements /contracts between the police and the parishes. The scheme would run for six months and then be reviewed to see what had been achieved. Inspector Pitman was advised that the main areas of concern to the parish are a police presence, speeding and the volume of traffic. Inspector Pitman stated that he would ask Sergeant Lee Jones to attend the next meeting. The Chairman thanked Inspector Pitman.

2. Public Participation

Mr Elliott stated that the recently installed church signs were not useful as they did not state specifically 'Pitcombe Church'. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to see if the sign on the A359 could be changed to read 'Pitcombe Church'.

3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 11th October 2005

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meetings held on 11th October 2005 be adopted as a true and accurate record after an amendment to the names of Councillors was made by the Chairman.

Minutes Approved

4. Matters arising from the minutes of 11th October 2005

Para 9 – Traffic Calming at Sunny Hill The Clerk advised Council that Councillor Holt had contacted Bev Norman of Highways and passed on the concerns and comments made by them at the last meeting as follows:

- speed cushions will further entice the use of C351 as a cut to Castle Cary
- C351 to have cushion/lights as this is a busy crossing from boarding houses
- speed cushions will be noisier for residents
- as lights are a similar cost Council prefers this option
- 30mph to be extended along whole of Mill Lane.

5. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Bell and Holt.

6. Declarations of interest

None

7. Precept

a. Grants

Council considered the applications for grants and it was agreed that the following grants should be awarded.

Hadspen Village Hall	£460.00
St Leonard's Churchyard	£550.00
Victim Support	£ 50.00

Approved

b. Hadspen Village Hall rebuilding fund - addition to precept

Councillors O'Leary and Smith passed on the views of residents, who while supporting the village hall, were not in favour of contributing in this way. Mr Peter Wyatt, Chairman of the Hadspen Village Hall Committee was allowed to address the meeting and stated that the further funding needed was reliant on Parish Council support. After much discussion the Chairman proposed that the Parish Council raise the precept by an additional 35p per week per Band D property to assist the fund raising for the rebuilding of Hadspen Village Hall. This was seconded by Councillor Elliott and a vote taken. The proposal was adopted. There was one abstention.

Approved

8. Reports

Environment - Councillor Elliott

Council was informed that the apple pickers are still at Rodge Wood having arrived in September and that the situation was being monitored.

County Councillor Robinson

Council was encouraged to attend the Council Tax Consultation at Caryford Hall on Wednesday 16 November.

County Councillor Robinson also advised Council that in response to the representations regarding the 20mph speed restrictions on A359 the matter had been passed to the portfolio holder for highways.

9. Accounts for payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following payment is approved.

M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary for October 2005	£67.60
		Approved

10. Correspondence

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| 1 | SCDC | South Somerset State of the District Council Debate – Thursday 17 th November at Haynes Motor Museum 7pm - 2 representatives only |
| 2. | CPRE | Voice magazine – to Chairman |
| 3. | SSDC | Highway weeds – contact southsomersethighways@somerset.gov.uk |
| 4. | SCC | Council Tax Consultation – Caryford Hall, Ansford – Wednesday 16 th November -6.30 pm coffee start 6.45 – numbers required |
| 5. | SSDC | Area East News |
| 6. | SSDC | New public access arrangements for Development Control Service |
| 7. | SALC | Items of interest – November 2005 |
| 8. | SALC | South Area meeting 12 th December – Tatworth Memorial Hall |
| 9. | Community Council | Interim Parish Plans – Application for funding |
| 10. | SSDC | Mendip & South Somerset Community safety Partnership – Contact /advice booklet |
| 11. | Clerks & Councils Direct | Newsletter |
| 12. | SSDC | Area East meeting 9 th November 9.30 a.m. |
| 13. | Bruton Way Forward | Information event – 10 th November -3pm – 7 pm |
| 14. | Carymoor Environmental Trust | Somerset Waste Action Programme – talks available |
| 15. | SSDC | New scheme of delegation – parish council workshop |

Item 1 – Councillors O’Leary and Smith agreed to attend.

Item 4 – Councillor Elliott agreed to attend and will ask Councillor Holt on her return.

11. Items for the next agenda

Precept

Next meeting Tuesday 13th December 2005

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

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Present: Councillors: Brook, Elliott, Holt, Jennings, O’Leary and Smith

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: County Councillor Robinson
District Councillor Winder

1. Public Participation

There were approximately fifteen residents of the parish present and comments were received on two of the planning applications. Mr Hopkins and Mr Nurse were also present.

Planning application 6a – John Knight stated his objection to this planning application. The proposed garage was directly in his line of sight. His comments had been sent to SSDC.

Planning application 6c – There was much debate between the residents and Mr Hopkins and Nurse. The main points raised and discussed were:

- The site is within an area designated as a ‘Special Landscape area’ in which a policy of strict planning control operates to preserve its rural character.
- The aggregate will be brought into the site and not excavated.
- The probable number of lorries using the site daily will be 100 – 50 in and 50 out.
- This application is likely to lead to further applications – creeping development. Any conditions applied to the planning permission would only be applicable to the first application and not automatically to any subsequent applications.
- There would be additional danger to young persons and horses at Hell Ladder Lane
- The dust created could affect persons who suffer with asthma. Mr Hopkins stated that they are licensed for dust control by SSDC. The District Councillor reminded the meeting that matters of dust nuisance are controlled by the Environment Agency and that any action here could be drawn out, as had been experienced with the Slurry Lagoon.
- The normal hours of operation would be from 7am to 5 - 6pm daily.
- Visibility of site – it was explained that the site would not be visible from the A371 but would be from the main footpaths – Macmillan Way & Leyland trail
- Noise level – Mr Hopkins advised that no mixing of the concrete was done on site and the noise would mainly be from the lorries.
- Mr Hopkins was asked why he wished to move from his present site at Galhampton but declined to inform the meeting.
- The oak tree on the site will remain.
- The District Councillor advised the meeting that there was very limited space for what are called “dirty businesses” of which this is one, and farms are classed as brown field sites, this is just the farm area and does not extend to the green fields. It is for this reason that businesses such as this are looking to use vacated farms.
- The meeting was told there would be no further expansion of the gateway.
- The point was made that most questions answered by Mr Hopkins were qualified with either probably or occasionally.

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2. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 9th November 2005

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meetings held on 9th November 2005 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

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3. Matters arising from the minutes of 9th November 2005

Para 2 – Church Signs - Clerk advised Council that a letter had been sent to Highways to ask if it was possible to have the church sign on the A359 changed to read “Pitcombe Church” and the costs involved.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Bell.

5. Declarations of interest

None

6. Planning Applications

- a. 05/02982/FUL Mr & Mrs Pidsley, Station House, Sunnyhill**
Erection of a double garage

Council opposed this application on the grounds that the proposed position of the double garage is obtrusive and does not follow the building line.

- b. 05/02968/FUL Mr A Drysdale, Pitcombe Farmhouse**
Erection of extension outbuilding to form five court & gym

Council strongly opposed this application on the grounds that being in the conservation area it was not in keeping with its surrounding area and the plans destroy the character of the original outbuilding. The materials also are not in keeping – e.g. roof pitch and tiles. The size of the building was considered much too large both height and floor space. The problems of drainage was also pointed out and the question of whether access to main drainage was possible.

- c. 05/03107/COU Andrew Hopkins Concrete Ltd, Priddles Hill Farm, Castle Cary**
Siting of low level concrete batching plant, storage of aggregates and parking of associated vehicles

After much discussion the Council agreed to oppose the application on the following grounds:

- § It is outside the development area
- § It is a rural location and unsustainable
- § It is a Special Landscape Area – When a neighbour of the site purchased their house Knight Frank stated that it was a “Special Landscape Area” in which a policy of strict planning control operates to preserve its rural character.
- § The site, while not visible from the A371, is highly visible from the rights of way - Macmillan Way and Leyland Trail, whose character should be preserved and from Creech Hill and Hadspen Hill.
- § The surrounding properties and area would suffer from the considerable noise and dust pollution. Hopkins attended the council meeting and stated that there would probably be some 100 lorries in and out on a daily basis.
- § Dust - the Council is concerned that dust levels will not be contained
- § Increased traffic on A371 - the road is already heavily used by large lorries who when travelling the road from Ansford to Wincanton have to negotiated a steep hill which

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slows them considerably and results in traffic congestion. The site is on this hill and concerns are therefore raised as to the additional traffic and pollution problems of 100 extra lorries using this road.

§ Drainage - The plans show an underground storage for water but the Council is concerned that this will not be sufficient in heavy rain fall

§ The Council are concerned that this could be a 'creeping development' with further applications to follow.

Approved

7. Planning Determinations - Granted

The following planning determination had been granted:

05/02223/FUL Grove Cross Barn, Cary Hill, Castle Cary
Erection of a poly-tunnel for tree cultivation

05/01195/FUL Bruton School for Girls – Car Park alterations and change of
entrance facility

The Chairman asked the Clerk to forward a copy of this determination to all Councillors.

8. Grants & Precept

It was proposed and seconded that the grants agreed at the November 2005 meeting should be awarded and the precept set at £6,200 for the year 2006/07.

Approved

9. Alcohol & Drug Awareness

Council considered the proposal to hold an alcohol and drug awareness seminar but Council did not think it necessary.

10. Reports

Councillor Elliott

Councillor Elliot gave a report to Council of the Council Tax Consultation meeting she had attended at Caryford Hall.

Council was also advised that travellers had moved again into Sheepwash gritting store. County Councillor Robinson stated that County officers were already taking the necessary action which could take some 4 – 6 weeks. Procedures had to be followed otherwise matters could become more problematical.

Councillor Holt

Councillor Holt advised Council that the drainage problems at Honeywick and Nettlecombe had been reported.

The question of the 20mph speed limit outside Bruton School for Girls was raised. County Councillor Robinson advised that the traffic calming scheme would not be implemented in this financial year as it no longer agreed with the criteria that becomes effective next April under the Local Transport Plan. Councillor Holt was concerned for the residents whose house entrances are on the 60 mph stretch of road. County Councillor Robinson stated that he was to have a site meeting to see if the 30mph could be extended to include these houses.

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County Councillor Robinson

Council was advised that apart from the matters of travellers and traffic calming County Councillor Robinson had spent many hours discussing the County budget. Headway is being made but some cuts to services are inevitable.

11. Accounts for payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following payments are approved.

M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary for November 2005	£67.60
Freeola Ltd	Renewal of Domain name – 2 years	£23.49
SCC	Cost of signs to church	£228.27

Approved

12. Correspondence

1	Ironman Triathlon	Volunteers
2.	SSDC	Corporate Plan 2005 – 2012 - to Cllr Brook
3.	SSDC	South Somerset Local Plan Deposit Draft 1998 – Report of Inspector Ms S Turner
4.	Hadspen Village Hall	Changes to charges from 1 st November
5.	SSDC	SS Local Development Framework
6.	Somerset Highways	Winter service 2005/06
7.	SCC	Statement of Community involvement
8.	South Somerset NHS	The health of the people of South Somerset
9.	SSDC	Refuse & recycling collection arrangements – Christmas/New Year 2005/06 - copy to noticeboards
10.	SSDC	Parish Paths Stewardship Scheme Bulletin
11.	SCC	Results of Highways Parish survey - to Cllr Holt
12.	Somerset Drug & Alcohol Action Team	Drug & Alcohol Awareness Sessions – to all
13.	Avon & Somerset Constabulary	Newsletter – Chief Superintendent Andy Marsh - to Cllr Bell
14.	CPRE	Somerset Matters - newsletter
15	CPRE	Fieldwork
16	SSDC	Homeless & Temporary Accommodation Strategy 2005/ 08
17	SSDC	Area Eat Meeting Agenda 14 th December 2005

13. Date of Next Council Meeting

It was proposed and seconded that the January meeting of Council should be cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday 14th February 2006.

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 14th February 2006

Present: Councillors: Brook, Elliott, Holt, Jennings, O'Leary

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: County Councillor Robinson
District Councillor Winder

1. Councillor Resignation

The Chairman stated he had received a letter from Councillor Smith tendering her resignation. Councillor Smith asked for this to be read out at the meeting so that her reasons would be given factually. The Chairman complied with this request.

2. Public Participation

Mr Pheby expressed his concerns about the structure that had appeared in the orchard and stated that planning permission was needed for change of use. The Chairman advised that the matter was due to be discussed under item 6a on the agenda and deferred further comment.

Mr Taylor asked Council if any further information had been received from the Environment Agency regarding the slurry lagoon. The Chairman stated that he was unaware of any but that as Councillor Smith had been responsible for this portfolio he would arrange for another councillor to take this over and make enquiries.

Mrs Pheby stated that she was very concerned about the large number of rats in the vicinity this year. The rat catcher had been out but the problem was continuing.

3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 13th December 2005

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meetings held on 13th December 2005 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Minutes Approved

4. Matters arising from the minutes 13th December 2005

Para 2 – Church Signs The Clerk stated that County Highways had quoted £255 for the sign 'Pitcombe Church'. The Chairman advised that he had consulted with the PCC and it had been agreed that the existing sign was adequate. The Clerk was asked to advise Highways.

5. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Bell.

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6. Declarations of interest

The Clerk pointed out that the Councillors may have a least a personal interest in item 6a. All the councillors subsequently declared a personal interest in agenda item 6a.

7. Environment

a. Conservation area – Hadspen Village

The Chairman stated that he had received many letters of complaint about the arrival of the mobile home. Councillor Elliott stated that she had made enquiries with the District Council and had spoken to Adrian Duckworth about the Conservation Area. He is sending a plan. District Councillor Winder produced a map of the conservation area for the meeting. The Chairman described the area covered and County Councillor Hobhouse made a point of order that agricultural land was not covered by the conservation area. Councillor Elliott further stated that she had spoken to James Myer, SSDC who stated that Miss Smith was to apply for planning permission by the end of February. In view of this further discussion on this matter was deferred until the plans are received.

b. Travellers at Sheepwash Gritting Store

County Councillor Robinson stated that a court judgement was expected by the end of the week and enforcement would then follow by the end of the month.

c. Quiet lanes

The Chairman advised Council that he had received information via CPRE on the classification of ‘quiet lanes’. This would assist walkers and horse riders and be particularly appropriate to Lime Kiln Lane but could apply to the C125. Concern was raised as to whether these would be enforceable. It was agreed that the Chairman would look into the matter and report back at the next meeting.

8. Planning Applications

06/00092/FUL Mr & Mrs Harvey 3 Ludwell Cottages, Bruton Road, Pitcombe
Erection of conservatory to rear of dwelling

Council had no objections to this planning application.

Approved

9. Planning Determinations

a. 05/02982/FUL Mr & Mrs Pidsley, Station House, Sunnyhill
Erection of a double garage

Granted

b. 04/00617/COU Mr & Mrs Hobhouse Bottom Barn Farm
Conversion of farm buildings to dwelling, holiday unit and self contained
annexe

Granted

c. 05/02968/FUL Mr A Drysdale, Pitcombe Farmhouse
Erection of extension outbuilding to form five court & gym

Refused

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- d. 05/03107/COU Andrew Hopkins Concrete Ltd, Priddles Hill Farm, Castle Cary
Siting of low level concrete batching plant, storage of aggregates and
parking of associated vehicles

Refused

10. Reports

Councillor Holt advised Council that Honeywick Hill drains had been cleared. Reports that the roads at Pitcombe Rock, Viaduct and Mill Lane are in need of repair have been received and Councillor Holt stated she would look at these. Also further concerns had been raised about the houses that come out directly to the 60 mph limit on the A359 near Sunny Hill.

County Councillor Robinson reported that he had a site meeting arranged for Thursday 23rd February at 2.p.m with Colin Fletcher and Bev Norman to look at various highway problems and invited Councillor Holt to join them to discuss the problems related above.

District Councillor Winder advised that the District Council are to look at village hall licenses to check that these have been applied for correctly.

Chairman reported that the Clerk had tendered her resignation and that a new clerk must be found. The Clerk stated that she currently works two hours a week but that SALC had recommended that a minimum of 4 hours was realistic and this should be taken into account when appointing the new clerk. With regard to Councillor Smith's resignation a vacancy was declared and the clerk agreed to issue the necessary notices. Councillor Elliott agreed to take over the Cole notice board.

11. Accounts for payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following payments are approved.

M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary for December 2005/January 2006	£125.20
		Approved

12. Correspondence

1	Community Council for Somerset	Thatch magazine
2	SCC	Bruton School for Girls – 20 mph limit
3	SSDC	Area East News
4	The Balsam Project	Newsletter Winter 2005
5	SSDC	Planning on the move
6	SCC	Somerset Access Annual Newsletter
7	SCC	Somerset Local transport plan
8	SSDC	Review of Parish Boundaries
9	SCC	Somerset Access – Annual newsletter
10	Victim Support Somerset	Thank you for grant
11	ODPM	Standards of Conduct in English Local Government : the future
12	South West Regional Assembly	Regional Spatial Strategy update
13	SSDC	Local Plan Deposit Draft – further proposed amendments – None for Pitcombe
14	SALC	Items of interest – Jan 2006 – including audit fees, salaries, employment law – VAT on internet purchases
15	Somerset Drug & Alcohol Action Team	Public consultation
16	SCC	Local Transport Plan consultation leaflet revised

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17	M G Car Club	Notification of event 22 nd April 2006
18	Avon & Somerset Constabulary	Newsletter – Andy Marsh
19	David Heath MP	Copy of his debate in H of C on role of PC in planning
20	STSD	Homes for Good exhibition – 17 th – 19 th February
21	SSDC	Area East Agenda - 8th February 2006
22	Community Council for Somerset	Calor Somerset Village of the year competition 2006
23	SALC	Agenda meeting 13 th March Seavington Millennium Hall
24	SSDC	Tree Talk magazine
25	SCC	Changes to contact details

12. Items for the next agenda

Quiet Lanes

Next meeting Tuesday 14th March 2006

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 14th March 2006

Present: Councillors: Bell, Brook, Elliott, Holt, Jennings

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: District Councillor Winder

1. Public Participation

Dr Pheby asked for the current position regarding the mobile home. The Chairman advised that planning permission had not been applied for by the end of February as required and the enforcement officer, Mr Myer, is now in negotiation with the owner of the mobile home and the land to arrive at an amicable solution. The matter may take some time to resolve.

Mr Bunting raised the problem the noise and nuisance being caused at weekends by motor cyclists in Green Lane, the Quarry Area and on land belonging to Henry Hobhouse. The Chairman declared an interest in this matter and took no further part in the discussions. Mrs Brook stated she had contacted the police about ten days ago but as yet not received a response. The Clerk was instructed to contact PC Stephenson.

Mr Taylor asked Council if any further information had been received from the Environment Agency regarding the slurry lagoon. The Chairman stated that Mr Payne of the Environment Agency had informed him that Mr Walters was in court on 13th March charged with keeping and treating slurry in a manner causing an odour hazard to Pitcombe. He pleaded guilty and was fined £700.00 plus £2000.00 costs. Council was also advised that Mr Walters is considering the possibility of using the lagoon for the production of methane. This will of course require planning permission and a waste management license.

2. Co-option to Council

The Council was advised that there had been no request for an election and the Council was able to co-opt a new member. It was proposed by Councillor Holt and seconded by Councillor Bell that Camilla Carter be co-opted as a member of the Council. All Councillors agreed. Mrs Carter duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took her seat at the Council table.

Approved

3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 14th February 2006

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meetings held on 14th February 2006 be adopted as a true and accurate record after an amendment to paragraph 2.

Minutes Approved

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor O'Leary.

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5. Declarations of interest

None further than Councillor Brook declared at item 1.

6. Quiet lanes

Council discussed the paper produced by the Chairman. While they agreed that the idea was attractive the question of enforcement was considered to be a difficulty. After discussion it was agreed the Chairman would write an article for the Parish Magazine to inform and see the reaction of the parishioners and also seek further information about the scheme.

7. Reports

Councillor Holt stated she had attended a site meeting with Bev Norman and Colin Fletcher of County Highways and County Councillor Robinson at Sunny Hill to see what could be done to reduce the speed of vehicles on A359 following the decision to withdraw the plan for a 20mph zone outside the school. Councillor Holt produced a map of the suggested siting for the extension of 30 mph restrictions. Slow signs would also be painted on the road at Strutters Hill and warning “pedestrian” signs before the houses. 30 mph would also be extended so that most of Pitcombe would become a 30mph area. It was further suggested that 30 mph signs be put on C125 just after Sunny Lane coming towards Pitcombe. Councillor Holt will consult with County Highways and report back to Council.

Councillor Holt further advised that she had reported the potholes at Pitcombe Rock.

District Councillor Winder

Councillor Winder advised Council that the South Somerset Local Plan to 2012 was about to receive approval. Regarding the new refuse / recycling collection the date of implementation is now September. Consultation will take place approximately 6 weeks before and arrangements can be made for a representative to attend a Council meeting.

Chairman

The Chairman was pleased to inform Council that Jean Linden had agreed to take on the duties of Parish Clerk from May 2006. The Council agreed that the Chairman should arrange the contract of employment.

8. Accounts for payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following payments are approved.

M J Humphry	Clerk’s Salary for February 2006	£67.60
		Approved

9. Correspondence

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| 1 | Somerset Strategic Partnership | Somerset Economic Strategy |
| 2 | SSDC | DC’s Annual meeting with Parish Councils – Wednesday 15 th March 7pm Wincanton Council Offices |
| 3 | CPRE | Fieldwork magazine |
| 4. | SSDC | Planning Scheme Delegation - Questionnaire |
| 5. | SSDC | Town & Parish Workshops 17,20, 22 & 24 th March – Brympton Way |

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| 6. | SCC | Notice of meeting of Parish Councils and SCC – Haynes Motor Museum 4 th May 2006 7 – 9 pm |
| 7 | SSDC | Sport & Active leisure Strategy 2006-12 Launch event – Yeovil Town Football Club – 29 th March 2006 |
| 8 | CPRE | Voice Magazine |
| 9. | Community Council | Thatch magazine |
| 10 | SSDC | Boundary Change Proposals – Comments by 21 st April |
| 11 | D Brummell | Concerns over speed of traffic Sunny Hill |

9. Items for the next agenda

Quiet Lanes, Parish Boundary

Next meeting Tuesday 11th April 2006

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 11th April 2006

Present: Councillors: Brook, Carter, Elliott, Holt, Jennings O'Leary

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: County Councillor Robinson
District Councillor Winder

1. Public Participation

Richard O'Leary advised Council that the ever increasing number of silos being erected at Wyke Farm in unsympathetic colours is becoming a blot on the landscape. He stated that he has been in contact with the Clothiers and after some negotiation they had agreed to paint the silos dark green and also to plant a screen of trees. It was agreed that this information should be published in the Parish magazine.

2. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 14th March 2006

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meetings held on 14th March 2006 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Minutes Approved

3. Matters Arising from the minutes of 14th March 2006

a. Noise nuisance from Motor Cyclist

The Chairman informed Council that the police has given extremely good support and PCSO Mead has been very proactive. Council was advised that if the bikes cause a nuisance it was very important to get the registration number of the vehicle they arrive in so that the police can ascertain the registered owner. The police will then write to them telling them not to ride on Hadspen Hill. Council was further informed that the wall by the Quarry, which has been damaged, is to be rebuilt and the stones replaced.

b. Quiet Lanes

The Chairman stated that the County was not considering the matter of 'Quiet lanes' at the present time and therefore there was little point in pursuing the matter. CPRE are apparently to lobby government and if this produces a positive outcome the Council will look at it again.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Bell.

5. Declarations of interest

All Councillors declared a personal interest in item 7.

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6. Parish Boundary Review

The Council strongly objected to the proposal from North Cadbury and Yarlinton PC to change the boundary. It was stated that the change would put the boundary directly through the Hadspen Estate and Grove Farm thereby dividing the properties between parishes. The owners are robustly opposed to these proposals. Councillor Elliott stated she had consulted the parishioners and around 95% do not want any change to the parish boundary. Council was also concerned about the effects this would have on the precept. The Clerk was instructed to convey these points to the District Council.

7. Planning Appeal

05/03107/COU – Andrew Hopkins Concrete Ltd – Priddles Hill Farm, Castle Cary

The Chairman stated that the original planning application had been refused on four points: it was outside development limits; there was no justification for the siting; it fosters more car use; and traffic considerations, the contour of the road and the bend. The Chairman read out the grounds for appeal and it was agreed that three of these were of no relevance to the grounds of refusal. After discussion it was further agreed that the Chairman would write to the Planning Inspector with Council's comments on the appeal including the removal of the footpath signs. The Chairman will copy his response to Council.

Concern was also expressed that work has continued, despite the refusal, and during the last two weeks excavation has been taking place resulting in a large quantity of spoil. The enforcement officer, Mr Myers, has told the agent that the work is not authorised and not to proceed any further. The heap of spoil is a cause for concern in relation to flooding and the Environment Agency have been notified. The Chairman said that if work was seen in progress this should be reported to Mr Myers.

8. Reports

a. Portfolio Holders

Highways, Councillor Holt reported that the potholes at Pitcombe Rock and Lime Kiln Lane had been repaired. Council was advised that the plan for changes in the speed limit in Pitcombe as discussed at last month's meeting had been agreed with County Highways but this did not include a pathway for the houses at the top of Strutter's Hill but there will be slow signs painted on Strutter's Hill and also pedestrian warning signs.

Environment, Councillor Elliot reported that she had spoken to the enforcement officer, Mr Myers, regarding the mobile home in Hadspen and was told that this would be sorted by the end of May by agreement. She had further spoken to him regarding the mobile home belonging to Mr Hobhouse, apparently planning permission is required and this is being dealt with.

Parish Tidiness, Councillor O'Leary reported he had received the refuse and recycling dates for bank holidays and would put these in parish magazine.

Footpaths/Trees, Councillor Jennings informed Council that a walk around Sparkford Wood was to take place on 6th May at 9.45 am and anyone interested should let him know. He also advised Council of the SSDC walks festival from 28th May – 4th June.

b. County Councillor

County Councillor Robinson stated he was pleased that the 30mph limit had been agreed and advised that major resurfacing was scheduled this financial year for Pitcombe Rock. It was

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also reported that the eviction order for the travellers at Sheepwash Gritting Store is being held up by the Crown Court.

c. Chairman

The Chairman was pleased to report that he had received excellent references for Jean Linden, the new clerk and that the contract had been signed.

9. Accounts for payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following payments are approved.

M J Humphry	Clerk's Salary for March 2006	£67.60
SALC	Affiliation fee 2006/07	£76.05
		Approved

10. Correspondence

1	South Somerset Together	Newsletter
2	SCC	Somerset Statement of Community Involvement – Minerals & Waste Development Framework
3	SSDC	Parish Paths Stewardship Scheme Bulletin
4.	SSDC	South Somerset Local Plan – Notice of Intention to Adopt
5.	Community Council of Somerset	Council is asked to consider if they wish to subscribe to the Community Council of Somerset
6.	Postwatch	News from the South & West watchdog for postal services
7.	DEFRA	Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005
8.	David Heath MP	Notification of advice centre from April – July
9.	Parrett Catchment	River Festival 21 st May – 22 nd May
10	SCC	Highways Questionnaire
11	SSDC	E-mail Contacts
12	Avon & Somerset Police	Newsletter
13	SSDC	Area East News
14	Pendragon Cycling club	Notice of Cycling event 27-29 th May
15	SSDC	Agenda Area East Committee 12th April
16	SSDC	Refuse & recycling bank holiday dates

Item 5 – the Council agreed that they did not wish to subscribe to the Community Council of Somerset

11. Items for the next agenda and arrangements for Annual parish Meeting – 9th May 2006

Council agreed that the Annual Parish meeting would commence at 7.30 pm followed after tea/coffee by the Annual Parish Council meeting. It was agreed that the Chairman would report on the Council's work for the year and councillors are asked to provide the Chairman with the necessary information.

The Chairman then thanked the outgoing Clerk for her work for the Council and presented her with a plant.

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime and Disorder; Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in
Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 9 May 2006**

Present: Councillors: Brook, Elliott, Holt, Jennings, O'Leary, Bell

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: District Councillor Winder
PCSO Thelma Mead

1. Election of Chairman for the year 2006 – 2007

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Charles Brook be appointed as Chairman.
Councillor Brook signed the form of acceptance of office.

Approved

2. Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2006 – 2007

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Elliott be appointed as Vice-Chairman.

Approved

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Minutes of the Meetings held on 11th April 2006

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2006 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Approved

5. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Carter.

6. Declarations of Interest

None.

7. Planning Applications

06/01162/LBC D Craigie, The Old Dairy, Mill Lane, Pitcombe – Removal of internal wall to enlarge kitchen

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06/00381/FUL Gerald Spratling, Manor Farm, Cole – Erection of two storey extension to front of dwelling.

The Council had no observations on these applications.

8. Planning Appeal

05/03107/COU – Andrew Hopkins Concrete Ltd – Priddles Hill Farm Castle Cary -Siting of low level concrete batching plant, storage of aggregates and parking of associated vehicles.

The Chairman fully advised the Council of the response to the appeal during the Annual Parish Meeting.

No further comments.

9. Reports

Councillor O’Leary clarified the Sort It Waste and Recycling collection service arrangements and projected rollout dates. Pitcombe comes within phase 7 and Roadshows for this phase have yet to be arranged. The service commences in September 2006.

District Councillor Winder made the Council aware of a street cleaning team who are available to help with clearing up particular waste/litter problems. The team can be contacted on 01935 462462. When contacting the team the exact location of the problem and area of clean up must be stated.

10. Accounts for Payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following accounts be approved for payment

M J Humphry	Clerk’s Salary for April 2006	£67.60
Allianz Cornhill	Insurance	£308.17
Pitcombe PCC	Grant for maintenance of the churchyard	£550.00
Hadspen Village Hall	Grant	£460.00
Hadspen Village Hall	Monies raised from precept for rebuild	£3,100.00
Victim Support	Grant	£50.00
Mrs J Linden	Admin costs – office equipment and stationery	£159.30

11. Correspondence

1	SCC	Improving telephone access
2	St Margaret’s Hospice	Newsletter – Spring 2006
3	SSDC	Notes of the annual meeting of the parish & district – 15 th March
4	SSDC	Implementation of Sort It
5	Mendip Primary Care Trust	Next meeting 31 st May 2006

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6	SSDC	Premise Licence applications
7	SSDC	Local development framework draft statement of community involvement – comments by 2 nd June
8	SSDC	Town & Country Planning – Tree Preservation Order 2006
9	SSDC	Minutes of Standards Committee 5 Oct 2005
10	SSDC	Adoption of South Somerset Local Plan
11	SCC	Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan – May 2006
12	SCC	Installation of CCTV and ANPR on Household Waste Recycling Centres
13	SSDC	SSDC Planning Service Parish Council Workshops
14	Newsletter	Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2006
15	CPRE	Agenda – AGM 27 May 2006
16	ODPM	Local Authority Byelaws in England – Discussion Paper
17	SSDC	Standards Committee – Meeting 3 May
18	SSDC	Area East Committee Meeting – 10 May 2006

Councillor Brook briefly discussed the 2006 Town & Country Planning Tree Preservation Order plan which plots the trees around the Priddles Hill Farm site.

12. Meeting Dates 2006/07

The Council agreed to meet on the second Tuesday of each month commencing at 7.30 pm

13. Items for the next agenda

To be forwarded to the clerk by 2 June 2006.

Next meeting Tuesday 13th June 2006.

Members of the Council are asked to consider the following matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 13 June 2006

Present: Councillors: Elliott, Holt, Jennings, O'Leary.

In the Chair: Councillor Elliott

In attendance: County Councillor Robinson
District Councillor Winder

1. Public Participation

Mr Taylor reported that on the morning of 7 June 2006 the 'smell' had returned, and the fact reported to the Environmental Agency. It was not clear if the smell was coming directly from the Slurry Lagoon where a full holding tank remains, or whether it was coming off the land where the residue of the lagoon contents had been sprayed. Much discussion followed as to why the smell had returned at this stage and had it changed in any way. It was suggested that the hot, wet weather could be a possible cause of its return. It was agreed to closely monitor the situation.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 9 May 2006

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2006 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Approved

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors' Brook, Bell and Carter.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Planning Determinations Granted

06/01162/LBC D Craigie, The Old Dairy, Mill Lane, Pitcombe – Removal of internal wall to enlarge kitchen.

6. Annual Audit of Accounts – year ended 31 March 2006

The Council approved the accounts and the Chairman signed the audit form.

7. Reports

Councillor Jennings reported a problem with one of the Parish Footpaths (2210). In particular, a stile in the orchard was blocked by nettles and needing clearance. This has been reported to the Landowner and to the District Council. Maintenance work is being carried out on the Parish Footpaths and Bridleways but heavy rainfall causing the rapid overgrowth has exacerbated the situation.

Councillor O’Leary mentioned that scaffolding was being erected at Wyke Farm in connection with the re-spraying of the recently installed silo. It is encouraging to see this work progressing and the subsequent improvement to the landscape.

District Councillor Winder informed the Council that information on the waste and recycling service (due to commence September 2006) will be received shortly by Pitcombe Parish, this will outline the full implementation package.

Councillor Holt reported that Honeywick Hill drain clearance is now complete. The top of Lime Kiln Lane has been cleared and Councillor Holt continues to monitor the situation regarding clearance work at the bottom half where flooding occurs.

Chairman Councillor Elliott reported that she had been in contact with Mr Myer, Enforcement Planner regarding the removal of the mobile home in the conservation area. A ‘For Sale’ advertisement has been placed in the Blackmore Vale and upon sale it will be removed.

Councillor Holt read out a letter from James Myer Enforcement Planner (dated 8 May 2006) regarding the development at Priddles Hill Farm and the deposit of excavated material in the valley. ‘The Principal Landscape Officer has inspected the works and is of the view that there is scope to remodel the valley and that the resultant landform should grade with ease into the underlying topography. The owner’s agent has been informed that the extent of the deposit is such to amount to an express grant of planning permission’.

(The planning application is to be submitted within 6 weeks of Mr Myers letter).

Much discussion followed regarding activity at Priddles Hill Farm, which seems to go on day and night. Access improvement work is continuing. Notification of Andrew Hopkins Appeal Hearing date is still awaited.

County Councillor Robinson informed the council that the caravans at Sheepwash have moved and the site secured.

Plans for Pitcombe speed limit work are progressing and County Councillor Robinson predicted August/September for completion. Traffic is also being monitored during school runs with a view to improving signage on the Cole to Cary route.

8. Local Administration 7th Edition

The Council approved purchase of the latest edition of this publication at a total cost of £48.00.

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9. **Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed and seconded that the following accounts be approved for payment

J Linden	Clerk's Salary for May 2006	£69.63
J Linden	Admin costs - postage	£3.84

10. **Items for the next agenda**

Update on Development at Priddles Hill Farm

All items to be forwarded to the Clerk by 30 June 2006.

Next meeting Tuesday 11 July 2006.

Members of the Council are asked to consider the following matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 11 July 2006

Present: Councillors: Brook Elliott, O'Leary, Bell, Carter
In the Chair: Councillor Brook
Absent: Councillors: Jennings, Holt

In attendance: District Councillor Winder
PC Sara Stephenson
PCSO Barbara Hooper
Countryside Ranger Eve Wynn

1. Maintenance of Footpaths

The Chairman Cllr Brook welcomed Eve Wynn, Countryside Ranger who gave a presentation to the council on Parish Paths. The Maintenance and Improvement to Public Rights of Way is carried out by South Somerset District Council under a Highways Agency Agreement, on behalf of the Somerset County Council. This includes replacement/installation of stiles and gates, waymark routes, signposts, small bridges, steps, drainage, surface improvements and vegetation clearance. All problems of this nature should be reported to Eve Wynn. Landowner/Tenant responsibilities were discussed and clarified and all reported problems are dealt with by direct liaison with the landowner or tenant. Eve Wynn's contact details are as follows:

Eve Wynn Countryside Ranger
Churchfield, Wincanton BA9 9AG
Tel: 01963 43504 Mob: 07770 636105
e-mail eve.wynn@southsomerset.gov.uk

2. Police

The Chairman Cllr Brook welcomed PC Sara Stephenson and PCSO Barbara Hooper our new area officer. PCSO Thelma Mead has now changed areas and Cllr Brook expressed appreciation on behalf of the council for her work. PC Stephenson handed Cllr Brook a copy of the Contract between Somerton Sector Police and Town/Parish Councils which he duly signed on behalf of the council. Contact details for PC Stephenson and PCSO Hooper are as follows:

Mob: PC Stephenson 0787 590 3450 (non urgent messages only can be left)
Mob: PCSO Hooper 0787 590 3455 (non urgent messages only can be left) or
Portishead 0845 456 7000 (Dial 999 for emergencies)

3. Public Participation

A question was raised regarding the mobile home in the conservation area and what progress is being made regarding its removal. It was understood previously from the

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Enforcement Officer that its removal would take place once it had been sold. This has not happened and its continued presence is causing considerable concern. It was agreed that Cllr Elliott would speak with Enforcement Officer, Mr Myer to ascertain the current situation.

4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 June 2006**

Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2006.

Approved

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of 13 June 2006**

Slurry Lagoon. It was reported that an Agent, Mr Brian Payne had visited the Slurry Lagoon and stated that the smell was still coming from the ground area. A holding tank complete with contents remains and the Agent stated an offence had been committed. Cllr Brook stated that the Slurry Lagoon was now completely empty and he was not aware of any holding tank being present. Cllr Brook suggested members of the public visit the site to see for themselves.

Priddles Hill Farm. Cllr Brook reported that land re-shaping work was currently being undertaken as directed by the Environmental Agency. The gate to the site was now being padlocked and it may be necessary to remind the site manager that it is a footpath and access is being restricted. Notification of Andrew Hopkins Appeal Hearing date is still awaited.

6. **Apologies for absence**

None received.

7. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

8. **Footpaths**

It was agreed that a process to implement Eve Wynn's instructions regarding the Maintenance of Footpaths should be notified in the Parish News. Cllr Brook asked Cllr Carter to assume this topic as a portfolio, this she agreed to do.

9. **Planning Determinations**

06/00391/FUL – Gerald Spratling, Manor Farm, Cole – Erection of two-storey extension to front of dwelling – Reconsultation original plans invalid.

The council had no comments on this application.

06/01320/OUT - Mr Richard Hollingbery, Godminster Farm, Godminster Lane, Bruton. – Erection of duo-pitched steel framed building to accommodate bottling plant, process and storage.

Comments raised on this application as follows:

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- Structure visible from footpaths
- Some anxiety expressed on storage of spirits
- Concern regarding access for Fire/Emergency services
- Security issues

10. Accounts and the Annual Audit Return for 2005/06

Council approved the annual return to the Council's external auditor and the Chairman signed the Statement of Assurance.

Approved

11. Reports

a. Portfolio Holders

Cllr O'Leary reported that the scaffolding was being removed at Wyke Farm after the recent re-spraying of silos. The landscape was much improved by the completion of this work and he had written to Mr Clothier and thanked him for his co-operation in this matter.

Cllr O'Leary confirmed everyone was now in receipt of the *Sort It!* information and was optimistic that its implementation would be successful. **Cllr Bell** pointed out that terraced housing should *not* have wheeled bins both for practical and environmental reasons and should continue with black bags. **District Cllr Winder** confirmed this stating they *would* have black bags and the food caddies once the new system comes into effect. **Cllr Elliott** recommended the composting bins.

b. District Councillor

District Cllr Winder spoke about the SSDC District Wide Parking Strategy Study and the meeting being held in Keinton Mandeville on Tuesday 18 July at 7.15 pm. District Cllr Winder agreed to represent Pitcombe Parish Council's concerns regarding all day parking in Castle Cary streets by workers, which led to difficulties for those who were casual visitors to the town shops being unable park.

12. Accounts for Payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following accounts be approved for payment

LexisNexis	Local Council Administration 7 th Edition plus postage	£53.45
J Linden	Clerk's salary for June 2006	£69.63
J Linden	Admin costs – stationery and postage	£9.83

13. Correspondence:

1	The Balsam Project	Newsletter Summer 2006.
2.	SSDC	Changes at political leadership level.
3.	SSDC	CCS Community Surgery Friday 7 July 2006.
4.	SCC Highways	Temporary Road Closure, Wyke Road

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5. SSDC Notification of Changes to Waste Collection – *Sort It!*
 6. Yeovil & District Council Voluntary Service Application for Grant Aid from Pitcombe Parish Council.
 7. SSDC Area East News – Summer 2006.
 8. SSDC Youth, Arts and Play Survey.
 9. SSDC Draft South Somerset Sport and Recreation Built Facilities Assessment Report and Feedback Form.
 10. Shopmobility, Quedam Centre Shopmobility service and arrangements for Yeovil Town.
 11. SSDC Beacon Authority Open Day 12 October 2006
 12. SSDC Cleaner Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – Fixed Penalty Notices
 13. SSDC SSDC District Wide Parking Strategy Study Report Version 5.4 Consultation Draft
 14. SSDC Leaflet – Reporting a Problem on a Public Right of Way
 15. SSDC Area East Committee Notice of Meeting 12 July 2006
14. **Items for the next agenda**
- Mobile Home
Footpaths
Priddles Hill Appeal

Next meeting Tuesday 12 September 2006.

All items to be forwarded to the Clerk by 31 August 2006

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the Village Hall, Hadspen,
on Friday 11 August 2006 at 6.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: Brook, Elliott, O’Leary, Carter, Holt
In the Chair: Councillor Brook
Apologies: Councillors Bell, Jennings

1. Public Participation

Concern was expressed by a member of the public regarding the raising of Plot 2 on the development of land North of Sunny Hill Cottages, Mill Lane, Pitcombe

2. Planning Applications

- a. **06/02419/FUL** - Chas H Clothier & Son Ltd – The erection of 3 No. dwellings (Revised Scheme to 03/03464/REM for replacement garage door/raising of Plot 2) (GR367179/133480)
LOCATION: Land to North of Sunny Hill Cottages, Mill Lane, Pitcombe, BA10 0NX

This is a development to which the Parish Council has had concerns and to which it originally objected.

There is no concern regarding replacement of the garage door, but further clarification of the plans is required from the Planning Department regarding the raising of Plot 2, as this will have a visual impact on the houses opposite.

Clarification of plans requested from SSDC Planning Department.

- b. **06/02598/CON** – Mr & Mrs J Holt – Partial demolition of garage and existing extension (GR 365685/132744)
LOCATION: Halfways, Hadspen, Castle Cary BA7 7LW

No Comments.

- c. **06/02594/FUL** – Mr & Mrs J Holt - Partial demolition of garage and existing extension and erection of two-storey extension to provide additional living accommodation
LOCATION: Halfways, Hadspen, Castle Cary BA7 7LW

No Comments.

Councillor Holt joined the meeting at this point.

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- d. **06/02259/FUL** – Mr G Reynolds – The erection of a single storey timber framed garden room and the carrying out of excavations (GR367377/133220)
LOCATION: Rockville, Pitcombe Rock, Pitcombe BA10 0NY

The plans were lacking in detail making it difficult to interpret exactly what is being proposed.

The council considered the development was disproportionate and obtrusive in a conservation area. There was concern regarding the previous history of flooding in Pitcombe and excavation has the potential to exacerbate this problem. The risk of flooding and landslip could endanger the cottages at the bottom of Pitcombe Rock.

New plans requested from SSDC Planning Department.

Next meeting Tuesday 12 September 2006.

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Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in
Hadspen Village Hall, on Tuesday 12 September 2006**

Present: Councillors: Elliott, Bell, Jennings, Holt, Carter

In the Chair Councillor Elliott

Absent: Councillor Brook

In attendance: County Councillor Robinson, District Councillor Winder

1. **Councillor Resignation**

The Chairman announced that a letter of resignation had been received from Councillor O'Leary. A vacancy on the Pitcombe Parish Council was declared and a Public Notice has been displayed on the Parish notice boards.

2. **Public Participation**

Concern was expressed regarding the continued presence of the mobile home in the conservation area. Dissatisfaction was also expressed at the lack of supporting action taken by The Planning Department in resolving this matter.

The continued activity at Priddles Hill Farm is still a cause for concern among residents particularly as the date of the appeal has still not been notified. Councillor Elliott will pass these concerns on to Mr Myer, Enforcement Officer.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 July 2006 and Extraordinary Meeting
11 August 2006**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meetings held on 11 July and 11 August 2006 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Approved

4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of 11 July 2006**

Mobile Home. Councillor Elliott reported that Mr Myer, Enforcement Officer had informed her that the mobile home would be removed in one week.

Priddles Hill. Regarding the appeal, District Councillor Winder advised that the hearing will be informal, and is likely to be held at the Council Offices in Brympton Way, Yeovil.

Footpaths. See para 10.

Planning Application - Chas H Clothier & Son Ltd – Raising of plot 2 Mill Lane. Clarification has been received from the Planning Department regarding the 200mm height revision for this plot. It is understood that a drainage problem had caused this plot to fall below the level of plots 1 and 3; the increased height will bring all 3 properties into line.

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District Wide Parking Strategy Study. District Councillor Winder gave a brief report on the meeting held in Keinton Mandeville at which she represented Pitcombe Parish Council's concerns regarding all day parking in Castle Cary. Various options had been discussed including a designated area for all day parking and the implementation of some charges but nothing definite had been decided.

5. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Brook (on holiday), WPC Sara Stephenson and Councillor Holt (late apologies meeting 11 July 2006).

6. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

7. **Planning Application**

06/02660/FUL – Mr & Mrs West, 1 Gristway Cottages, Hadspen, Castle Cary BA7 7NQ Erection of a first floor extension.

No observations.

8. **Planning Determinations - Refused**

06/01320/OUT – Mr Richard Hollingbery, Godminster Farm, Godminster Lane, Bruton – Erection of duo-pitched steel framed building to accommodate bottling plant, process and storage.

9. **The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005**

Councillor Elliott explained the implications of this new legislation, which will apply to events being held at the Village Hall including renting organisations. Any complaints received by the Environmental Department regarding fly-posting could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of £80 being issued for each poster that has been posted. Fixed Penalty Notices can be issued to the beneficiary as well as the person posting the posters. Section 31 of the Act enables the local authority to issue a notice requiring the removal of such notices within 28 days. Section 34 of the Act allows local authorities to recover the cost of removing the fly-posters from the person whose goods or services are being promoted by the fly poster.

Discretion should be exercised in the posting of notices and guidance/ permission sought from the Environmental Enforcement Officer, Lyndsey Gempton 01935 462830.

10. **Reports**

Councillor Carter produced a list of Pitcombe Parish Footpaths (Nos. 22/1-22/22) on which she had noted the condition of 8 paths. Councillor Carter is working her way through the list and will report further on her findings. There was concern regarding the electric fences on

Footpath 22/11 and Councillor Elliott agreed to speak to the landowner with a view to making them easier to negotiate.

County Councillor Robinson reported that new road markings and signage after the resurfacing work was due to be carried out very soon and this would include the renewal of old worn markings in the parish. Councillor Jennings mentioned the resurfacing materials used and expressed concern at the safety of this particular surface during icy conditions. Councillor Holt

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confirmed with Councillor Robinson that the 'Slow' signs at Pitcombe would be included during this phase.

11. Accounts for Payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following accounts be approved for payment.

CPRE	Annual Subscription	£26.00
J Linden	Clerk's salary for July and August 2006 (Includes attendance at Training Event Edington 5 July 2006)	£182.91
J Linden	Mileage Allowance (re above Training Event)	£24.77
J Linden	Admin costs – postage July and August 2006	£7.68

12. Correspondence:

1	Somerset Highways	Parish Survey 05/06
2.	SSDC	Area East Committee Notice of Meeting 9 Aug and Minutes of 12 July 2006
3.	Somerset Highways	Temporary Closure, Pitcombe Rock
4.	“	“
5.	“	“
6	Wincanton Sports Centre	Application for grant
7.	SSDC	Corporate Plan – How Did Year One Go?
8.	SSDC	Clean Neighbourhoods & Environmental Act 2005
9	SSDC	Area East Committee Notice of Meeting 22 Aug and Minutes of 9 August 2006
10.	EnCams	Local Environmental Quality – Town and parish council
11.	Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership of the SLCC
12.	Shopmobility	Request for grant 2007
13.	SSDC	Area East Community Planning Sub Committee Agenda 30 Aug 06
14.	SSDC	Planning (Development Control) on the Move
15.	Somerset Highways	Temporary Closure of B3081 Station Road, Bruton

Meetings and Workshops:

22	SCC	Tue 26 Sep 06 - Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan Workshop, Council Offices Yeovil 2.00 – 4.00 pm
23	SSDC	Wed 27 Sep 06 Annual Housing Strategy Seminar 2006 at Haynes Motor Museum Sparkford – 10.00 am – 4.00 pm
24	SALC	Sat 30 Sep 06 AGM at North Curry Village Hall - 12.30 pm

13. Items for the next agenda.

- Sheepwash (rubble)
- Travellers
- Precept
- Hedges

14. Clerk's Contract

It was proposed and seconded that the council adopt the recommendation of the National Agreement on Salaries and Conditions of Service of Local Council Clerks, amending the Clerk's contract to 4 hours per week minimum effective from 1 April 2007.

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Next meeting Tuesday 10 October 2006.

Please forward all items to Clerk by 29 September 2006.

**From the Parish Clerk:
Mrs Jean Linden
01749 813145**

*Members of the Council are asked to consider the following matters in the exercise of their functions:
Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and
Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights*

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on 10 October 2006

Present: Councillors: Brook, Elliott, Bell, Holt, Carter, Jennings

In the Chair: Councillor Brook

1. **Public Participation**

Concern was expressed at the attempted removal of the mobile home from the conservation area on 9 October 2006. Cllr Brook advised it had been temporarily parked at the entrance of the field and awaits suitable transportation to its new owner in Sturminster Newton.

It was requested that emergency telephone contact details be reinstated on the noticeboards. The clerk agreed to do this.

It was pointed out that clearance work on telephone wires in Honeywick Lane was still outstanding. Fallen branches and debris on the overhead lines causes considerable inconvenience to residents when telephone services are disconnected due to this problem. The Clerk agreed to write to BT regarding this matter.

Activity at Priddles Hill continues to be a concern to residents. Notification of the informal hearing date is still awaited. In the meantime, it was advised that a form 'Reporting a Potential Breach of Planning Control' was available on the SSDC website listed under Planning Enforcement. Completion of this form detailing evidence of any alleged breach was urged.

2. **Co-option to Council**

The Council was advised that no request for an election had been received by the Proper Officer of the South Somerset District Council and the Parish Council were able to co-opt a new Councillor. It was proposed by Cllr Brook and seconded by Councillor Elliott that Mr Mike Taylor be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council. All Councillors were in agreement. Mr Taylor duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took his seat at the Council table.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 September 2006**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2006 be adopted as a true and accurate record. **Approved**

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of 12 September 2006**

Footpaths. Referring to Footpath 22/11, Cllr Elliott reported that the landowner had agreed to place yellow warning markers on the electric fence indicating when it was switched on.

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Cllr Brook reported a problem in Sunny Lane where a stream crosses through a culvert into a Network Rail owned ditch. Lack of ditch maintenance has caused flooding problems in the area with Footpath 22/4 obstructed by standing water. Cllr Brook has written to Network Rail regarding this matter and still awaits a response. District Councillor Winder is assisting with this matter.

At this point the Chairman acknowledged the punctilious support received from County Councillor Robinson and District Council Winder in all matters referred to them.

5. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from County Councillor Robinson, District Councillor Winder, PC Stephenson and PCSO Hooper

6. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

7. **Planning Applications**

06/02973/LBC – W Gyoury & S Bejeone, Nettlecombe, Hadspen, Castle Cary.
Demolition of existing garage, erection of carport & single storey extension & internal alterations to dwelling

06/02973/FUL - W Gyoury & S Bejeone, Nettlecombe, Hadspen, Castle Cary
Demolition of existing garage, erection of carport & single storey extension to dwelling.

The Council had no observations the above applications.

8. **Planning Determinations - Granted**

06/02419/FUL - Chas H Clothier & Son Ltd – The erection of 3 No. dwellings (Revised Scheme to 03/03464/REM for replacement garage door/raising of Plot 2)
LOCATION: Land to North of Sunny Hill Cottages, Mill Lane, Pitcombe, BA10 0NX

06/02598/CON – Mr & Mrs J Holt – Partial demolition of garage and existing extension
LOCATION: Halfways, Hadspen, Castle Cary BA7 7LW

06/02594/FUL – Mr & Mrs J Holt - Partial demolition of garage and existing extension and erection of two-storey extension to provide additional living accommodation
LOCATION: Halfways, Hadspen, Castle Cary BA7 7LW

9. **Planning Determinations – Refused**

06/02259/FUL – Mr G Reynolds – The erection of a single storey timber framed garden room and the carrying out of excavations (GR367377/133220)
LOCATION: Rockville, Pitcombe Rock, Pitcombe BA10 0NY

Application Withdrawn:

06/03032/FUL – Alteration and retain existing earth landscape bund. Location: Tor View Farm Galhampton Hill, Galhampton (Parish – North Cadbury) -

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10. Precept

Copies of the proposed budget for 2007/2008 were circulated to the Council and the Chairman explained the proposed expenditure. It was agreed that maintenance grants to PCC Churchyard and Hadspen Village Hall would remain the same as 2006/07, and a further final grant of £3100.00 for Hadspen Village Hall rebuild was proposed for 2007/08. The grant to Victim Support in 2007/08 was not supported. A proposed precept of £6905.00 represented an 11.5% increase on 2006/07 and on this basis the Council agreed that the budget for 2007/08 should be prepared. The cost of Parish Elections will be met from our reserves.

11. Annual Audit

The annual audit for year ending 31 March 2006 has been approved and is now closed.

12. Reports

At the Chairman's request **Cllr Mike Taylor** agreed to accept the portfolio on parish tidiness.

Cllr Holt reported that she had requested drain clearance for Honeywick Lane, Lime Kiln Lane and surrounding areas.

Cllr Jennings reported he had attended the SSDC Annual Tree Warden meeting on 3 October 2006 and the general view was that not enough consideration was being given to trees when planning applications were approved. After some discussion the Council considered that planting more trees in the Parish hedgerows would enhance the lanes.

Cllr Bell gave the Council a brief history on Sheepwash. Discussion followed regarding the problems experienced with this site namely travellers and fly tipping. The question was raised regarding the necessity and continued existence of the site. It was agreed that Cllr Bell would contact District Councillor Winder and discuss the viability of site clearance and creation of a planting scheme.

13. Accounts for Payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Hadspen Village Hall	Hire of Hall 2005/2006	£83.60
Moore Stephen Accountants	Audit of Pitcombe Parish Accounts	£58.75
J Linden	Clerk's salary for September 2006	£69.63
J Linden	Admin costs – postage September 2006	£4.28
J Linden	Admin costs – computer consumables	£38.65

14. Correspondence

1.	Ansford School	Change of Status – Formal Consultation
2.	SSDC	Area East News Focus on Bruton – Autumn 2006
3.	SSDC	Area East Contact List for Councillors & Clerks
4.	SSDC	Update Parish Elections 2007
5.	SSDC	Department for Transport Hackney Carriage Byelaws
6.	SSDC	Parish Elections 2007

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| 7. | SCC | Meetings with Parish & Town Councils Key Points and Actions |
| 8. | WRVS | Request for Grant |
| 9. | SSDC | Energy Saving Week 23-29 Oct 2006 |
| 10. | SALC | Items of Interest to Councillors and Clerks |

Meetings and Workshops

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| SSDC | Standards Committee Notice of Meeting 27 Sep 06 |
| Mendip NHS | Board Meeting 27 Sep 06, Priory Park, Wells |
| SCC | Workshop - Marketing for Stallholders 10/24/31 Oct 06 |
| SSDC | Area East Committee Notice of Meeting 11 Oct 2006 |
| SSDC | Parish Boundary Review – Meeting 6 Nov 06 |

15. Items for the next agenda

Sheepwash
Trees

Next meeting Tuesday 14 November 2006.

Please forward all items to the Clerk by 3 November 2006.

**From the Parish Clerk:
Mrs Jean Linden
01749 813145**

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on 14 November 2006

Present: Councillors: Elliott, Jennings, Holt, Carter, Taylor
In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: District Councillor Winder

1. **Public Participation**

Complaints were expressed regarding the condition of the road leading from the orchard to Bottom Barn Farm. Large amounts of mud from the tyres of farm vehicles used during apple harvesting were being deposited on the road, and its accumulation was becoming quite a hazard. The question was raised regarding the possibility of clearance either by hosing or scraping the roads at the end of each working day. Clerk agreed to write to Henry Hobhouse about this matter.

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 October 2006**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2006 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of 10 October 2006**

Sheepwash. District Councillor Winder stated that the County Council owned the site and its retention as a grit store is to be continued. The suggested planting scheme for this site is not an option. Cllr Brook asked that Cllr Bell continues to monitor the usage of this site and report to the Council.

Trees. It was decided that Cllr Jennings and Cllr Holt would consider how best to achieve a planting scheme within the parish. They would consider various species, whether to plant in existing hedgerows (with the agreement of landowners), or whether to concentrate on the replacement of old trees. Cllr Jennings advised the Council that grants for tree planting were available from SSDC and we should consider applying in the next financial year. It was agreed that this matter would be raised again in February 2007.

4. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Bell and PC Stephenson

5. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

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6. Priddles Hill

05/03107/COU - Informal Hearing– Andrew Hopkins Concrete Ltd. Siting of low level concrete batching plant, storage of aggregates and parking of associated vehicles (GR 364874/132143)

Cllrs Elliott and Taylor attended the informal hearing on 7 November 2006. The main issues for consideration by the Inspector were:

- Whether the proposal could be justified on economic and sustainability grounds at this location in the countryside?
- The effect of the proposal on the character and appearance of the surrounding area.
- The effect of the proposal on highway safety at the junction of the site with the A371.
- The effect on the living conditions of neighbouring occupiers, with particular reference to noise and dust.

After discussion and a short break the hearing reconvened at the cement works followed by a visit to Priddles Hill site. It was noted by Cllrs Elliott and Taylor that the site had been tidied with no vehicles or workers in appearance. The Inspector viewed all aspects of the site, particularly from Wyke where it is very intrusive. Highways Department noted the safety aspects that were of concern.

Cllr Elliott reported that the hearing had been conducted as an informal discussion with the council being very well informed and supportive towards the parish council.

7. Planning Applications

06/03656/FUL – AH Farms – Replace old defective building with new purpose built structure (GR 364949/132133) **Location:** Priddles Hill Stables, Priddles Hill Farm, Castle Cary, BA7 7LX.

No observations to the plans as laid out.

8. Planning Determinations – Granted

06/02973/FUL - W Gyoury & S Bejeone, Nettlecombe, Hadspen, Castle Cary
Demolition of existing garage, erection of carport and single storey extension to dwelling.

06/03533/FUL – Extension to building to provide dairy milking parlour and collecting yard.
Location: Farm Buildings At Lily Farm, Welham, Castle Cary, BA7 7NF.
Parish: Bratton Seymour **Permission Granted with conditions**

9. Website pitcombepc.org.uk

The Council commended David Jury's elegant re-design of Pitcombe Parish Council website. The site content is excellent with a superb history of the area. It contains Parish Council information and contacts as well as useful links to SSDC departments. The Chairman asked the council to consider whether there were any additional items for inclusion on the website.

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10. Budget/Grants 2007-2008

The Council confirmed the following grant awards for 2007-08

Hadspen Village Hall	£ 460.00
St Leonard's Churchyard	£ 550.00
Parish News	£ 50.00
Hadspen Village Hall rebuild (final grant)	£3100.00

The proposed precept of £6905.00 represented a 7.8% increase on 2006/07 (re-calculated on 183 band D properties not 177 as estimated in October).

11. Reports

Cllr Holt gave the council an update on drain clearance work in the area and continues to monitor completion very closely.

Cllr Taylor discussed the new re-cycling system that was generally working well. There were still some problem areas where collections were not being made ie Lancombe and Nettlecombe Lane. It is hoped that these problems will soon be resolved.

Cllr Carter has continued to monitor the condition of Parish Footpaths giving a full update of problems encountered on her walks (list attached).

District Councillor Winder reported on the Parish Boundary Review Committee Meeting held on 6 November 2006, at which it was agreed that North Cadbury & Yarlinton Parish Council would not be contesting our points of opposition to the proposed move of the Parish boundary.

12. Accounts for Payment:

It was proposed and seconded that the following accounts be approved for payment:

J Linden	Admin costs – postage	£3.84
J Linden	Clerk's salary for October 2006	£69.63

13. Correspondence:

1. SCC Cropping & Ploughing Public Rights of Way – A guide for Landowners and Farmers
2. Flying Liaison Advisory Group (FLAG) Notes of previous meeting and request for parish representatives
3. Local Councils UPDATE October 2006 – invitation to subscribe
4. District Commander Newsletter
Yeovil Police
5. Somerset Highways Temporary Closure of Honeywick Lane – BT Repairs and Works w/c 13 November 2006
6. SSDC South Somerset Local Development Framework – Statement of Community Involvement
7. SSDC Elections 2007 Bulletin No. 1
8. Sen Citizens Advice Annual Report 05-06 – Request for donation

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| 9. | CPRE | Voice Magazine Autumn 2006 |
| 10. | Somerset Rural Youth Project | Questionnaire – Parish Councils |
| 11. | SALC | Minutes of All Areas meeting held on 30 September 06 |
| 12. | SSDC | Local Council Survey – Quality Parish Scheme |

Meetings/Workshops:

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| SSDC Area East Committee | Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act 2005 – 7.30 pm
22 Nov 2006 at Wincanton |
| SSDC | State of the District Meeting – 6.15 pm 23 Nov 06 at
Brympton Way, Yeovil. |
| SSDC | Parish Boundary Review Committee Meeting – 9.30 am
6 Nov 06 at Yeovil |
| SALC | South Area Meeting – 7.30 pm 11 Dec 06 at Queen Camel |
| SSDC | Area East Committee – 9.30 am 08 Nov 06 at Wincanton |

14. **Items for the next agenda.**

Sheepwash

Next meeting Tuesday 12 December 2006.

Please forward all items to Clerk by Friday 1 December 2006.

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

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FOOTPATHS IN PITCOMBE PARISH (November 2006)

No.	Route	Comments/Observations
22/1	Wyke Lane to Bruton via Gants Mill	
22/2	Cole to 22/1	
22/3	A359 to Godminster Lane*	
22/4	A359 at Lisbury to Sunny Lane	Fine, slightly confusing as there are several entrances but the stiles are in good order.
22/5	A359 to Godminster Lane* and Strutters Hill to Godminster Farm.	Nov 06 - a stile broken and several yellow arrows missing.
22/6	Cole to Pitcombe	
22/7	Pitcombe Church to Cole Manor Farm	
22/8	Lancombe Lane	Oct 06 - Good
22/9	St Leonard's Church to Pitcombe Hill and Nettlecombe Hill	Oct/Nov 06 - in good order
22/10	Cole Farm to Ridge Hill	
22/11	Knap Hollow and Ridge Lane	Always in good order
22/12	Ridge Lane to join 22/10 at orchard	July 06 – large infestation of nettles cut later in July, since regrown to about 18 ins. Walked in July, Horses. 2 electric fences at least one working. Long grass since cut. No stile by orchard but can pass. Sept 06 – Horses and travellers. 3 electric fences one at least was working. I managed but slightly daunting. Nov 06 four yellow signs for electric fences hung. Better.
22/13	Ring House over Priddles Hill to A 371	Walked early spring 06. Works taking place. Nov 06 – no sign for footpath on the main road, but a yellow arrow on stile to the first field. Winter wheat or barley growing.
22/14	A371 to Lodge Hill	Both stiles in good order fantastic view!
22/15	Hadspen Farm to Hell Ladder Lane	Hell Ladder lane 2 tippings of rubbish near Hadspen Quarry
22/16	A 359 towards Yarlinton	
22/17	St Leonard's Church to Godminster Farm	Stile at new Vicarage by railway line badly eaten by horses, 2 electric fences. After A359 1 st stile on main road in good condition, 2 nd stile missing cross piece of wood but otherwise perfectly manageable. Well signed with yellow arrows.
22/18	Godminster Lane to Dodd's Corner (Redlynch)	Nov 06 - Good
22/19	Bruton (Durslade Farm) to Redlynch Home Farm	
22/20	Godminster Wood (from Lusty, Bruton) to Redlynch Home Farm*	
22/21	A 359 (Galhampton Hill) to Broadway Lane (Lodge Hill)	

* Only small parts in Pitcombe Parish

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Present: Councillors: Jennings, Carter, Holt, Elliott, Taylor
In the Chair: Councillor Brook
Absent: Councillor Bell

In attendance: County Councillor Robinson
District Councillor Winder

1. **Public Participation**

No comments received.

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 November 2006**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2006 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of 12 September 2006**

Priddles Hill. 05/03107/COU - Informal Hearing - Andrew Hopkins Concrete Ltd. Siting of low level concrete batching plant, storage of aggregates and parking of associated vehicles. The Chairman announced the the appeal by Andrew Hopkins had been dismissed. (Planning Inspector's report attached).

It was reported that a certain amount of vehicular activity is continuing at Priddles Hill and Councillor Elliott agreed to contact Mr Myer, Enforcement Officer regarding this.

Mud on Road (Apple Harvesting). In response to the Council's request, Mr Hobhouse has agreed to scrape mud and debris deposited on the road around the orchard area during apple harvesting. This will be carried out next year (2007).

4. **Apologies for absence**

None received.

5. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

6. **Planning Applications**

06/04494/FUL – Gerald Spratling – Erection of 2 storey extension to front of dwelling

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Location: Manor Farm, Cole. (**Revised Plan**)

The council had no observations on this application.

06/04460/FUL - Mr & Mrs West – Erection of first floor extension

Location: 1 Gristway Cottages, Hadspen, Castle Cary. (**Revised Plan**)

The council had no observations on this application.

7. **Precept**

It was proposed and seconded that the precept for 2007/08 be set at £6905.00

8. **Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)**

The Clerk attended a meeting of Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC) on 11 December 2006, where proposals for Local Government Reorganisation (outlined in Local Government White Paper, published by Ruth Kelly on 26 October 2006) were discussed. The proposals were met with mixed reactions, as there were gaps and areas where further clarification, only by the draft legislation, would provide a better understanding.

District Councillor Robinson and Local Councillor Winder explained the proposals to the Parish Council. The LGR will include significant proposals to extend the scope and powers of town and parish councils. Councillors Robinson and Winder urged members of the Parish Council to attend forthcoming meetings on 4 and 10 January 2007 to gain an understanding of the scope and new powers.

9. **Reports**

Cllr Taylor gave a report on the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 Workshop - the main topic fly posting. Councillor Taylor explained the implications of this new legislation, which will apply to events being held at the Village Hall including renting organisations. Any complaints received by the Environmental Department regarding fly posting could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of £80 being issued for each poster that has been posted. Fixed Penalty Notices can be issued to the beneficiary as well as the person posting the posters. Section 31 of the Act enables the local authority to issue a notice requiring the removal of such notices within 28 days. Section 34 of the Act allows local authorities to recover the cost of removing the fly-posters from the person whose goods or services are being promoted by the fly poster. Discretion should be exercised in the posting of notices and guidance/ permission sought from the Environmental Enforcement Officer, Lyndsey Gempton 01935 462830.

Cllr Taylor advised that details of Refuse and Recycling collection arrangements for Christmas and the New Year 2006-07 had been received and will be posted on the parish noticeboards.

Cllr Taylor referred to Honeywick Hill and problems encountered with trees leaning down on overhead BT cabling. A job number has been allocated to the clearance work and it is available to anyone following up on progress.

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Cllr Jennings informed the Parish Council that a meeting with the Bursar of Sunny Hill School and a District Council representative had been arranged to discuss tree maintenance and any necessary replanting within the grounds.

Cllr Carter gave an update on her progress with footpath maintenance stating that she had written to the landowners regarding the ploughing of field edges. Cllr Brook mentioned the floodwater obstruction to footpath 22/4 which also causes access problems to Gants Mill. Despite correspondence with Network Rail on this matter ditch clearance work in Sunny Lane had not been completed. District Councillor Winder advised that SSDC were unable to assist with the problem as they were not permitted on railway land.

Chairman – the Chairman referred to a new initiative which he had reported in the Pitcombe Parish News. Some anxious responses had been received regarding the proposal by Mr Hobhouse, in outline agreement with Mr Walters, to explore the possibility of erecting a wind turbine on top of Nettlecombe Hill. Mr Hobhouse, who was present at the meeting, gave an explanation of his proposal to the parish council. After some discussion, it was decided that a leaflet detailing the proposal would be produced by Mr Hobhouse for circulation to all residents of the parish. After consideration by the residents a meeting will be arranged in January 2007 to discuss the matter further. Cllr Taylor pointed out that Ansford School were also proposing to erect a wind turbine on the school playing field. The Clerk agreed to write to the Chairman of Governors at Ansford School requesting information on their proposals.

10. Accounts for Payment

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11. Correspondence:

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2. SCC Parish Emergency Plans
3. CPRE Autumn Newsletter 2006
4. Somerset Highways Mud on Road - Pitcombe
5. SCC Localisation and Frontline Councillors
6. SSDC Local Government Reorganisation and South Somerset
7. Thatch Rural Community Magazine Winter 2006
8. Community Council for Somerset Community Update – Funding News
9. Planning Inspectorate Appeal by Andrew Hopkins Concrete Ltd
10. SSDC Refuse & Recycling Collection Arrangements Christmas & New Year 2006/07
11. CPRE Fieldwork – Newsletter - December 2006

Meetings and Workshops

SSDC	Area East Planning Sub Committee – 29 November 2006
SSDC	State of the District Meeting - 23 November 2006
SALC	Association Area Meetings 11 December 2006 – Queen Camel Village Hall.

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SSDC Area East	Notice of Committee Meeting 13 December 2006 – 9.30 am Wincanton
SSDC Area East	Standards Committee Meeting 13 December 2006 – 9.30 am Wincanton
SSDC Area East	Local Government Review – Annual Parish Meeting for all Town & Parish Councils in Area East – 04 January 2007 – 7.00 pm Council Offices, Wincanton.
Wincanton Town Council	Area Meeting to discuss future of County, District & Parish Councils following the issue of the White Paper on Local Government – 10 January 2007 – 7.00 pm – Sports Ground, Moor Lane.

12. **Items for the next agenda**

Wind turbine proposal Nettlecombe Hill
Sheepwash

Next meeting Tuesday 9 January 2007.

Please forward all items to the Clerk by 29 December 06.

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Minutes of the Pitcombe Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2006 in the Village Hall, Hadspen

Present: Approximately 12 members of the Public
District Councillor Winder
PCSO Thelma Mead

In the Chair: Councillor Charles Brook, Chairman of the Parish Council

1. Opening remarks and welcome

Councillor Charles Brook opened the meeting welcoming all those present including the new Parish Clerk Jean Linden.

2. To receive the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th May 2005.

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes be approved as a true record.

3. Matters arising

Paragraph 4 **Highways** - It was pointed out by Mrs Coghill-Smith that the state of some of the roads, namely Lime Kiln Lane, was still not satisfactory and that drains remain blocked.

4. Report on the work of the Parish Council for the year April 2005-March 2006.

Councillor Brook expressed his thanks and appreciation to County Councillor Justin Robinson (in his absence) and District Councillor Alexandria Winder for their considerable support throughout the year.

Slurry lagoon – Councillor Brook acknowledged the effort involved by Sue Smith, former councillor in connection with the Slurry Lagoon. Councillor Brook is confident that the Environmental Agency would be very supportive to us in respect of any future plans for usage of this site.

Planning – Councillor Brook reported that our planning system was working well and proceeded to give an update on Priddles Hill Farm and the representations by Pitcombe Parish Council to the Appeal by Andrew Hopkins Concrete Ltd.

The Parish Council opposed the change of use for Priddles Hill Farm site, which lies on its western boundary, on nine grounds which may be summarised that it was outside any development area, obtrusive and inimical to the interests of the rest of the parish, the nearest residents of which live 500 metres to the north east of the site, by reason of the noise and dust being carried on the prevailing wind.

These objections were recognised in the decision of the South Somerset District Council to refuse change of use of the premises from B1 and B2.

Draft minutes subject to confirmation

The grounds of Appeal fall under four headings and Pitcombe Parish Council made the following observations on them:

01. This paragraph reiterates the original proposal and addresses none of the reasons why it was refused.
02. The provision of sites and jobs is not germane to the Hearing.
03. There will, of course, be additional car traffic on the site if it is developed.
04. The appellant has failed to understand the objection of the Highway Authority and of this Council; the issue is not simply the exit from the site but the contours and curves of the A371 to the north and south of it which obstruct the view. The notion that there is “no chance of an accident..” in the context of the projected lorry movements is fatuous.

The unauthorised works carried out since the change of use was refused, which have been the subject of many complaints to the Enforcement Planner of SSDC who has stopped them, reinforces the anxiety of this Council that there is significant danger of creeping development if the appeal is allowed.

Policing – Councillor Brook stated his appreciation of the community policing and acknowledged the excellent response and support given to the community by PC Sara Stephenson assisted by PCSO Thelma Mead. Regarding unauthorised traffic in the lanes the action to be taken is as follows:

Note the vehicle number – ring Thelma (mobile 07875 903451) or
Sara Stephenson – Police 0845 4567000 (ask for Portishead).

It was emphasised that the number of logged reports carry weight in bringing about action against these incidents. Thelma Mead reported that the damaged wall by the Quarry had been rebuilt.

Speed Limits – Councillor Brook acknowledged that Councillor Holt had encountered huge problems with this matter but had worked tirelessly to get speed limit signs erected at Pitcombe. Councillor Holt was hopeful, at least, of 30 mph signage being erected at Pitcombe/Cole but due to funding and the fact that it is a highways matter it is out of the hands of the District Council.

Hadspen Village Hall – Councillor Brook acknowledged the huge financial commitment the parish is undertaking with the Village Hall rebuild, which deserves thanks to everyone. As a parish we are doing our very best to raise the funds and with no objections to the initiative.

St Leonard’s Church – The parish is also taking on a colossal fund raising effort for repair work which is due to start May/Autumn 2007.

5. **To discuss any motions of which notice has been given to the Clerk**

None received.

6. **Open Discussion**

Speed Limits – Mr Elliott asked what were the criteria for traffic speed limits. After much discussion it was decided that there were inconsistencies throughout the region regarding the positioning of certain speed limits

Slurry Lagoon – Referring to para 4, Mr Taylor asked the Chairman, Councillor Brook to acknowledge everyone who had put in considerable time and effort regarding this matter. The Chairman, Councillor Brook apologised for this oversight and freely acknowledged the efforts of everyone who had been involved.

Mr Pheby enquired about any future plans for use of the Slurry Lagoon site. Councillor Brook reiterated that the Environmental Department would be very supportive to us in respect of any future plans that may arise.

Conservation Area – Mr Pheby enquired as to the progress regarding the mobile home in the Conservation area. The Chairman assured Mr Pheby that Mr Myer, Enforcement Officer has the matter firmly in hand.

Priddles Hill Farm – Mr Elliott enquired about local area opposition to the planning application. He was assured that Castle Cary's opposition had been very strong and thorough in this respect.

Councillor Brook thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at approximately 8.15 pm

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on 9 January 2007

Present: Councillors: Jennings, Carter, Holt, Taylor
In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: PCSO Hooper

1. **Public Participation**

The Chairman assured the public that they would have the opportunity to participate during item 6.

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 December 2006**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2006 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of 12 December 2006**

Priddles Hill. The Chairman reported that Mr Myer, Planning Enforcement Officer had not been aware of the Appeal Dismissal and would now investigate the parking of vehicles on site.

Local Government Review. The Chairman briefed the Council on the Annual Parish Meeting for Town and Parish Councils (Area East) held on 4 January 2007 covering the subject of LGR. Since publication of the White Paper, plans for a single unitary Council covering the area served by Somerset County Council are being considered. However, the District Council feel a unitary Council for Somerset is too wide an area and are working on a model that provides for two unitaries namely:

- The eastern side of Somerset covered by the Mendip District Council and South Somerset District Council boundaries and,
- The western side of Somerset covered by the Sedgemoor District Council, West Somerset District Council and Taunton Deane Borough Council boundaries.

There is still much to be considered in determining what is best for towns and Parishes. Area meetings are taking place to provide more information and seek the views of Town and Parish Councils on the proposals. A business case to create a Unitary Council for Somerset is being prepared for submission by 22 January 2007.

4. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Councillor Elliott.

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Councillor Resignation

The Chairman announced, with regret, the resignation of Councillor Iain Bell and expressed his gratitude for the many years of service given to the community.

It would not be appropriate to fill the vacancy by co-option at this stage with elections taking place on 3 May 2007. The Chairman urged members of the public to consider standing as candidates for the forthcoming Parish Council election.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Wind Turbine Proposal – Nettlecombe Hill

Leaflets outlining a proposal by Mr Hobhouse to construct a Community Wind Turbine on Nettlecombe Hill are being distributed to residents of the Parish. A Public Meeting has been arranged for 30 January 2007 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm where further discussion on the proposal will take place.

Further to the Clerk's request, Mr Benzie, Headteacher, Ansford Community School attended the meeting to give a talk to the Council on the school's proposal to install a wind turbine on the school playing field.

Mr Benzie stated that Ansford School had been identified as being one of 15 sites that would be viable for a wind turbine. With increasing electricity costs the school had identified an opportunity for self-sufficiency and eventual elimination of these costs by the construction of a wind turbine. Mr Benzie went on to discuss the options being considered:

- Option 1 - Three x 15 kW, 22 metre high wind turbines
- Option 2 - One 220 kW, 37 metre high (approx) wind turbine
- Option 3 - One x 330 kW, 44 metre high wind turbine (possibly income generating)

A pre-planning application based on Option 3 has now been submitted to Somerset County Council.

Mr Benzie stated that there had been a very positive response from students and others to the wind turbine proposal.

Mr Benzie then answered questions raised by the public and Parish Council. He gave his assurance that it was not the school's intention to proceed without community agreement or involvement and wished to avoid public antipathy towards the proposal.

The Chairman thanked Mr Benzie for attending the meeting, requesting that he keeps Pitcombe Parish Council informed of progress.

7. Planning Application

06/04657/FUL - Mr C Comer & Mr D York, Renewal of temporary siting of mobile home
Location: Grove Farm Quarry, Lime Kiln Lane, Hadspen, Castle Cary.

The Council had no objections to this application.

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8. Reports

Cllr Taylor reported that overhead telephone cabling in Honeywick Lane continues to be damaged by overhanging trees. BT has been contacted on several occasions regarding this problem but the work remains outstanding. Cllr Taylor stated that residents of Hadspen are regularly inconvenienced by disrupted telephone services and he would be contacting BT with regard to this.

Cllr Carter referring to the ploughing of field edges stated that she had heard from Mr Peter Wyatt who had agreed to roll the edges from next year.

Cllr Jennings reported on a very successful meeting with The Bursar of Sunny Hill School and District Council representatives regarding the removal of trees. As a result only one ash tree will need to be removed due to driveway widening. A planning application will be submitted for the whole project - driveway and landscaping. It is proposed that a number of trees will be planted on the roadside of the school field.

Cllr Holt stated that cleaning of Lancombe Lane had been requested and that she now had a job number for this work. There are a number of potholes in the area requiring attention and Cllr Holt will report these.

9. Accounts for Payment

It was proposed and seconded that the following accounts be approved for payment:

J Linden	Admin costs – postage	£4.80
J Linden	Clerk's salary for December 2006	£69.63

10. Correspondence:

1. SSDC Minutes - Scrutiny Committee Tue 24 October 06
2. David Heath MP Seasons Greetings
3. SCC Somerset Gateway - Information Partnership
4. SSDC Local Council Survey
5. SSDC Meeting Notes - Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act, 22 Nov 06
6. David Heath MP Petition - Rural Post Offices
7. SS Voluntary Services Winter 2006 Newsletter
8. SSDC Summary of Accounts 2005/06
9. BTCV (Conservation Charity) Management of conservation projects engaging volunteers.

Meetings and Workshops:

- SSDC Area East Committee Notice of Meeting – 10 January 2007 Wincanton, 9.30 am. (Flood Risk Manager addressing concerns re proposed reduction of river maintenance budget and long-term effect on local rivers).

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Wincanton Town Council Area Meeting – Future of County, District and Parish
Councils in East Somerset following issue of the White Paper
on Local Government. 10 January 2007, Wincanton Sports
Ground, Moor Lane 7.00 for 7.30 pm

11. Items for the next agenda

Please forward all items to the Clerk by 2 February 2007

Next meeting Tuesday 13 February 2007.

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in
Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 13 February 2007**

Present: Councillors: Brook, Carter, Elliott, Taylor
In the Chair: Councillor Brook
Absent: Councillor Jennings

In attendance: County Councillor Robinson
District Councillor Winder

1. Public Participation

Comments were received on the Wind Turbine and the Chairman stated that this would be dealt with under agenda item 6.

It was reported that motorcyclists had returned to the Quarry area. There had been many bikes and associated motor vehicles during a recent weekend and their activities were creating a nuisance. The police had been contacted at Portishead and as a result PCSO Hooper had patrolled the area the following weekend. It is important to get as much evidence as possible by way of vehicle registration numbers (bikes and cars) involved with this nuisance.

It should be noted that when contacting Portishead 0845 456 7000 a 'Crime Number' be obtained as this ensures that your call receives follow up action.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 9 January 2007

The minutes of the meeting were agreed with the following addition and amendment:

Addition at Item 6 Wind Turbine Proposal – Nettlecombe Hill

“Mr Benzie committed to carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment prior to submitting a planning application for a Wind Turbine at Ansford School.”

Amendment Item 8 Reports (Para 2)

Cllr Carter referring to the ploughing of fields stated that she had heard from Mr Peter Wyatt who had agreed to roll the footpath next year.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of 9 January 2007

There were no matters arising.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Holt.

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5. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

6. **Wind Turbine – Nettlecombe Hill**

Referring to the informative meeting held on 30 January 2007 the Chairman asked the Council to consider whether it wished to consult the electorate with regard to a feasibility study of renewable energy sources being carried out. After discussion the Council agreed that further developments on this matter be awaited and consultation with the electorate be postponed for the time being.

7. **Local Government Reorganisation**

County Councillor Robinson confirmed that no agreement had been reached on the unitary structure proposals for Somerset County Council. A business case has been submitted and the Government will announce, by the end of March, areas that will progress to stage 2. Final decisions on areas restructuring will be announced in July 2007.

8. **Elections 2007**

Local elections will take place on 3 May 2007 and the Chairman urged those present to consider standing for election/re-election.

The Council has received a Democracy Pack of information on Town and Parish Elections - details will be posted on the website www.pitcombepc.org.uk and notice boards in March.

9. **Planning Application**

07/00409/CON – J Clothier - Installation of window in gable of dwelling

Location: Hackney Stables, Pitcombe Hill, Pitcombe, BA10 0PF

The Council was informed that planning permission was not required for this application.

9a. **Cllr Elliott** reported the production and storage of methane gas at Bottom Barn Farm. Mr Myer, Enforcement Officer will be consulted regarding this matter.

9b. **Cllr Elliott** also referred to the mobile home at Bottom Barn Farm and will consult with Mr Myer over its continued siting.

9c. **The Chairman** reported that Mr Myer had reached an agreement with Andrew Hopkins that the remaining aggregate will be removed by Easter. Mr Hopkins will also attend to the mess at the back of the site. A retrospective Planning Application will be made in respect of the dugout and contour of valley floor.

10. **Planning Determinations Granted**

06/04494/FUL – Gerald Spratling – Erection of 2 storey extension to front of dwelling

Location: Manor Farm, Cole.

06/04460/FUL - Mr & Mrs West – Erection of first floor extension

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Location: 1 Gristway Cottages, Hadspen, Castle Cary.

06/04657/FUL - Mr C Comer & Mr D York, Renewal of temporary siting of mobile home.

Location: Grove Farm Quarry, Lime Kiln Lane, Hadspen, Castle Cary.

11. Reports

Cllr Holt (not in attendance) provided notes in respect of a traffic accident outside the houses on the A359 at Hill View on 10 February 2007. There were two casualties and the road was closed for several hours. Cllr Holt has written to Mr Colin Fletcher, South Somerset Highways requesting a re-think on speed limits and signage. **County Councillor Robinson** reported that Colin Fletcher will visit and review the situation. He will also investigate cutting back the vegetation to help improve visibility.

Cllr Taylor reported the overhanging trees in Honeywick Lane and will contact Highways regarding this ongoing problem.

Cllr Carter reporting on footpaths stated that she had been in contact with Priddles Hill Farm regarding the fingerpost. A response was still awaited from Mr Hollingbury regarding repairs to the broken stile and missing yellow markers.

County Councillor Robinson spoke about Area Working Panels and a forthcoming meeting on at 6–8.30 pm on 21 February at Long Sutton Golf Club. The Area Panels will be looking at how County Council services can be delivered locally in the future and provide easier access to the residents of each area of Somerset.

The **Chairman** mentioned receipt of Tree Preservation Order (Pitcombe No. 1) that specifies the trees at Priddles Hill Farm, Pitcombe.

12. Accounts for Payment:

J Linden	Admin costs – postage	£3.84
J Linden	Clerk’s salary for January 2007	£69.63

13. Correspondence:

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies.

1.	SSDC	Countryside Access Team – Contact Details
2.	SCC	SCC Business Case to create Unitary Council for Somerset
3.	SCC	Somerset Access – Newsletter 2006
4.	SST	Local Strategic Partnerships
5.	Chair of Bruton	Booklet – Bruton: The Way forward Action Plan
6.	Yeovil Police	Public Feedback Survey 2006 - Citizen Focused Policing Programme Board
7.	SALC	Democracy Pack – Elections 2007
8.	SCC	Area Working Panels
9.	SSDC	Local Government Reorganisation – Recent Workshops
10.	SSDC	Re Meeting Wincanton 10 January - Apology
11.	Somerset Highways	Temporary Closure B3081 – 11 Feb 07.
12.	SALC	Items of Interest to Clerks and Councillors January 2007

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| 13. | SSDC | Local Government Reorganisation and South Somerset |
| 14. | SCC | Community Chest re-launch |
| 15. | SSDC | Town and Country Planning - Pitcombe Tree Preservation Order 2006 |
| 16. | SSDC | Elections 2007 – Becoming a District Councillor (Booklet) |
| 17. | SSDC | Elections Bulletin No. 2 |
| 18. | SSDC | Area East Committee |
| 19. | | Leaflet South West Planning Aid |
| 20. | SW Regional Assembly | Regional Space Strategy – Newsletter Nov 2006 |
| 21. | SALC | Parish & Town Elections 3 May 07 |
| 22. | SALC | Minutes of South Area Meeting 11 December 2006 |
| 23. | NALC | Legal Briefing - Consultation on Amendments to Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members. |
| 24. | Communities & Local Government | Consultation Paper Amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members. |
| 25. | Audit Commission | Appointment of External Auditor – Moore Stephens 06/07 |

Meetings and Workshops:

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| SSDC | Parish Plan Workshop 7 pm 15 February 07, Chilthorne Domer |
| SSDC | Area East Committee Notice of Meeting 0930, 14 February 2007, Wincanton |
| SALC | Parish & Town Elections 3 May – Workshops for Prospective Candidates |
| SALC | South Area Meeting 7.30 pm 12 March 07, West Camel |

14. Annual Parish Meeting

The Council agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 10 April 2007 at 7.30 pm followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

Next meeting Tuesday 13 March 2007

Please forward all items to the Clerk by 1 March 2007.

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 13 March 2007

Present: Councillors: Brook, Elliott, Holt, Taylor, Carter, Jennings
In the Chair: Councillor Brook

1. **Public Participation**

The Chairman welcomed the attendance of Mr John Burrough, Headmaster, Bruton School for Girls. **Mr Burrough** then explained the need for extra street lighting on the A359 and concerns felt by the School and Parents regarding the safety of pupils crossing the road to gain access to the Astroturf sports pitch and Old Vicarage Boarding House. The Highways Authority have advised that the safest point for pupils to cross lies outside the front of Old House, a point which becomes extremely dark once night falls and light fades. There is a telegraph pole situated at the crossing point which could be used to mount an additional street light. Mr Burrough stated that the school were prepared to fund the estimated cost of £500 for the lighting. The Parish Council fully supports this safety measure and the Clerk agreed to write to Mr Philip Bennett, Assistant Highway Lighting Engineer, Somerset County Council to inform him of this decision.

The **Chairman** announced that PCSO Tim Russell had been appointed to replace PCSO Barbara Hooper. His contact details are as follows:

Portishead: 0845 456 7000 (obtain call log number to ensure follow up)
e-mail: timothy.russell@avonandsomerset.police.uk

A question regarding the cost and necessity of replacing a School sign in Sunny Lane was raised. **Mr Burroughs** suggested it had been included as part of Bruton School's request for extra school signage in the area. The council agreed the new style sign was probably a legal requirement.

It was reported that the flood system was not working in the Hadspen area. **Cllr Holt** agreed to hasten progress on this work for which several job numbers had already been allocated.

A request was made for all correspondence items addressed to the Parish Council to be included on the Agenda listing. It was agreed by the Chairman and Clerk that in future official correspondence and parishioner correspondence will be included in the listing.

Concern was raised regarding the white posts which had appeared in the field near Priddles Hill House. Residents were concerned about the possible creation of a pond and the Clerk agreed to write to Mr Hopkins regarding this matter.

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A request to remove Wind Turbine documentation from the parish website was received and this action has been completed.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 13 February 2007

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2007 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of 13 February 2007

Storage of Methane Gas Bottom Barn Farm. Cllr Elliott awaits a response from Mr Myer, Planning Officer regarding this matter.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Robinson.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Annual Parish Meeting

The format for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 10 April 2007 was discussed and, in recognition of the work carried out on Hadspen Estate footpaths, it was agreed that the Chairman would invite Rosie Hobhouse to attend the meeting to thank her for the excellent work.

It was further agreed that a refreshment break would be taken after the Annual Parish Meeting. The Parish Council Meeting would continue after the break.

7. Elections 2007

In preparation for the forthcoming parish elections the Clerk issued nomination packs to all Parish Councillors. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the Clerk or downloaded from www.southsomerset.gov.uk or by contacting the Elections team on 01935 462462.

8. Planning Consultation

06/04460/FUL (Amendment to approval) – Mr & Mrs D West – Change of window to french doors with low parapet wall and railings to provide balcony

Location: Gristways, Hadspen House, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7NQ.

No observations.

Planning Determinations Granted

06/03656/FUL – A H Farms – Replace defective building with new purpose built structure.

Location: Priddles Hill Stables, Priddles Hill Farm, Cary Hill, Castle Cary BA7 7LX

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9. Reports

Cllr Taylor referred to the overhanging trees in Honeywick Lane and a letter received from Somerset Highways dated 8 March 2007. The letter did not address concerns regarding BT cables sustaining damage from overhanging trees and the seriousness of disconnected lines in an emergency situation. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Andrew Hopkins, BT and SSDC Highways Authority.

Cllr Holt reported that she had a job number for the blocked drains at the top of Honeywick Lane. The drains opposite Nettlecombe and Cole Manor House were also reported blocked.

Cllr Jennings reported that dead trees between the cottages and Pitcombe Rock had recently been felled. He also mentioned another tall dead tree standing nearby which represented a hazard if it were to fall. Cllr Holt agreed to contact Highways regarding responsibility for the land area on which it stands.

Cllr Taylor mentioned that a motorcyclist had been caught by PCSO Tim Russell in the Quarry Area last weekend. An accompanying vehicle, a Volvo bus had also been reported.

10. Accounts for Payment:

J Linden	Admin costs – postage	£5.22
J Linden	Clerk's salary for January 2007	£69.63

11. Correspondence:

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies.

1.	SSDC	Parish Paths Stewardship Scheme Bulletin
2.	NALC	Review of Quality Town and Parish Council Scheme
3.	SSDC	Parish Boundary Review Committee
4.	SSDC	Area East Community Planning Sub Committee 28 February 2007
5.	SSDC	Standards Committee 28 February 2007
6.	SSDC	Standards Committee Minutes of 13 December 2006
7.	SSDC	East Somerset Unitary Submission
8.	Bruton School	Proposed Extra Street Light on A359 at Bruton School
9.	SSDC	South Somerset News – March 2007
10.	Vista	Vista Training Programme 2007
11.	David Heath CBE	Re Post Office Petition and EDM
12.	Somerset Highways	Highway Matters
13.	CPRE	Fieldwork Newsletter March 2007
14.	CPRE	Houses & Gardens 2007

Meetings/Workshops:

SLCC	Somerset Branch 2007 Meeting - 30 March 2007
SSDC	Area East Committee Meeting - Notice of Meeting - 0930 Wednesday 14 March 2007

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12. Items for the next agenda.

Please forward items to the Clerk by 30 March 2007.

Next meeting Tuesday 10 April 2007 following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in
Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 10 April 2007**

Present: Councillors, Brook, Elliott, Holt, Taylor, Carter and Jennings
In the Chair: Councillor Brook

In attendance: County Councillor Robinson

1. Public Participation

No comments received.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 13 March 2007

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2007 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Approved

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of 13 March 2007

Storage of Methane Gas Bottom Barn Farm – Councillor Elliott stated that this was not yet in production and there had been no planning application submitted for the purpose.

4. Apologies for absence

None received.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Elections 2007

Councillor Brook stated seven nominations had been received by the Returning Officer and Pitcombe Parish would not be having an election.

7. Accounts

The Clerk presented copies of the accounts for year-end 31 March 2007, which were approved and signed by the Chairman Councillor Brook.

8. Planning Consultation

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07/01166/FUL – Ms Caroline Donald – Removal of existing timber garage and replacement with single-storey, shingle-roofed timber garden room/garden shed.
Location: Pacets, Hadspen, Castle Cary BA7 7LX.

No observations.

07/01393/FUL – A H Farming – Change of use of barn to light industrial and refurbishment into 3 units.
Location: Priddles Hill Farm, Cary Hill, Castle Cary BA7 7NJ

The Council had no serious objections to this application but in view of the history of this site the Parish Council would like the Planning Officer to enquire as to what sort of activity is proposed in respect of light industrial use and increase in traffic.

9. Reports

Councillor Taylor awaits information regarding the tree clearance work on the overhead BT lines in Honeywick Lane.

Councillor Taylor announced Somerset Waste Partnership's (SWP) home composting scheme is now offering reduced priced composting bins to local residents. Leaflets are available to those who are interested in purchasing this equipment.

Councillor Holt reported that Honeywick drains are now cleared, much discussion had taken place with the authorities and everyone was happy with the outcome. The drain in Cole has also been attended to and is now reported clear.

Councillor Holt stated that she and Councillor Jennings had surveyed a dead and dangerous tree approximately 60 feet high on the road fork with Pitcombe Rock and the A359. The tree has been marked with paint and is considered to be a danger to overhead BT wires and the boarding house on the opposite side of the road.

Councillor Jennings agreed with Councillor Holt's comments regarding the tree and stated he was very concerned. It was agreed that Cllr Holt would contact Scott Davis SSDC to try and establish responsibility for the land on which the tree stands.

Councillor Carter spoke about footpaths and referred to the planting of hedging along the footpath 22/6 to the side of Cole Manor. The Rights of Way Team, SSDC have supplied a spreadsheet for completion regarding clearance and usage of Rights of Way within the Parish of Pitcombe. Discussion followed with Cllr Jennings as to the usage of Lancome Lane as a footpath and bridleway. Opposition had been raised in 2004 to the proposed re-categorisation of this pathway from a Road Used as Public Path (RUPP) to a Byeway Open to all Traffic (BOAT).

County Councillor Robinson commented on the Hill View speed limit signage. He stated that a speed check was scheduled to be carried out in the next week and the results may lead to a 40 mph speed limit being imposed.

Chairman Councillor Brook suggested that we write to District Councillor Winder acknowledging her support to the Parish Council. The Clerk agreed to do this.

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10. **Accounts for Payment:**

SALC	Affiliation Fee 2007-2008	£81.14
J Linden	Admin costs – Printer/Copier consumables and postage	£41.42
J Linden	Clerk’s salary for March 2007	£69.63

11. **Correspondence:**

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies.

1.	John Burrough Headmaster	Bruton School – Proposed Extra Street Light A359
2.	DCA	Memorial Safety
3.	SSDC	Somerset Local Area Agreement Summary – Sept 2006
4.	SCC	South Somerset Area Working Panel – Minutes
5.	SSDC	Notes of Meeting – South Somerset Village Shops & Post Offices
6.	SCC	Invitation to subscribe to Community Council for Somerset
7.	Highways	Highway Lighting A359 Cole Road, Pitcombe – acknowledgement of Parish support.
8.	Yeovil Police	Chief Superintendent’s update on Community Safety and neighbourhood policing.
9.	SSDC	Street Trading Policy – proposed amendment
10.	Audit Commission	Appointment of Moore Stephens Auditors
11.	SSDC	Refuse & Recycling Collection Bank Holiday 2007
12.		Castle Cary & Ansford Newsletter – February 2007
13.	Land Mgt Info Service	Parish Mapping on CD ROM promotion
14.	SCC	Statement of Community Involvement
15.	SCC	Thatch Magazine – Spring 2007
16.	Moore Stephens	Notice of Annual Audit for year end 31 March 2007
17.	SSDC	Tree Warden Newsletter- Tree Talk
18.	SCC	Parish/Town Council Questionnaire- Highway Related Services
19.	SCC	Home Composting – reduced price bins available to Somerset residents
20.	SCC	Information Sheet – Environmental Maintenance
21.	Clerks & Council Direct	Newsletter – March 2007
22.	SCC	Your Somerset – News from SCC – April 2007
23.	SSDC	Rights of Way Network Management
24.	SCC	Public Rights of Way and Open Access Land – Guide for Dog Owners and Walkers

Meetings/Workshops:

SCC	Somerset Area Working Panel – 6.45 pm at Victoria Hall, Crewkerne - 24 April 2007
SCC	Area Working Team – Invitation to discuss Somerset County Councils Unitary Proposals – 6.00 for 6.30 pm Bath & West Showground on 18 April & 22 May 2007

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SSDC	Illegal Advertising Protocol – Meeting at 9.30 am Brympton Way Yeovil on 10 April 2007
SSDC	Area East Community Planning Sub Committee – 9.30 am Wincanton – 28 March 2007
SSDC	Area East Committee Meeting – 9.30 am, 11 April 07 - Wincanton
SCC	Invitation to discuss SCC Unitary Proposals - additional meeting – Marston Magna Village Hall at 6.30 pm on 29 May 07

The new council will convene on 15 May 2007.

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

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Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in
The Village Hall, Hadspen, on Tuesday 15 May 2007 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: Beech, Carter, Elliott, Hartnell, Jury, Taylor, Whittaker
In the Chair: Councillor Elliott/Councillor Taylor

1. Acceptance of Office

Cllr Elliott opened the meeting and welcomed the new Councillors who signed their Acceptance of Office witnessed by the Clerk.

2. Election of Chairman for the year 2007-2008

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Mike Taylor be appointed as Chairman. Cllr Taylor signed the form of Acceptance of Office as Chairman witnessed by the Clerk.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2007-2008

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Jenny Elliott be appointed as Vice-Chairman. Cllr Elliott signed the form of Acceptance of Office as Vice Chairman witnessed by the Clerk.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 April 2007

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2007 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

5. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from District Councillor Felton and PC Sara Stephenson.

6. Registration of Interests

New Councillors were issued with the registration document and asked to complete by the date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

7. Model Code of Conduct

The Clerk issued copies of Statutory Instrument No. 1159 (Model Code of Conduct) to the Council. A resolution adopting the new revised code will take place at a future meeting.

8. Portfolio Holders

Portfolios were agreed as follows:

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Cllr Taylor	Tel: 01963 351863	Chairman, Finance, PR
Cllr Mike Beech	Tel: 01749 812335	*
Cllr Camilla Carter	Tel: 01963 351106	Parish Footpaths
Cllr Jenny Elliott	Tel: 01963 350999	Environmental, Primary Healthcare
Cllr Neville Hartnell	Tel: 01749 812996	*
Cllr David Jury	Tel: 01749 812149	Highways
Cllr Ann Whittaker	Tel: 01963 359222	Parish Tidiness, Litter, grass cutting

* To be allocated

Mr Martin Jennings agreed to continue as Pitcombe Tree Warden.

9. **Banking Mandate**

It was agreed that Councillors Taylor and Beech be appointed as signatories for the Parish Council current account and a revised mandate form was completed.

10. **Training**

The Clerk advised on New Councillor Training and issued a programme of events to all Councillors.

11. **Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed and seconded that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Allianz Cornhill	Insurance 2007-2008	£308.89
Mrs J Linden	Admin costs – postage	£5.52
Mrs J Linden	Clerk's salary for April 2007	£139.27

12. **Meeting Dates for 2007-2008**

The new council agreed to meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

The Clerk advised that Councillors meet before the next Parish Council meeting to consider Planning Proposals. A meeting was arranged for 22 May 2007.

13. **Any Other Business**

Cllr Elliott reported that she has been in contact with James Myer regarding the mound of soil at Priddles Hill. The clerk informed Cllr Elliott that a Planning Consultation had now been received in respect of this.

Cllr Jury reported that the barrier at Sheepwash Gritting Store looked insecure and was empty of grit. He undertook to contact the Council regarding security of the site.

Cllr Carter gave an update on usage, condition and categorisation of parish footpaths which she had prepared for a council survey.

Cllr Taylor acknowledged the clearance work on BT overhead lines at Honeywick stating that noise problems on telephone lines is still being experienced. He urged residents to continue to report this to BT as a fault.

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14. Public Participation

At this point the Chairman invited the public to speak.

Mr Jennings, Tree Warden reported that a hazardous dead tree on the main road opposite the Boarding House at Pitcombe Rock, was due to be felled the next day.

Mr Iain Bell commented on a rotten wooden handrail on Pitcombe Bridge over the River Pitt which required attention. **Cllr Jury** undertook to contact Highways regarding this matter.

15. Items for the Next Agenda

All items to the Parish Clerk by 1 June 2007.

Date of next Parish Council Meeting 12 June 2007

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the Village Hall, Hadspen, on Tuesday 22 May 2007 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: Beech, Carter, Elliott, Hartnell, Jury, Taylor, Whittaker
In the Chair: Councillor Taylor

In attendance: County Councillor Robinson

1. **Public Participation**

The Chairman invited the public to comment on applications as the meeting progressed.

2. **Planning Applications**

a. **07/01705/FUL** – Mr R Comer & Mr D York – Erection of dwelling house for Quarry Manager, formation of new vehicular access and change of use of land from agricultural to domestic curtilage. Grove Farm Quarry, Lime Kiln Lane, Hadspen BA7 7NX.

- **The Parish Council objected to change of curtilage from agricultural to domestic use and viewed this as setting a precedent.**
- **The Council were not convinced of the need for the Quarry Manager to reside on site.**
- **The Quarry has a 21-year life – the erection of a dwelling house for the Quarry Manager would be a permanent construction.**
- **Visual impact - the felling of trees and change of access will make the Quarry more visible.**
- **Concerns regarding increased vehicular activity if new access were formed.**
- **Noise levels are, at times unacceptable and concern is felt that additional activity on the site will compound the problem.**

SCC Planning Control Team's letter **PC/07/01623/CPO/JJ** dated 13 April – Proposed 0.3HA extension to allow further building stone extraction and new access road at Grove Farm Quarry, Lime Kiln Lane, Castle Cary

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The Council made the following comments:

- **Since the last extension noise levels during sawing operations, are at times, unacceptable. Concern is felt that a further extension will increase activity and compound the problem.**
- **Visual impact - the felling of trees and formation of a new access will make the Quarry more visible.**
- **With the formation of a new access road at Grove Farm Quarry there is concern regarding increased vehicular activity.**

b. **07/01798/FUL** – A H Farming – Landscape works to valley - Priddles Hill Farm, Cary Hill, Castle Cary, BA7 7NJ

The Council had no objections to this application.

c. **07/01733/LBC** – W Gyoury & S Bejeone – Installation of two replacement windows in the east elevation. Nettlecombe, Hadspen, Castle Cary, BA7 7LW

The Council observed that the hardwood window frame is not in keeping with the rest of the house i.e. stone surrounds and metal window frames.

Next Meeting Tuesday 12 June 2007

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in
The Village Hall, Hadspen, on Tuesday 12 June 2007 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: Taylor, Elliott, Carter, Jury, Whittaker
In the Chair: Councillor Taylor

In attendance: County Councillor Robinson

1. Public Participation

The current situation regarding repair/replacement of overhead telephone cabling was reported by a member of the public who has been informed that work will be completed in approximately 3 weeks time. The Chairman stated that he had been advised that road closure is necessary before the work can be carried out and therefore it is more likely to be 6 weeks before completion.

It was reported by a resident that pesticide spraying, had taken place, without prior notice on the morning of 22 May 2007, at the apple orchards in Hadspen. Pesticide spray rising high over the apple trees had drenched the windows and washing belonging to local residents. A letter of complaint from one of the residents has been forwarded to the Landowner concerned, requesting information on the nature of pesticide that had been applied. It was noted that the bee population along with other insect life had disappeared totally from the resident's garden since the incident. A reply is awaited from the Landowner.

Mr Meyer, Enforcement Officer SSSC had written a letter in response to comments and concerns from a Hadspen resident concerning the restoration of the monastic fishponds on land OS 5031 at Lime Kiln Lane.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 15 May 2007 and Extraordinary Meeting held on 22 May 2007

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2007 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

The Council proposed and seconded the following amendment to the minutes of the meeting of 22 May 2007:

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Planning Applications

a. 07/01705/FUL

(Bullet point 5)

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- With the formation of a new access Road at Grove Farm Quarry there will be better visibility from Lime Kiln Lane.

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- With the formation of a new access Road at Grove Farm Quarry there will be better visibility from Lime Kiln Lane.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of 15 May 2007

There were no matters arising.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from District Councillor Felton, PCSO Tim Russell, Councillors Hartnell and Beech.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Planning Consultation (Amended Plans)

07/01798/FUL – Landscape works to valley

Location: Priddles Hill Farm, Cary Hill, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7NJ

There were no observations on the amended plans.

7. Planning Determinations – Granted

07/00872/FUL – Mr & Mrs D West – Amendment to Approval 06/04460 – change of window to french doors with low parapet wall and railings to provide balcony.

Location: Gristways, Hadspen, Castle, Cary, BA7 7NQ.

07/01166/FUL – Ms Caroline Donald – Removal of existing timber garage and replacement with single storey, shingle roofed timber garden room/storage

Location: Pacets, Hadspen, Castle Cary BA7 7LX

Planning Determinations - Refused

07/01393/FUL – A H Farming – Change of use of barn to light industrial and refurbishment into 3 units

Location: Priddles Hill Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7NJ

8. Annual Audit of Accounts – year ended 31 March 2007

The Council approved the accounts and the Chairman signed the audit form.

9. Local Government Reorganisation

The Chairman referred to the proposed Unitary Council for Somerset and reminded the Council of the importance of their vote which should be returned by 15 June 2007.

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10. **South Somerset District Council – Standards Committee Election**

Councillors considered the nomination papers and reached a unanimous decision on 3 candidates. The Ballot paper was completed by the Clerk and forwarded to the County Secretary.

11. **Environmental Warden**

In considering the appointment of an Environmental Warden for the Parish of Pitcombe, the **Chairman** explained the responsibilities involved with enforcement of the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 which includes fly posting, fly tipping, dog fouling, litter, graffiti, abandoned vehicles and domestic waste. **County Councillor Robinson** advised after consideration, Bruton Town Council were happy to appoint a Warden for Bruton. Pitcombe Parish Council agreed to consider and **Cllr Elliott** suggested advertising for a Warden in the Parish Magazine.

12. **Reports**

Cllr Jury reported that he had contacted the District Council on 16 May 2007 regarding the insecure state of the barrier at Sheepwash Gritting Store where there was insufficient rubble to prevent Travellers regaining entry to the store. The District Council subsequently informed **Cllr Jury** that the work had been completed when in fact no action had been taken to remedy the situation. **Cllr Jury** requested the assistance of **County Councillor Robinson** with this matter.

Cllr Jury reported that the broken handrail on Pitcombe Bridge over the River Pitt had been reported to Highways and after inspection had been categorised as a low priority.

Cllr Elliott and **Cllr Jury** reported that a very large lorry had recently been seen in Pitcombe trying to negotiate the very narrow lane outside the cottages. **Cllr Elliott** mentioned a 'Narrow Road' sign previously in place near Shepton Montague and Strutters Hill which needs reinstating. It was suggested that large lorries were turning off into Pitcombe to gain access to the building site in Mill Lane. **Cllr Jury** is monitoring the situation.

Cllr Carter reporting on Public Footpaths stated that she had contacted the Landowner regarding the path on Nettlecombe Hill where maize was growing. **Cllr Carter** had not yet had a response from the Landowner and had written to Paul Attwell, Countryside Officer regarding this. The footpath at Pitcombe Church had been cut and was in very good condition. The path at Priddles Hill Farm was overgrown with nettles and very difficult to negotiate.

Cllr Whittaker reported no response to her telephone calls to the District Council in connection with hedge and verge trimming although she had obtained a reference number for the work. Accessing the Parish Noticeboard had become difficult due to nettle growth and brambles were growing through the drains in the Hadspen area. **Cllr Whittaker** agreed to contact the Landowner regarding hedge trimming.

County Councillor Robinson reported that speed checks had been carried out at Strutters Hill and vehicles *were* travelling at considerable speeds along this road. Colin Fletcher, Highways Department will endeavour to seek agreement from the Police for a 40 mph buffer zone at the bottom of the Hill. In response to **Cllr Whittaker's** comments on

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flashing speed signage **County Councillor Robinson** reported that this initiative was proving to be very effective and it was hoped that Highways Department would have the opportunity to purchase and install this type of device in the future.

The **Chairman** reported that he had been impressed by the Councillor Training session he had recently attended and thoroughly recommended it to Councillors who were attending sessions in the near future.

The **Chairman** further reported that Jean Linden would be resigning as Parish Clerk effective from 31 August 2007 and thanked her for her work on behalf of the Council.

13. Accounts for Payment:

SALC	Councillor Training Fees	£100.00
J Linden	Clerk's salary May 2007	£139.27
J Linden	Admin/Postage	£3.84

14. Correspondence:

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies.

1.	SSDC	Gambling Act 2005
2.	SCC	Authorisation for Kimber Classic Trial held by MG car club on 21 Apr 2007
3.	SCC	One Somerset – Once Council for Somerset – One Voice
4.	SSDC	Town/Parish Elections – Uncontested Elections
5.	SALC	Items of interest to Clerks and Councillors April 2007
6.	Communities	Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Statutory Instrument No. 1159)
7.	SSDC	District Council Elections – Notice of Poll
8.	SSDC	Changes to the Duty Planner System
9.	SSDC	Parish Environment Warden
10.	Avon & Somerset Police	Policing Plan 2007/08
11.	SLCC	Membership of Society of Local Council Clerks
12.	SSDC	Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Tree Preservation Order 2007 – Pitcombe
13.	SSDC	Post election information
14.	SALC	Proposals for new Unitary Council
15.	SALC	Brief Summary of Model Code of Conduct
16.	Shaping Health	Have your Say on Health
17.	SCC Highways	Speed Limit – A359 Pitcombe
18.	SSVCA	Voluntary & Community Action Ltd. – Newsletter Issue 90
19.	SSDC Area East	Community Plans on SSDC's Website
20.	SSC	South Somerset Area Working Panel – Update from meeting of 24 April 2007
21.	St Margaret's Hospice	Newsletter Spring/Summer 2007
22.	SSDC	SSDC – District Wide Car Parking Strategy
23.	Maurice Madelin	Planning Application - Hadsphen Quarry
24.	SSDC	Local Government Reorganisation – SCC Unitary & Leaflet Have your Say

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25.	CPRE	Fieldwork June 2007
26.	SALC	Confirmation of booking - Councillors Training Events
27.	Dr Pheby	Letter to James Mayer re-creation of ponds by A Hopkins
28.	Dr Pheby	Letter to Andrew Hopkins re-creation of ponds
29.	Dr & Mrs Pheby	Letter to Henry Hobhouse re pesticide spraying 22 May 07
30.	Mrs Pheby	Letter to Regional Group Manager Barry Jones, County Hall, Taunton – Re Planning Application 07/01623/CPO – Hadspen Quarry
31.	Dr & Mrs Pheby	Letter to Ms Joanne Jones, County Hall, Re Planning Application 07/01623/CPO – Hadspen Quarry
32.	CPRE	Somerset Matters – Spring 2007 Newsletter
33.	Ansford School	School & Community Forum
34.	Mendip Housing	How do we solve the housing crisis facing our villages?
35.	Dr & Mrs Pheby	Planning Application 07/01705 Hadspen Quarry, Pitcombe
36.	Mr P Wyatt	Re Planning Application 07/01623/CPO – Hadspen Quarry
37.	Avon & Somerset Police	Local Policing Summary 2006-2007 Plus leaflets
38.	SSDC	Standards Committee Minutes of meeting 28 Feb 2007
39.	SS Community Accessible Transport	Ring & Ride, Balsam Centre, Wincanton – Newsletter May 2007
40.	Clerks & Councils Direct	Newsletter May 2007
41.	SCC	Area Working Team – questions answers/feedback raised at recent meetings
42.	Castle Cary/Ansford	Newsletter - Summer 2007
43.	NHS	NHS Foundation Trust Application – Consultation Document
44.	Victim Support	Update 2006-07, leaflets and recruitment poster

Meetings/Workshops:

SCC	South Somerset Area Working Panel 6.45 pm 24 April 2007 – Crewkerne
SALC	Training Events for New Councillors
SALC	South Area Meeting – 11 June 2007, Queen Camel Village Hall, at 7.30pm
SCC	Area Working Team – Discussion on SCC Unitary Proposals – 7.00 pm 22 May at Bath & West Showground or 7.00 pm 29 May at Marston Magna Village Hall.
SCC	Somerset Community Ventures – Training 26 June 2007 – Bridgewater
SCC	South Somerset Area Working Panel – Meeting at 7.00 pm on 12 September at North Cadbury Village Hall
CPRE	AGM at 3.00 pm on Saturday 7 July at Martock Parish Hall.
SSDC	Standards Committee Notice of Meeting Wednesday 6 June 2007
SSDC	Area East Committee Meeting on 13 June 2007 at Wincanton 0930.

15. Items for the next agenda.

Environmental Warden

Next meeting Tuesday 10 July 2007 - Please forward all items to Clerk by 30 June 2007.

Members of the Council are asked to consider the above matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Hadspen, on Tuesday 10 July 2007 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors, Taylor, Elliott, Beech, Carter, Hartnell, Jury, Whittaker
In the Chair Councillor Taylor

In attendance: District Councillor Felton, PCSO Tim Russell

1. Public Participation

Comments on the proposed restoration of the monastic fishponds (item 6) were made by the public who were, in general, opposed to the plan. The plans were ill prepared, lacking in detail and unclear as to what is actually being proposed. Concerns regarding any serious alteration to the flood prevention scheme in the Hadspen area posed a renewed threat to residents and this was uppermost in everyones mind. It was also viewed that the proposal was potentially a commercial enterprise.

It was reported that footpaths in the parish were in a very bad state after the recent spell of heavy rainfall.

The overgrowth of verges and hedgerows on the corner of Lime Kiln Lane was a concern as vision was blocked on the bend when turning right from the C125. **Cllr Jury** confirmed the matter had been reported to Highways.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 12 June 2007

It was agreed that the minutes of meeting held on 12 June 2007 be adopted as a true and accurate record with the following amendment:

Para 12. – **Cllr Carter's** report last sentence:

‘The path from Priddles Hill Farm to Ring House was overgrown with nettles and very difficult to negotiate’.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of 12 June 2007

There were no matters arising.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Robinson.

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hartnell declared an interest in Item 6 - 07/02463/FUL

Councillor Whittaker declared an interest in Item 6 - 07/02247/FUL

6. **Planning Consultation**

07/02247/FUL – Mr A Hopkins – The restoration of monastic fishponds to include importation of puddling clay for dam cores.

Location: Land OS 5031 Lime Kiln Lane, Hadspen, Castle Cary

The Council opposed this application on the following points:

- The plans supplied were ill-prepared and seriously lacking in detail
- Flood risk - no consideration or assessment of the impact of heavy rain storms in the large catchment area of Hadspen Valley
- No archaeological assessment appears to have been carried out in respect of the proposed restoration of the monastic fishponds
- The proposal appears to be a potentially commercial enterprise
- No detail/consideration has been given to septic tanks and their overflows situated close to the development

07/02463/FUL – Construction of tennis hardcourts and 2.65m high perimeter fence

Location: Land adjacent to Sexeys School, Cole Road, Bruton.

Main Parish: **Bruton**

The Council made the following observations:

- The hedgerow would need to be regularly maintained to prevent an obstruction to Footpath 22/4.
- A stream crossing Sunny Lane through a culvert leading into a Network Rail owned ditch regularly floods after the lightest of rainfall. This matter has previously been the subject of correspondence with Network Rail but the problem remains unresolved. The District Council is not permitted on railway land to undertake any work to remedy the situation.

07/03179/FUL – Extension to yard for stationing of lorries and the reconstruction or landscape bund.

Location: Tor View Farm Galhampton Hill, Galhampton, BA22 7AE

Main Parish: **North Cadbury**

No observations.

Planning Determination – Granted

07/01733/LBC – W Gyoury & S Bejeone – Installation of two replacement windows in the east elevation. Nettlecombe, Hadspen, Castle Cary, BA7 7LW

7. **Annual Audit of Accounts – year ended 31 March 2007**

The Council approved the annual return to the Council's external auditor and the Chairman signed the Statement of Assurance.

8. **Model Code of Conduct**

It was proposed and seconded that the Parish Council adopt the revised Code of Conduct with effect from 1 August 2007.

9. **Parish Environmental Warden**

The Chairman explained the role of a Parish Environmental Warden and the clerk agreed to place a notice on boards seeking a volunteer.

At this point Mr Knight requested that the Council introduce themselves, as he had not been present at the previous meetings of the new Council. The Chairman agreed stating that new Councillors had already introduced themselves to those present at their first Council meeting, and would not agree to any similar future requests from members of the public.

10. **Reports**

Cllr Jury reporting on highways, provided a list of outstanding issues (attached). In general the hedges and verges were bad and needed cutting. **Cllr Elliott** reported the area adjacent to Ludwell Elm needed attention. It was further reported by **Cllr Whittaker** that landslips on Lime Kiln Lane and Honeywick Hill also needed attention.

Cllr Whittaker has again spoken to Eve Wynn regarding the cutting of verges and is awaiting a response. The sofa dumped at Wyke Champflower has still not been removed. The drains close to Honeywick Cottage have brambles growing through them and are currently silted up. **Cllr Whittaker** has been informed that the drain is to be replaced with a new type of drain that will prevent brambles growing through, but to date no action has been taken to replace it.

Cllr Carter has been in touch with Mrs Coghill-Smith regarding the nettles on the footpath at Ring House. Mrs Coghill-Smith requested that it be put on the list for Council cutting. It was noted that the Council had not responded to a similar request in respect of a footpath on Mr Hobhouse's land. Mrs Coghill-Smith had suggested an alternative route along the path to avoid the nettles. It was pointed out by a member of the public that the Council will respond to requests for cutting but a charge would be made for the service.

Cllr Carter reported the Fingerpost at Priddles Hill Farm has still not been replaced.

Cllr Elliott spoke briefly about the Stewardship Scheme but was still in the process of finding out more information about the scheme.

District Councillor Felton stated there had been no decision yet on the Unitary Council for Somerset.

PCSO Russell spoke about distraction burglary, which is a problem in areas close to the A303 corridor. He urged the public to be aware of bogus callers trying to gain entry to their property.

The Chairman reported he had attended a meeting at Ansford School on 3 July. This was the first meeting of a newly formed School and Community Forum to which a member of every Parish Council in the School's main catchment area is invited to help with communications between the School and Communities. The School proposes to hold three meetings a year with a student representative alongside each Parish Council representative. The next meeting will be held in September.

The Chairman reported that all Councillors had recently attended Councillor Training sessions run by the Somerset Association of Local Councils.

The Chairman stated that BT phone lines at Honeywick would be repaired in August. The road will be closed with traffic lights in operation whilst the work is undertaken.

Cllr Elliott mentioned the road walk undertaken by school children from Ansford School on Friday 6 July. It was reported by Mr Bunting that his garden at Priddles Hill House had suffered damage during the event. Discarded water bottles littered the route and tree debris had been placed across the road causing a hazard to motorists.

Cllr Beech referred to the timing of Area Planning Meetings which were not convenient to Councillors during the working day. **District Councillor Felton** explained that Planning Consultations were first on the Agenda for this very reason so that Councillors could leave immediately after and continue onto work.

District Councillor Felton announced that District Councillors' have a fund of £2,500 available to spend in the community for a worthwhile cause/project. The Council noted this.

11. **Accounts for Payment:**

The following accounts were approved for payment.

Hadspen Village Hall	Hall Rebuild Grant 2007/08	£3100.00
Hadspen Village Hall	Maintenance Grant 2007/08	£ 460.00
St Leonard's, Pitcombe	Churchyard Maintenance 2007/08	£ 550.00
Pitcombe Parish News	Grant 2007/08	£ 50.00
J Linden	Clerk's salary June 2007	£ 139.27
J Linden	Admin/Postage	£ 4.08

12. **Correspondence:**

1.	SSDC James Myer	Letter to Dr Pheby – Land Os 5031 adjoining Lime Kiln Lane Hadspen
2.	Standards Board	Code of Conduct: Guide for members Code of Conduct: Pocket guide – May 2007
3.	Thatch	Rural Community Magazine – Summer 2007
4.	SSDC	Consultation South Somerset Sustainable Community Strategy
5.	SSDC	Proposed Local Government Reorganisation
6.	SCC	South Somerset Area Working Panel – Deadline for bids
7.	SALC	SSDC Standards Committee – Result of Postal Ballot
8.	SSDC	Revised Code of Conduct for Councillors – Advice on Process for Adoption
9.	Dr & Mrs Pheby	Letter to Planning Dept SSDC – Re: Planning Application

		07/02247/FUL Restoration Monastic Fish ponds at Hadspen
10.	Somerset Chamber Choir	Glorious Baroque Posters – Wells 28 July at 7.00 pm
11.	Mendip Housing	News from Mendip Housing Ltd – April 2007
12.	SCC	Parish Emergency Plan Information – Plan Template Kit 2007
13.	Chief Superintendent Yeovil Police	Crime Update 2006/07
14.	CPRE	Voice Magazine Summer 2007
15.	SSDC	Planning Application Grove Farm Quarry Lime Kiln Lane – Area Committee Meeting 11 July.

Meetings/Workshops:

SLCC	Summer Meeting July 2007 - Holford
SSDC	Area East Community Planning Sub Committee, at Wincanton on 27 June 0930
SSDC	Invitation to Area East Workshop – at Wincanton on 1 August at 7.00 pm
Mr Benzie	Ansford School Community Forum – 3 July at 7.00 pm
SSDC	Area East Committee Meeting Wednesday 11 July 0930 at Wincanton
NALC	Cracking the Code – Training Day – Birmingham Metropole 19 July 07

13. Items for the next agenda.

Next meeting Tuesday 14 August 2007 - Please forward all items to Clerk by 3 August 2007.

**From the Parish Clerk:
Mrs Jean Linden
01749 813145**

Members of the Council considered the above matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

1. Sheepwash Chipping Dump
Reported: 6th June 2007
SCC Highways Ref No. 145254
Concerns regarding barrier to prevent unlawful access by travellers.
Current status: No action taken as at 10th July

2. **Pitcombe Bridge**
Reported: 6th June 2007
SCC Highways Ref No. 145252
Damaged handrail to protective barrier.
Current status: Spoke with Mr. Tucker SCC bridges section on 7th July. He stated his bridge inspector was going to measure the damaged rail, order the required materials and would then arrange for one of their local “flier” gangs to complete the work.

3. **Mill Lane**
Reported 3rd July
Clothier Builders.
Verge cutting and construction traffic restriction sign.
Current status: Verge now cut. Construction traffic restriction sign was stolen, replacement is being made.

4. **Mill Lane**
Reported 3rd July
Sunny Hill School.
Pot holes in hard standing outside employees cottages in Mill Lane are expanding into the highway.
Current Status: Discussions with Bursar who agreed to instruct their maintenance man to complete repairs, Anticipated completion end of August.

5. **C125/Lime Kiln Lane**
Reported 3rd July
SCC Highways Ref No. Def.23512
Resident reported hazard when turning right into Lime Kiln Lane from the C125 when travelling from Castle Cary. Vision round bend blocked by over grown hedge.
Current status: No action taken as at 19th July.

6. **A359/Lime Kiln Lane**
Reported 9th July
SCC Highways Ref No.149480
HGV No access sign removed from top of lane near to quarry. Probably stolen.
Current Status:
Outstanding

7. **Hedges/Verges in Parish**
Awaiting contact from SCC Highways regarding programme for hedge cutting in Parish.

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Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in
The Village Hall, Hadspen, on Tuesday 14 August 2007 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors, Taylor, Elliott, Beech, Carter, Hartnell, Jury
In the Chair Councillor Taylor

In attendance: District Councillor Felton

1. Public Participation

The removal of road signs around the Parish was still a concern to residents. Councillor **Jury** advised the matter had been reported to Highways and that some of the missing signs had been recovered. Instructions for their replacement had been issued.

It was reported that litter and its removal is a nuisance in the Parish. Councillor **Elliott** advised on the whereabouts of litter pickers owned by the parish council, which are available for use in dealing with the problem.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 10 July 2007

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2007 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of 10 July 2007

Referring to item 6, Councillor **Carter** advised that Network Rail had dug out and cleared the ditch in Sunny Lane improving drainage in the area. It was suggested that Sexey's School might consider clearing and joining a further section of ditch to increase effectiveness.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Robinson, PCSO Tim Russell and Councillor Whittaker.

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hartnell declared an interest in Item 6 – 07/03644/FUL.

6. Planning Consultation - Refused

07/01705/FUL – Mr R Comer & Mr D York – Erection of dwelling house for Quarry Manager, formation of new vehicular access and change of use of land from agricultural to domestic curtilage. Grove Farm Quarry, Lime Kiln Lane, Hadspen BA7 7NX.

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Planning Determination – Granted

07/01798/FUL – A H Farming – Landscape works to valley - Priddles Hill Farm, Cary Hill, Castle Cary, BA7 7NJ.

Planning Consultation

07/03644/FUL – Ms M Atkins – The erection of a two-storey rear extension to dwelling house to provide kitchen/diner with ensuite bedroom over.

Location: 2 Sunny Hill Cottages, Mill Lane, Pitcombe, Bruton, Somerset

The Council had no observations on this application.

7. Registration of Members' Interests

Following adoption of Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 Councillors reviewed their existing registration entry and signed a statement of confirmation.

8. Reports

Councillor **Carter** reporting on the condition of the footpath at Ring House stated that Mrs Coghill-Smith had not had any success with Council Contractors in clearing the nettles. Mrs Coghill-Smith has been asked to consider clearing the nettles herself as so many people are getting stung.

Councillor **Carter** reported that complaints had been received about the number of live electric fences on Mr Hobhouse's land. The fences were obstructing Footpaths and Bridleways making them difficult to negotiate. Councillor **Elliott** agreed to investigate the matter.

Councillor **Jury** gave an update on highway issues (listing attached). Councillor **Jury** referred to the 5-day temporary closure of Honeywick Lane commencing 28 August for BT repair work and suggested contacting the Highways Department requesting clearance of banks and verges during this period. It was agreed Councillor **Jury** would write to Highways.

The Chairman mentioned an overhanging tree at Cole Barn, which was causing an obstruction to road users. Councillor **Jury** agreed to investigate.

Councillor **Elliott** mentioned an area of flooding on the C125 near Cole which requires channelling into the field to improve drainage.

Councillor **Elliott** mentioned a refuse problem at the Old School House in Pitcombe. Refuse collection has not been taking place as the premises is rented and therefore regarded as a commercial enterprise. The Caretaker has contacted the owner and it is hoped that the matter will soon been resolved.

Councillor **Jury** mentioned Sunny Hill School tip, and slippage of the bank. Councillor **Jury** raised the question of what permissions were allowed in this area. Concern was felt regarding fire in the woods, and in the past week a lot of noise was coming from the area with distribution of reinforced concrete.

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The **Chairman** announced that Councillor **Beech** would be taking over the Police Liaison portfolio.

The **Chairman** reported that he had spoken with Mr Benzie, Headteacher of Ansford School regarding the school walk. Mr Benzie had given his apologies for the disruption caused during the event. The **Chairman** suggested that a clean up party should follow to remove any posters and debris after any future event.

District Councillor **Felton** stated that the Unitary Council bid for Somerset had not been approved by the Secretary of State. District Councillor **Felton** also announced that the Police office at Somerton would be moving to Wincanton Area East Offices.

In response to a parishioner question the **Chairman** referred to the new building at Hadspen Quarry. The Council had not seen permission for this building, but it had been reported by Mr Myer that the building was a replacement. Its appearance is considered larger than the original.

The **Chairman** extended his thanks to Jean Linden outgoing Clerk and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

9. **Accounts for Payment:**

J Linden	Clerk's salary July 2007	£139.27
J Linden	Admin/Postage	£ 5.52

10. **Correspondence:**

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies.

1.	Erica Holt	Missing Road Signs (2 e-mails)
2.	W Constantine	Acknowledgement of Village Hall Grant 2007/08
3.	S Chamberlain	Acknowledgement of Pitcombe News Grant 2007/08
4.	P Wyatt	Acknowledgement of St Leonard's Grant 2007/08
5.	SSDC	SSDC Performance Plan 2007/078
6.	Somerset Road Safety Partnership	Leaflet Working Together to reduce Casualties
7.	Ansford School	School and Community Forum Notes 3 July 2007
8.	CHICS	Summer Activities 2007
9.	Somerset Highways	Road Closure – Honeywick and Wyke Roads 28 Aug 07
10.	SCC	Information from Somerset Freight Quality Partnership
11.	WaterLinks	Information Sheet
12.	SSDC	Area East Bulletin Issue No. 1 – July 2007
13.	SSDC	South Somerset Local Development Framework –Adoption of the Statement of Community Involvement
14.	SALC	Items of Interest to Councillors and Clerks – July 2007
15.	Somerset Playing Field Association	Newsletter – Summer 2007
16.	SCC	One Council for Somerset
17.	SSDC	Small grants available to groups and parishes
18.	SCC	Temporary Road Closure – B3081 Stoney Stoke
19.	SSDC	Dog Waste Bin - Sponsorship

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Meetings/Workshops:

SSDC Area East	Sustainable Community Strategy for South Somerset - Workshop at Wincanton on 1 August 2007 at 7.00 pm
SCC	Regulation Committee Meeting at Taunton on Tuesday 21 July 2007 – 2.00pm
SSDC	Area East Committee Meeting at Wincanton on 8 August at 0.30 am

11. Items for the next agenda

PPC Meetings during Village Hall rebuild.

Next meeting Tuesday 11 September 2007.

Members of the Council considered the above matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

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Pitcombe Parish Council Highways - Portfolio August 2007

1. **Sheepwash Chipping Dump**
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SCC Highways Ref No. 145254
Concerns regarding barrier to prevent unlawful access by travellers.
Current status: Work Completed

2. **Pitcombe Bridge**
Reported: 6th June 2007
SCC Highways Ref No. 145252
Damaged handrail to protective barrier.
Current status: Work Completed

3. **Mill Lane**
Reported: 3rd July
Clothier Builders.
Construction traffic restriction sign.
Current status: Replacement for stolen sign is still awaited.

4. **Mill Lane**
Reported 3rd July
Sunny Hill School.
Pot holes in hard standing outside employees cottages in Mill Lane are expanding into the highway.
Current Status: Discussions with Bursar who agreed to instruct their maintenance man to complete repairs, Anticipated completion end of August. Work is still outstanding.

5. **C125/Lime Kiln Lane**
Reported: 3rd July
SCC Highways Ref No. Def.23512
Resident reported hazard when turning right into Lime Kiln Lane from the C125 when travelling from Castle Cary. Vision round bend blocked by over grown hedge.
Current status: Spoke with landowner Oliver Dowding on 13th July who agreed to cut back the hedge

6. **A359/Lime Kiln Lane**
Reported: 9th July
SCC Highways Ref No.149480
HGV No access sign removed from top of lane near to quarry. Probably stolen.
Current Status: See SCC letter dated 3rd August - work instruction issued 31st July. 3-month priority. Work is still outstanding.

7. **Verges and banks/overhanging trees Lime Kiln Lane**
Reported: 11th July
SCC letter 3rd August ref: Ti/DR/4.89
Requested that the verges and banks be cut back to restore road to original width.

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Current Status: Verges have been cut and SCC have issued a work instruction dated 31st July with a 3 month priority for the bank trimming. Work is still outstanding.

Cllr Jury also spoke with Peter Wyatt regarding residents concerns regarding the overhanging trees. He stated that he would check the lane for any immediate concerns and would be undertaking a tree trimming exercise this coming winter.

8. **Patching/road edge erosion**

Reported: 11th July

SCC letter 3rd August ref: Ti/DR/4.89

A number of areas were identified in Mill Lane and the main C125 near Cole.

Current Status: These have been recorded and marked by SCC on the 31st July with a 3 month priority. Work is still outstanding.

9. **Missing Road Signs**

Reported: 11th July

SCC letter 3rd August ref: Ti/DR/4.89

In addition to the HGV restriction sign in 6 above. Two further hazard warning signs were found to be missing.

a. Slow sign approaching bend just prior to Cole.

b. Bend and Road narrows sign on the bend at the junction of the C125/Lime Kiln Lane.

Current Status: Both these signs have been recovered and works instructions for their replacement were issued on the 31st July with a 3 month priority. Work is still outstanding.

10. **Blocked Drains outside Honeywick Cottage**

Reported 19th July

SCC Ref No. DEF 24060

Current Status: SCC inspected these drains on the 26th July and have agreed to undertake works to rectify the situation. Work is still outstanding.

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in
The Village Hall, Hadspen, on Tuesday 11 September 2007 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: Beech, Carter, Elliott, Hartnell, Jury, Taylor.
In the Chair Councillor Taylor

In attendance: District Councillor Felton, County Councillor Justin Robinson, Residents of Parish.

1. Public Participation

Resident Mrs. Connie Earl reported problems regarding Green Bin, District Councillor Felton took details and stated she would look into the matter.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 14th August 2007

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th August 2007 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of 14th August 2007

The Chairman stated that while there was a vacancy for a Clerk Councillor Hartnell would be helping him with the duties of the Proper Officer.

Councillors **Felton & Robinson** were asked to comment on what planning rules were in place for "Replacement Buildings" particularly with regard to the new building at Hadspen Quarry particularly as its appearance is considered to be larger than the original.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from, PCSO Tim Russell & PCSO Sara

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Planning Consultation - Refused

07/02247/FUL – Mr A Hopkins – Restoration of monastic fishponds to include importation of puddling clay for dam cores

Location: Land OS 5031 Lime Kiln Lane, Hadspen

SCC County Planning Authority – Granted with Conditions

07/01623/CPO - Mr Rob Comer - Proposed 0.3HA Extension to Allow further building stone extraction and new access road at Grove Farm Quarry, Lime Kiln Lane, Castle Cary, Somerset.

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A resident asked what the conditions were and the relevant document was made available.

7. Venue for Council Meetings

The Chairman said he would approach Bruton School for Girls to attempt to organise a suitable venue.

8. Reports

Councillor **Carter** reporting on the condition of the footpath at Ring House stated that Mrs Coghill-Smith had been successful in clearing the nettles.

Councillor **Carter** reported that live electric fences on Mr Hobhouse's land were still a hazard. The fences were obstructing Footpaths and Bridleways making them difficult to negotiate. Councillor **Elliott** agreed to investigate the matter.

Councillor **Jury** gave an update on highway issues (listing attached).

Councillor **Elliott** A traveller is currently in residence in Rudge Lane it was presumed that this was probably connected to the apple harvest.

District Councillor **Felton** asked the councillors to consider affordable housing in the area

Count Councillor **Robinson** stated that he had spent much of the last month re-building bridges regarding the failed unitary authority bid..

9. Accounts for Payment:

J Linden	Clerk's salary July 2007	£139.27
CPRE	CPRE membership renewal	£ 27.00

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10. Correspondence:

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies.

1	SCC	Tour of Britain Cycle Race in Somerset – 11 September 07 leaflets/notices
2	Cllr David Jury	Letter to SSDC Highways re clearance of verges Honeywick Lane
3	Home Aid Partnership	Taunton Deane and South Somerset Home Aid – Leaflets/notices
4	SSDC	Notes from Area East Workshop held on 1 Aug 2007
5	David Heath CBE MP	Notification of Annual Village Tours – posters/timetable
6	SCC	Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – re 0.5HA extension to Quarry
7	SALC	Items of Interest to Councillors and Clerks – August 2007
8	SALC	Minutes of Meeting of South Area held 11 June 2007
9	SALC	Annual Report & Accounts
10	SALC	Working Together for a Safer Somerset - Briefing Sheet for Parish Councils - August 2007

Meetings/Workshops:

SALC	Somerset Branch Autumn at Meeting 10.00 am 28 September – Yeovil Town House.
SSDC	First meeting of Area East Forum (Castle Cary Area) – at 6.30 pm on 17 October at Wincanton.
SALC	New councillor Training Events
SALC	Clerk Training events

11. Items for the next agenda

Next meeting Tuesday 09 October 2007.

Members of the Council considered the above matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

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Pitcombe Parish Council

Highways Portfolio

September 2007

Outstanding Items

1. Mill Lane

Reported 3rd July

Clothier Builders.

Construction traffic restriction sign.

Current status:

Replacement for stolen sign is still awaited. .

2. Mill Lane

Reported 3rd July

Sunny Hill School.

Pot holes in hard standing outside employees cottages in Mill Lane are expanding into the highway.

Current Status: Discussions with Bursar who agreed to instruct their maintenance man to complete repairs, Anticipated completion end of August. Work is still outstanding.

3. A359/Lime Kiln Lane

Reported 9th July

SCC Highways Ref No.149480

HGV No access sign removed from top of lane near to quarry. Probably stolen.

Current Status: See SCC letter dated 3rd August - work instruction issued 31st July. 3 month priority.

Work is still outstanding.

4. Verges and banks/overhanging trees Lime Kiln Lane

Reported 11th July

SCC letter 3rd August ref: Ti/DR/4.89

Requested that the verges and banks be cut back to restore road to original width.

Current Status: Verges have been cut and SCC have issued a work instruction dated 31st July with a 3 month priority for the bank trimming. Work is still outstanding.

I also spoke with Peter Wyatt regarding residents concerns regarding the overhanging trees. He stated that he would check the lane for any immediate concerns and would be undertaking a tree trimming exercise this coming winter.

5. Missing Road Signs

Reported 11th July

SCC letter 3rd August ref: Ti/DR/4.89

In addition to the HGV restriction sign in 3 above. Two further hazard warning signs were found to be missing.

a. Slow sign approaching bend just prior to Cole. **This has been replaced**

b. Bend and Road narrows sign on the bend at the junction of the Ci25/Lime kiln Lane.

Current Status: Both these signs have been recovered and works instructions for their replacement were issued on the 31st July with a 3 month priority. Work is still outstanding.

Items completed during past month

1. Patching/road edge erosion

Reported 11th July

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SCC letter 3rd August ref: Ti/DR/4.89

A number of areas were identified in Mill Lane and the main C125 near Cole.

Current Status: Works completed.

2. Blocked Drains outside Honeywick Cottage

Reported 19th July

SCC Ref No. DEF 24060

Current Status: Works completed.

3. Landslides & Drains in Honeywick Hill

Reported 15th August

See my letter dated 15th August

Current Status: Works completed.

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in
The Village Hall, Hadspen, on Tuesday 9th October 2007 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: Beech, Carter, Hartnell, Jury, Taylor, and Whitaker.
In the Chair Councillor Taylor

In attendance: District Councillor Felton, Residents of the Parish.

1. Public Participation

Resident Mr. Martin Jennings discussed Traffic Speed on A359. Councillor **Jury** would report on same under item 6.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 11th September 2007

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2007 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of 11th September 2007

None

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from, Councillor **Elliot**

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillor **Taylor** stated that as Vice-Chairman of The Trustees of Hadspen Village Hall he had an interest in part of Item 9 – The Precept and Budget, because The Trustees of Hadspen Village Hall had applied for a grant for Phase 2 of the Hadspen Village Hall Re-Building Project.

6. Traffic Calming.

Councillor **Jury** gave details of his meeting with Mike Allen of South Somerset District Council regarding the proposed traffic calming measures for Bruton Town centre. The proposals included extending the traffic calming measures to include the approaches to and that section of the A359 which falls within the parish boundary outside Bruton School for Girls. After discussion members agreed with the proposals and also agreed to request that the measures were extended to that section of the C351 between the A359 and the turning to Mill lane. The members agreed that automatic speed limit signs would be effective.

As a separate issue it was agreed that councillor Jury would contact the traffic management department of Somerset County Council to request that a 30 mph limit is set in place for the full extent of the C351/C125 within the parish boundaries.

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7. Parish Notice Boards.

Councillor **Taylor** said that the Parish Notice Boards in Cole & Hadspen were in a bad state of repair and aesthetically were not up to standard. It was agreed that the notice boards needed replacing if economically viable and Councillor **Hartnell** will look into the cost of locking replacements

8. Planning Consultation - Permitted

07/03179/FUL – Extension to yard for stationing of lorries and the reconstruction of landscape bund

Location: Tor View Farm, Galhampton

Application permitted with conditions

9. Precept and Budget 2008/09

Councillor **Taylor** gave the councillors various calculations for discussion of the Precept and Budget 2008/09. He read out a letter received from Peter Wyatt, Chairman of The Trustees of Hadspen Village Hall applying for a new grant of £3100 to help with the costs of Phase 2 of the Hadspen Village Hall Re-Building Project.

The main body of the budget was discussed and provisionally approved. Councillor **Taylor** handed the Chair to Councillor **Hartnell** and the subject of the Village Hall grant application was discussed.

Councillor **Beech** stated that he thought that before a grant was approved and a charge was levied on the parishioners via the precept the council consult with the residents about this matter. He suggested that a tear out form could be printed in the Pitcombe News. Councillor **Jury** felt that it was up to the council to make the decision and that a consultation would be difficult and could lead to a misleading result.

District Councillor **Felton** was asked for her opinion and she asked if the Trustees had explored every avenue of fund raising. Councillor **Taylor** (from the floor) explained that a number of grants had been received from various organisations including PPC, SSDC & Somerset County Council for Phase 1 but as a Lottery bid had faulted the trustees had been advised by Alice Knight of SSDC to apply again to PPC, SSDC & Somerset County Council for Phase 2 – The Car Park.

Councillor **Beech** then proposed a vote in favour of a consultation, Councillor **Carter** seconded and the motion was carried by a majority. It was decided that Councillor **Taylor** should seek advice from Peter Lacey of SALC as to the best way to carry out a consultation and report to the council at the next meeting.

Councillor **Taylor** returned to the Chair.

10. Reports

Resident Mr. Martin Jennings reported that the footpath across The Football Ground had been ploughed, Councillor **Carter** will contact owner.

Councillor **Jury** gave an update on highway issues (listing attached).

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District Councillor **Felton** reported that the money for the Green Box had been returned to Mrs. Earle but Garden Waste was still a problem as no collection were taking place in the area. There would be a new regime dealing with waste in the near future so things could improve.

Councillor **Taylor** reported that Hadspen Village Hall was in the process of being demolished and expressed on behalf of the council thanks to all concerned in raising the funds for Phase 1 with particular reference to Peter Wyatt (Chairman), Carole Wyatt (Secretary) & Willie Constantine (Treasurer) for their dedication to the task.

No application had been received for the vacant position of Clerk and he would speak to The Town Clerk in Bruton to discuss the post and he would place an advertisement for the position in The Blackmore Vale Magazine.

Councillor **Beech** said that it had been reported to him that Priddles Hill Farm was being used for Retail/Wholesale trading of sand and gravel. Councillor **Taylor** said he would speak to SSDC Planning Enforcement Officer James Meyer.

11. Accounts for Payment:

None.

10. Correspondence:

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1	SSDC	Tree Talk - Newsletter
2	Somerset Waste Partnership	Introductory Letter from MD
3	SCC	HGV Pinch Point Consultation
4	Somerset Highways	Road Closure – East Pennard
5	Ramblers Association	Rights of Way Issues in Somerset
6	SCC	Foot and Mouth Notice – Using Rights of Way
7	SSDC	South Somerset Local Plan
8	Mendip Housing	Annual Report
9	Community Council	Thatch – Autumn 2007
10	SSDC – Street Services	Withdrawal of Non Strategic Bring Banks
11	Castle Cary & Ansford	Newsletter – Autumn 2007
12	Standards Board for England	Town and Parish Standard –leaflet

Meetings/Workshops:

SSDC Standards Committee – 19 September 2007 - Wincanton
SALC Area General Meeting – 29 September - Barrington
SSDC Area East Planning Sub Committee – 26 September 2007

11. Items for the next agenda

Next meeting Tuesday 13th November 2007.

Members of the Council considered the above matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Outstanding Items

1. **Mill Lane**

Reported 3rd July
Clothier Builders.
Construction traffic restriction sign.

Current status:

Replacement for stolen sign is still awaited. .

2. **Mill Lane**

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Sunny Hill School.
Pot holes in hard standing outside employees cottages in Mill Lane are expanding into the highway.

Current Status: Discussions with Bursar who agreed to instruct their maintenance man to complete repairs, Anticipated completion end of August. Work is still outstanding.

3. **Overhanging trees Lime Kiln Lane**

11th July spoke with Peter Wyatt regarding residents concerns regarding the overhanging trees. He stated that he would check the lane for any immediate concerns and would be undertaking a tree trimming exercise this coming winter.

Work is still outstanding.

4. **Blocked Drains outside Honeywick Cottage**

Reported 3rd October
See letter to SCC Highways dated 3rd October

Current Status: Previous remedial works to these drains not successful. Work required to lower reinstatements around the drains to prevent puddling.

Items completed during past month

1. **A359/Lime Kiln Lane**

Reported 9th July
SCC Highways Ref No.149480
HGV No access sign removed from top of lane near to quarry. Probably stolen.

Sign replaced in September

2. **Verges and banks/overhanging trees Lime Kiln Lane**

Reported 11th July
SCC letter 3rd August ref: Ti/DR/4.89
Requested that the verges and banks be cut back to restore road to original width. **Verges and banks cleared during September**

3. **Missing Road Signs**

Reported 11th July
SCC letter 3rd August ref: Ti/DR/4.89

In addition to the HGV restriction sign in 3 above. Two further hazard warning signs were found to be missing.

a. Slow sign approaching bend just prior to Cole. **This has been replaced**

b. Bend and Road narrows sign on the bend at the junction of the Ci25/Lime kiln Lane. **Sign replaced during September.**

Pitcombe Parish Council

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Present: Councillors: Beech, Carter, Elliott, Hartnell, Jury, Taylor, and Whittaker.
In the Chair Councillor Taylor

In attendance: Residents of the Parish.

1. Public Participation

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 9th October 2007

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2007 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of 9th October 2007

Parish Consultation.

Councillor **Taylor** Said he had taken advice from Peter Lacey at SALC re: holding a Parish Consultation re: A new grant for Phase 2 of Hadspen Village Hall. He explained that to hold a consultation a letter would need to be sent to each household with a reply form. This form would be returned to an independent person to audit the return and to record the results. Councillor Jury said he felt the council should make the decision and it was agreed that this would be carried out in item 6.

Sand & Gravel Wholesale/Retail at Priddles Hill Farm.

Councillor **Taylor** reported he had spoken to James Meyer at SSDC who told him that the activities were an overflow from the Tor View operation but would cease in December as notice had been served.

Councillor **Carter** reported that the footpath had across The Football Ground had now been seeded but the ground was flat - she would monitor the situation.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from District Councillor **Felton**

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillor **Taylor** stated that as Vice-Chairman of The Trustees of Hadspen Village Hall he had an interest in part of Item 6 – The Trustees of Hadspen Village Hall had applied for a grant for Phase 2 of the Hadspen Village Hall Re-Building Project. He stated he would not take part in the vote.

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Councillor **Elliott** stated that as The Pitcombe Parish Council representative on the board of The Trustees of Hadspen Village Hall she too had an interest in part of Item 6 but as it was part of her Portfolio would take part in the debate.

Councillor **Hartnell** declared an interest in item 10 (07/04409/FUL) Planning Application from Sexeys School.

6. Grant Application.

The Chairman of The Trustees of Hadspen Village Hall gave a short presentation explaining the current financial situation of the Hadspen Village Hall Re-building Fund. He explained that after the Big Lottery had turned down a bid for a grant the Trustees appealed to the residents of The Parish and had received generous response in Gift Aid donations. The Trustees had been advised by Alice Knight and Tim Cook (officers of SSDC) to split the rebuilding project into two phases re-apply to SSDC, among others, for funding and that it is a requisite of SSDC before a grant is considered it must be backed by the local Parish Council. Phase 1 on the project had now started.

Councillor **Carter** opened the debate by saying she had been reticent about the grant during earlier discussion but was now convinced that the re-building of the hall must be completed and that a large number of people had worked very hard raising funds for the project and she felt it was right to grant a further sum to the fund.

Councillor **Beech** stated he felt it was a large proportion of the precept and was too much money to impose on the residents of the Parish.

Councillor **Whittaker** said that many people enjoyed the events at the hall and the facility that the hall provided.

Councillor **Jury** said he felt it was a worthwhile cause and the council would be helping to provide something for the community if a grant was given.

Councillor **Beech** said he would be happier about the grant if it was less than £3100.

A vote was taken on if a grant should be given, Councillor Taylor abstained due to his interest, it was carried 5 to 1.

A vote was taken on if the amount of the grant should be £3100, Councillor Taylor abstained due to his interest, it was carried 5 to 1.

7. Budget 2008/2009.

It was agreed that the Precept & Budget should be finalised and discussed in the next meeting.

8. The Hadspen Flood Alleviation Scheme.

Councillor Jury reported that he had been to inspect the scheme, at the request of Derek and Anita Pheby. There was a problem, in that a number of agencies were involved in the scheme, but none was taking responsibility for it, and it was falling into disrepair. The flood retention pond was now very silted. Derek Pheby, from the floor, said that the scheme had

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emerged from the Hadspen Flood Alleviation Working Party, which had been convened by the District Council, and involved also the County Council, the Parish Council, the Environment Agency, MAFF (now DEFRA), and local residents and landowners. The flood retention pond was constructed by the District Council, but the County Council, as Highway Authority, was also involved, as the scheme provided for water to be diverted into Lime Kiln Lane when the pipes downstream from the pond had insufficient capacity to carry storm water. Changes in the statutory responsibilities of the various agencies had made it more difficult to determine where responsibilities lay, and all the agencies involved appeared to lack corporate memory. There were also some immediate hazards, which were the County Council's responsibility. The County Council had dug holes over the culvert in Mr. Dowding's field, and had never filled them in, putting both people and animals at risk. In addition, there was a large hole in the wall of the ice house, which opened directly onto the road, and the floor of the upper chamber (to which the hole gave access) was unsafe, and had a hole in it giving access to the lower chamber, which was eight to ten feet deep in water. A child entering the ice house could therefore risk drowning. It was agreed that approaches would be made to the District and County Councils, with a view to a site meeting being convened, in order to agree who would take responsibility for maintaining which elements of the scheme.

9. Tree Planting in Somerset.

Councillor **Taylor** brought to the attention of the council the offer of help with tree planting schemes by the SSDC Tree Warden

10. Planning Applications – For Consideration.

South Somerset District Council.

07/04409/FUL – Sexeys School. Erection of new Design and Technology block with associated classrooms. (GR367668/134108).

Location: Sexeys School, Cole Road, Bruton, Somerset, BA10 0DF.

The members of the council had no comment to make on this application

07/04853/FUL – A.H. Farming. Demolition of front lean-to and erection of new lean-to to rear and conversion of building into 3 light industrial units (GR: 364874/132143).

Location: Priddles Hill Farm, Cary Hill, Castle Cary, BA7 7NJ.

The members of the council had no comment to make on this application

07/04681/FUL – Pitcombe Parish Council. The Repositioning of emergency exit door on west elevation. (GR365722/132577).

Location: Land adjoining Hadspen Village Hall, Hadspen, Castle Cary, BA7 7LX.

The members of the council had no comment to make on this application.

07/04546/FUL – Mr. R. Comer & Mr. D. York. Erection of quarry managers workplace/home and change of use of land from agricultural to domestic curtilage (GR 365458/131407)

Location: Grove Farm Quarry, Lime Kiln Lane, Hadspen, Castle Cary, Somerset, BA7 7NX

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The Parish Council could see no reason that this application should be looked upon more favourably than the previous application **07/01705/FUL** because there was only a slight difference in the layout of the dwelling except for the addition of a few work-place related room descriptions and agreed that a the response should be as follows:

- 1. The Parish Council objected to change of curtilage from agricultural to domestic use and viewed this as setting a precedent.**
- 2 The Council were not convinced of the need for the Quarry Manager to reside on site.**
- 3 The Quarry has a 21 year life or the business could be closed earlier – the erection of a dwelling house for the Quarry Manager would be a permanent construction.**

Advice of Appeal Receipt

Appeal in respect of Application Decision Reference 07/03644/FUL – The erection of a two storey rear extension to dwelling house to provide kitchen/diner with en-suite bedroom over. (GR 367172/133427)

Planning Inspectorate Appeal Reference – APP/R3325/a/07/2057307/WF

Appeal Starting Date – 17th October

Location: 2 Sunnyhill Cottages, Mill Lane, Pitcombe, Bruton, Somerset.

Appeal by: Ms. M. Atkins

Somerset County Council.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Wessex Water - Change of use and installation of below ground submerged aerated filter sewage treatment plant and above ground blower and control kiosks and vent stack, together with extension to roadside lay-by in highway verge opposite Rodge Cottages, Hadspen, Castle Cary, Somerset. (Grid Ref: 365655 – 132838)

It was generally felt the Parish Council should make the following comments on the above proposal.

The council is minded that this is Wessex Water spending a great deal of water ratepayers' money to appear environmentally friendly.

The upkeep and maintenance of this scheme seems unwieldy.

The noise of the motor would be annoying to residents in the valley.

This is a very large system for just two houses and even though the sewage treatment plant may need to be upgraded this solution appears to be involving great expense for what should be a relatively simple task.

No effort appears to have been made to minimise the appearance of the blower and control kiosk.

Visual impact – The scheme needs sympathetic landscaping to reduce the detrimental visual impact it will have. The widened, tarmac lay-by would not suit the rural setting.

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Planning Determinations.

Notice of Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order.

The South Somerset (Pitcombe No. 1) Tree Preservation Order 2007.

Planning Consultation - Permitted

07/03179/FUL – Extension to yard for stationing of lorries and the reconstruction of landscape bund

Location: Tor View Farm, Galhampton

Application permitted with conditions

11. Reports

Councillor Jury

Traffic Calming

Councillor Jury confirmed that he had received a reply from Bev Norman concerning the request for a vehicle activated sign on the A359. In a letter dated 7th November Bev Norman stated that the A359 in Bruton does not meet the requirements for a permanent sign but she would investigate the possibility of a temporary sign.

Speed Limits

Councillor Jury stated that in response to his request for additional 30 mph signs within the existing 30mph section of the C351 and an extension of that limit throughout the length of the C351 to Honeywick Hill hed had received a letter from Clive Sutton of Somerset County Council stating:

1. The signing and lining is correct and no additional repeater signs can be installed.
2. The request for an extension of the speed limit did not meet the Department of Transport criteria for speed limits in settlements.

Councillor **Jury also** gave an update on highway issues (listing attached).

Councillor **Carter** reported that she had been to Rights of Way workshop and had been given a selection of equipment for use by volunteers to clear paths etc. in the parish.

Councillor **Hartnell** had found prices for notice boards which were in excess of several hundred pounds. It was agreed that this matter should be the subject to further investigation as the notice boards were dilapidating quite rapidly.

12. Accounts for Payment:

Moore Stephens	Annual Audit	£170.38
SSDC	Planning Application (on behalf HVH)	£67.50
M.L.J. Taylor	Admin costs – postage	£16.32
M.L.J. Taylor	Admin costs – Domain Name	£17.61

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Receipts:

Hadspen Village Hall	Payment for Planning Application	£67.50
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13. Correspondence:

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies.

SSDC	Precept Notice
Somerset Highways	Temporary Road Closure - Church Lane, Pitcombe
Ansford School	Minutes of Meeting of Community Forum
Avon & Somerset Constabulary	Half Year Report
Somerset Art Week	Grant Application
Somerset County Council – Environment Directorate	Consultation on Waste Management
The Playing Field	Newsletter
SSDC	Tree Planting in Somerset
SSDC	Tree Preservation Order -
S.S.V. & C.A. Ltd.	Newsletter
SSDC – Standards Committee	Minutes of Meeting 19 th September 2007
Citizens Advice Bureau	Annual Report
Somerset Highways	Temporary Road Closure – A359 Burts Hill & Station Road, Wanstrow
The Standards Board for England	Code of Conduct
SALC	Items of interest to Councillors & Clerks
Rural Youth	Newsletter

Meetings/Workshops:

SSDC – Standards Committee	Wednesday 7 th November
SSDC	State of the District Meeting – Thurs 22 nd Nov. 2007
SALC	South Area Meeting - Monday 10 th December 2007

14. Items for the next agenda

Next meeting Tuesday 11th December 2007.

Members of the Council considered the above matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Outstanding Items

1. **Mill Lane**

Reported 3rd July

Clothier Builders.

Construction traffic restriction sign.

Current status:

Replacement for stolen sign is still awaited. .

2. **Overhanging trees Lime Kiln Lane**

11th July spoke with Peter Wyatt regarding residents concerns regarding the overhanging trees. He stated that he would check the lane for any immediate concerns and would be undertaking a tree trimming exercise this coming winter.

Work is still outstanding.

3. **Blocked Drains outside Honeywick Cottage**

Reported 3rd October

See letter to SCC Highways dated 3rd October

Current Status: Previous remedial works to these drains not successful. Work required to lower reinstatements around the drains to prevent puddling.

Items completed during past month

1. **Mill Lane**

Reported 3rd July

Sunny Hill School.

Pot holes in hard standing outside employees cottages in Mill Lane are expanding into the highway.

Work completed during half term.

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in
The Centenary Room of Bruton School for Girls
On Tuesday 11th December, 2007 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: Beech, Carter, Elliot, Hartnell, Jury, Taylor and Whittaker
In the Chair: Councillor Taylor

No residents of the Parish were in attendance.

1. Public Participation

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th November, 2007

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2007 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of 13th November, 2007

Grant Application – Hadspen Village Hall.

Due to personal interest Councillor **Taylor** left the room and Councillor **Carter** took the Chair.

The majority of the Parish Council remain in favour of the grant being made to the village hall.

4. Apologies for Absence

None had been received

5. Declarations of Interest

None declared

6. Precept and Budget

This was presented and agreed. Councillor Beech abstained.
Councillor Taylor completed & signed Precept Return Form.

7. Portfolio Holders.

Councillor Elliot - reported that she had discussed The Hadspen Flood Alleviation Scheme with Roger Meacham of SSDC who had sent out operative to establish overflow blockage. SSDC & SCC were in discussion as to which authority were responsible for maintenance.

Councillor Carter reported that Charles Brooke had complained that the stiles on some of the footpaths had become very slippery in the recent wet weather. Then there was a discussion as to whether creosoting the steps or covering with chicken wire would be an efficient way to rectifying this problem. The conclusion was that chicken wire would probably be best.

Councillor Jury presented his monthly report showing outstanding highway issues. He also informed the meeting that residents can now view a weekly schedule of current and proposed highway works in South Somerset by visiting the parish council website www.pitcombepc.org.uk and clicking the relevant link on the home page.

Councillor Taylor had discussed waste collections with the newly formed Somerset Waste Partnership regarding timing of waste collections. Collections can be from 7 a.m. – it was hoped that the time would stabilize after a short time. The Christmas Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule would be placed on the notice boards.

8. Accounts for Payment

Hadspen Village Hall - Rental 1st June 2006-30th September 2007 - £114.00.

Payment agreed

9. Correspondence

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| 1. SSDC | Comprehensive Performance Assessment |
| 2. SSDC | Contact list of Area East Clerks & Councillors |
| 3. Chairman SCC | Grant Application – 500 Club |
| 4. SSDC | Minutes of Standards Committee meeting |
| 5. Somerset highways | Temp. Road Closure Notice – Bruton High St. |
| 6. Somerset Waste Partnership | Promotion of the Refuse & Recycling Collection |
| 7. Environment Directorate | Parish/Town Council Questionnaire Highway Related Services Results – 2007. |
| 8. Democratic Services | Meeting of the SSAWP – 5 th Dec 2007 – Re-issue of Paper C |
| 9. SSDC | Schedule 4 – Gants Mill – Certificate of Lawfulness For Wedding Ceremonies. |

Meetings/Workshops:

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| Monday 5 th December | South Somerset Area Working Panel. |
| Monday 7 th January | Consultation Event – Shaping the future for Somerset Cheddon Fitzpaine Village Hall |
| Wednesday 9 th January | Consultation Event – Shaping the future for Somerset The Davis Hall, West Camel |
| Monday 14 th January | Briefing – Re-location of Wincanton Police Station to Churchfields, Wincanton. |

10. Planning Applications.

Councillor Taylor – Presented the following application received 11/12/08.

07/05484/COU Mr and Mrs Shingler. Use of land for siting of a marquee from 15th April to 15th October annually. GR (367484/134256)

Location: Gants Mill Gants Mill Lane Bruton Somerset BA10 0DB.

There were no observations on or objections to this application.

11. **Next Meeting** - Tuesday, 12th February, 2007

**Minutes of the Pitcombe Annual Parish Meeting held on
Tuesday 10 April 2007 in the Village Hall, Hadspen**

Present: Approximately 10 members of the Public
County Councillor Robinson

In the Chair: Councillor Charles Brook, Chairman of the Parish Council

1. **Opening remarks and welcome**

Councillor Charles Brook opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

2. **To receive the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9 May 2006**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes be approved as a true record.

Approved

3. **Matters arising**

Speed Limits – Cllr Holt confirmed that 30 mph speed limit signs had been erected in Pitcombe and Cole. Highways have been contacted regarding the positioning of the 30 mph sign at Hill View, which places the cottages in an unlimited zone and does not address the problems of speeding traffic experienced by the residents.

4. **Report on the work of the Parish Council for the year April 2006 - March 2007**

Councillor Brook (retiring Chairman) gave a brief overview of the Council's work during the past year and commented that the bi-meetings - portfolio and planning, had worked well.

Councillor Brook stated that roads were cleaner and the footpaths now much clearer and extended his thanks to Cllrs Jennings and Carter - also Richard O'Leary (now retired).

Priddles Hill - Councillor Brook acknowledged the considerable efforts involved by Councillors who contributed to the success of the appeal.

Slurry Lagoon – Councillor Brook also acknowledged the successful clearance of the lagoon.

Councillor Brook expressed his gratitude to all involved with Priddles Hill Appeal and the Slurry Lagoon particularly Cllrs Elliott, Holt and Taylor who had been very active and supportive in their role to the Council.

Finance – Councillor Brook stated that a final grant of £3100 would be paid to the Village Hall re-build project for financial year 2007/08. He went on to explain that a contingency reserve had built up in the Council's deposit account, which amounted to £1889, and this would be useful for any legal fees or costs that may arise in the future.

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Councillor Brook went on to extend his thanks to past and present Clerk's and acknowledged the considerable support that County Councillor Robinson and District Councillor Winder had given to the Council.

Policing – Councillor Brook recognised that newly appointed PCSO Tim Russell had been very supportive to Hadspen with recent motorbike problems. There were noticeably more police patrol cars in the area even in PCSO Russell's absence.

Councillor Brook expressed his wish for the new council to be more pro-active and commented on the planting of trees along the boundaries. He referred to the excellent work that had taken place on the Hadspen Estate with the creation of new paths, planting of hedges and ongoing footpath linkage. He had hoped that Rosie or Niall Hobhouse would have been available to attend the meeting to acknowledge their work and express thanks in person.

5. **Discuss any motions of which notice has been given to the Clerk**

None received.

6. **Open Discussion**

Mr Elliott thanked all Councillors who have served on the Council. He acknowledged that Iain Bell (who resigned 2006) had given over 20 years of dedicated service to Pitcombe Parish Council.

Mr Elliott stated it was unfortunate that Parish Councils do not attract more candidates to come forward for election, and felt there was probably a public perception that parish councils do not have sufficient power. Mr Elliott hoped the impending Local Government Reorganisation might address this.

County Councillor Robinson extended his thanks to Councillor Brook for his service to the council. He also acknowledged the service and support of District Councillor Winder (in her absence).

Councillor Brook thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at approximately 7.55 pm.

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday, 12 February 2008

Present: Councillors: Beech, Carter, Elliot, Jury, Taylor and Whittaker
In the Chair: Councillor Taylor

In attendance:

County Councillor Justin Robinson

District Councillor Miali Felton

Residents of the Parish - Dr. & Mrs. Derek Pheby, Cathy Brook, Sue Chamberlain, Alison Shingler, Greg Beedle,

1. Public Participation

Dr. and Mrs. Pheby informed the meeting that the problem with the storm drain which had become blocked one and again and that nobody appeared to have the authority to make any decision to have the problem rectified.

Cathy Brook informed the meeting that the land containing the slurry pit was going to be auctioned on Friday, 15th February, 2008 at 2 p.m.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 11th December, 2007

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2007 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of 11th December, 2007

None

4. Apologies for absence

Councillor Hartnell

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Carter from Item 7

6. Grove Cross

Following a number of Road Traffic Accidents in the location of Grove Cross Junction the Council discussed and considered the possibilities of any measures that may be taken in the future to make this particular stretch of road safer.

Councillor Robinson suggested that Councillor Jury should contact Scott Davies for any accident data that is available.

Action:

Councillor Jury to discuss with Scott Davies.

7. Planning Applications – For Consideration

Presented by: Councillor Taylor

No observations

**Application for Listed Building Consent/Conservation Area Consent
08/00173/LBC – Mrs. C. Carter. Refurbishment and alterations to cider house to form additional accommodation in connection with the main house and repairs and re-roofing of lean-to-shed GR:365268/132510**

8. Planning Applications – Approved

07/0456/FUL – Mr. R. Comer & Mr. D. York. Erection of quarry managers workplace/home and change the use of land from agricultural to domestic curtilage (GR 365458/131407)

Location: Grove Farm Quarry, Lime Kiln Lane, Hadspen, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7NX

Approved with conditions

Somerset County Council

Town and County Planning Act 1990

Wessex Water – Change of use and installation of below ground submerged aerated filter sewage treatment plant and above ground blower and control kiosks and vent stack, together with extension to roadside lay-by in highway verge opposite Rodge Cottages, Hadspen, Castle Cary, Somerset (Grid Ref: 365655 – 132838)

Granted with conditions

9. Planning Application – Refused

07/04853/FUL – A.H.Farming. Demolition of front lean-to and erection of new lean-to to rear and conversion of building into 3 light industrial units (**GR:364874/132143**).

Permission refused

10. Portfolio Holders

Councillor Elliot reported that she had contacted Oliver Dowding to discuss danger of holes in his field. Was not aware that any immediate action was going to be taken to repair the holes.

Councillor Carter reported that a new rights of way newsletter would be coming out every two weeks. She also reported that where possible the steps of the stiles that had become slippery would be creosoted.

Councillor Jury reported that the winter weather has caused issues with pot holes on some of the lanes. He will be putting together a list of defects to be given to the local authority.

11. County Councillor

Councillor Robinson reported that the 30 mph speed limit currently in place on the Cole/Castle Cary Road may be extended to the bottom of the hill. There is currently no agreement from the police on this matter but it is under review.

12. District Councillor

Councillor Felton reported that Somerset Waste Partnership is looking to introduce same day collection for all waste. Whether all waste will be collected weekly is still not clear. There are no plans to trial the collection of plastic and card in our area but reported that South Somerset sends less waste to landfill than any area in the county. She also reported that a joint meeting for a flood alleviation scheme has not been possible to arrange. The Environment Agency consider that the problem is not big enough to convene such a meeting.

13. Chairman

Councillor Taylor expressed his frustration with the difficulty of being able to contact any of the officers at District and County level. This frustration highlighted by several recent incidents involving flood prevention, a jetting problem (eventually fixed by a sub-contractor) and planning issues and SCC Your Somerset Magazine regarding a consultation about wind turbines, he had been asked to find out how the conclusions would be made.

Councillor Taylor asked the District and County Councillors if there was any way to improve communications. Advised by Councillors Felton and Robinson to write to the Chief Executive

and to Tim Carroll detailing all the difficulties encountered. Councillor Jury recommended that by putting everything in writing it appeared to produce a more complete and rapid response.

12. Accounts for Payment:

None

13. Correspondence:

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies.

1.	Somerset Highways	Temporary Road Closure B3081
2.	SALC	Audit and Accounting Update
3.	Somerset Playing Fields Association	The Playing Field - Newsletter
4.	Avon & Somerset Constabulary	Improvements
5.	Communities and Local Government	Consultation on Orders & Reg. Of Local Authority Members
6.	Ansford School	Minutes of Ansford School & Community Forum 23 rd January 2008

Meetings/Workshops:

1.	SSDC	Area East Committee – 9 th January 2008
2.	Ansford School	Ansford School and Community Forum 23 rd January 2008
3.	Somerset Local Authorities' Civil Contingencies Unit	Parish Flood Fair 21 st 22 nd February 2008
4.	SALC	SALC Area Meetings
5.	SSDC	Area East Forum 27 th February 2008
6.	SSDC	Queen Camel Village Hall SSDC Annual Parish Meeting with Area East Town and Parish Councils. 19 th March 2008

14. Any Other Business

Councillor Beech reported that it appeared that contractors were not clearing the roads following hedge cutting.

15. Items for the next agenda

Grove Cross

16. Next Meeting – Tuesday 11th March 2008

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the Centenary Room, Bruton School for Girls
on Tuesday 11th March 2008 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: **Beech, Elliot, Hartnell, Taylor**
In the Chair: Councillor **Taylor**

In attendance:
Residents of the Parish: – Derek & Anita Pheby, Merida Drysdale

1. Public Participation

Merida Drysdale drew the attention of the Council the siting of a large water tank by Wessex Water in Mill Lane. The verges have been left in a very bad state. Past planning applications will be looked at to see if permission has been obtained for the tank. Mrs. Drysdale will ring Wessex Water to make further enquiries as to the nature of the work.

Anita Pheby drew attention to the state of the triangle at the top of Kiln Lane. Councillor **Taylor** will ask Councillor **Jury** to follow this up.

Derek Pheby reported on the flood alleviation scheme. A meeting had been held and the County will now take responsibility when the drain becomes blocked. Awaiting agreement in writing.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th February 2008

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2008 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 12th February 2008.

None

4. Apologies for absence

Councillors **Carter, Jury** and **Whittaker**. County Councillor **Robinson**, District Councillor **Felton**.

5. Declarations of Interest

None

6. Grove Cross.

Councillor **Taylor** read a report from Councillor **Jury** giving information about the possibility of changes to the junction at Grove Cross. There is no indication that any further work will be done at the crossroads as the expense could not be justified at present. Details of accident statistics are still being gathered. However, the junction at the Wagon and Horses in Castle Cary appears to be the more dangerous junction and Councillor **Jury** suggests approaching Ansford and Castle Cary TC to jointly press for action. This was agreed as a course of action.

7. Planning Applications – For Consideration.

South Somerset District Council.

08/00173/LBC – Mrs C. Carter. Refurbishment and alterations to cider house to form additional accommodation in connection with the main house and repairs and re-roofing of lean-to-shed (GR: 365268/132510). Amended Plans

Location: Honeywick House Honeywick Road Honeywick Castle Cary Somerset BA7 7LP
No observations

00/00874/FUL – Mr. Andrew Hopkins. Demolition of existing Porch and erection of conservatory (GR 364791/123113).

Location: Priddles Hill Farm, Cary Hill, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7NN
No observations

8. Planning Applications – Determined.

07/05484/COU Mr and Mrs Shingler. Use of land for siting of a marquee from 15th April to 15th October annually. GR (367484/134256)

Location: Gants Mill Gants Mill Lane Bruton Somerset BA10 0DB.

Approved with conditions.

Reports.

Councillor Jury:

Councillor Taylor read the report provided by **Councillor Jury**.

A survey of the roads within the Parish has been completed. The defects will be reported in writing to Somerset Highways requesting a joint inspection.

Councillor Taylor:

Reported that he had attended the meeting in regard to the Hadspen Flood Alleviation Scheme. Various works would be carried out by SSDC & SCC details to be provided when report received from Roger Meacham of SSDC. Both officers from SSDC & SCC committed to various regular maintenance tasks to be carried out in the future.

Councillor **Taylor** suggested that there is now a real need to replace the Hadspen Notice Board He asked councillors for agreement in principle to renew the Hadspen Notice Board – this was agreed. Councillors **Taylor & Hartnell** to pursue.

10. Accounts for payment

Bruton School for Girls	Hire of Centenary room. Oct/Nov/Dec/Feb	£24.00
S.A.L.C	Affiliation Fee	£84.03

Approved

11. Correspondence

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies.

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| 1. SALC | Items of Interest to Councillors & Clerks
Feb 2008 |
| 2. Somerset CC
Environment Directorate | Authorisation for MG Car Club – Kimber Classic
Trial on 19 th April 2008 |
| 3. SSDC | RE. Validation of Planning Applications |
| 4. Meeting of Area East | Agenda |

12. Meetings Workshops.

13. Annual Parish Meeting.

To be held on Tuesday 8th April 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

14. Items for next Agenda

Grove Cross
Wessex Water Treatment Plant in Mill Lane

Next meeting of the Parish Council to follow the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 8th April 2008.

Members of the Council are asked to consider the above matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the Hobhouse Suite, Bruton School for Girls
on Tuesday 8th April 2008 at 8.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: **Beech, Elliot, Hartnell, Jury, Taylor, Whittaker**
In the Chair: Councillor **Taylor**

In attendance:
Residents of the Parish: – Derek & Anita Pheby
District Councillor: Maili Felton

1. Public Participation

Anita Pheby commented on the failed rubbish collections during the past week . Councillor Beech explained that all collections had been changed to Fridays and that residents should have received notification regarding this. However it seems that the delivery of the date change notifications was haphazard and many residents were not aware of the changes. Councillor Taylor would take up the matter with the appropriate authorities.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th March 2008

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2008 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 11th March 2008.

None

4. Apologies for absence

Councillor **Carter**. County Councillor **Robinson**,

5. Declarations of Interest

None

6. Grove Cross and Wagon & Horses Crossroads.

Councillor **Jury** confirmed that he had written to both Ansford PC and Castle Cary TC to jointly press for action and stated that he had received favourable responses from both councils.

Ansford PC within whose parish the crossroads are located would be meeting on Wednesday 9th April and will be discussing the matter.

7. Planning Applications – For Consideration.

South Somerset District Council.

08/01039/FUL – Mr. A Drysdale Conversion of redundant barn into holiday let accommodation (GR: 367204/133096). Amended Plans

Location: Pitcombe Farm, Pitcombe Hill, Pitcombe, Bruton Somerset BA10 0PF

Observations: Concern was expressed regarding additional parking requirements such a development would impose on the local community. The application does not mention a proposed swimming pool shown on the construction plans.

8. Reports.

Councillor Hartnell presented the receipts and payment records for the year April 2007 – March 2008 and commented on the current account balance of £1607.98. The next council meeting will finalise the accounts. Councillor Taylor proposed that £1000 of the balance be transferred to the Scottish Widows contingency fund.

Councillor Jury:

Confirmed his action to date on the Wagon and Horses crossroads in item 6 of these minutes. He also confirmed that he had written to county highways regarding road repairs required in Mill Lane, Sunny Hill Lane and the triangle at the top of Lime Kiln Lane. He was awaiting a reply and would report back at the next meeting.

Councillor Whittaker: Commented on the rubbish and debris which was building up in various roadside locations throughout the parish. A general discussion confirmed that this was a continuing problem. District Councillor commented that the district council operate a service called streetscene. Councillor Taylor will make contact to try and resolve these issues.

Councillor Taylor: Reported he had been invited to and had attended a meeting with SSDC & SCC officers responsible for The Hadspen Flood Alleviation Scheme along with residents and District Councillor Maili Felton. Various matters had been discussed and conclusions reached. He was still waiting for the promised letter from Roger Meacham of SSDC. Councillor Taylor also stated he had asked Mr. Meacham to send a letter of apology to Mrs. Apperly as it became apparent during the meeting that she had not been informed that the meeting would take place on her land.

9. Accounts for payment

There were no accounts for payment

10. Correspondence

CPRE	Fieldwork Magazine
CPRE	Countryside Voice (Spring)
SCC	Focus on.. Transporting Somerset
Audit Commission	Annual Return Forms
Shopmobility	Information Sheet
Somerset Highways	Highways Group Changes
SSDC	Outcome of Area East Forum
The MG Car Club	Kimber Classic Trial
Allianz	Insurance Renewal Forms

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies.

Meetings.

SSDC

Area East Committee 9th April 2008

Next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 13th May 2008.

Members of the Council are asked to consider the above matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
held in Hadspen Village Hall,
on Tuesday 13th May 2008 at 7.30.p.m.**

Present: Councillors: **Beech, Carter, Elliott, Hartnell, Jury, Taylor, Whittaker**
In the Chair: Councillor **Taylor**

In attendance:

Residents of the Parish: - **Ian Bell**

County Councillor: - **Justin Robinson**

PCSO: - **Tim Russell**

1. **Election of Chairman for the year 2008 – 2009**

Councillor Taylor was nominated by **Councillor Carter**, seconded by **Councillor Hartnell** and unanimously elected as Chairman for the year 2008-2009.

2. **Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2008 – 2009**

Councillor Elliott was nominated by **Councillor Carter**, seconded by **Councillor Hartnell** and unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman for the year 2008-2009.

3. **Public Participation**

PCSO Tim Russell gave a report to the meeting.

A quantity of diesel had been stolen from a car in Lancombe Lane. There had also been some rowdy behaviour in Mill Lane but no damage had been reported. He advised that locks and general security should be checked. Also garden machinery, sheds, barns etc. need to have adequate security. He also told the meeting that scrap metal as well as lead and manhole covers over drains were also being targeted as the metal has become very valuable. **Councillor Elliott** asked if the police had been informed of the charity walk by Ansford School that will go through the Parish on July 11th. **Tim Russell** said that as far as he knew no information had been received as yet.

Councillor Elliott also asked about cases of dogs being attacked by another dog in Hadspen, **Councillor Taylor** mentioned that a dog had entered an enclosure at Nettlecombe Cottage and had to be forcibly removed from the leg of a pygmy goat.

Tim Russell advised to report such cases to the police at the time of the incident also advised by **Councillor Robinson** to contact Laura Pearse at District Council as this was her area of responsibility.

4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th April, 2008**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2008 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

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5. **Apologies for Absence**

District Councillor Miali Felton

6. **Declarations of Interest**

None

7. **Planning Applications For Consideration:**

South Somerset District Council.

08/01551/FUL – Mr A. Drysdale - Replacement of existing window with a dormer window
(GR 367216/133059).

Location: Pitcombe Farmhouse, Pitcombe Hill, Pitcombe, Bruton, Somerset, BA10 0PF.

No observations

08/01628/FUL – Mr. and Mrs. Vernon – The erection of a single storey link extension.
(GR 367070/132354).

Location: Pitcombe Barn, Church Lane, Pitcombe, Bruton, Somerset, BA10 0PE

No observations

08/01751/FUL – Mr. W. Gyoury – Demolition of existing Garage & Carport and erection of Pergola (for use as carport) (GR 365707/132626)

Location: Nettlecombe, Hadspen, Castle Cary, Somerset, BA7 7LW.

Councillor Elliott reported that the Garage has already been demolished.

Comments were made by Councillors reference the increasing numbers of retrospective planning Applications.

08/01767/FUL – Mr. M. Jennings – The erection of a steel framed barn to house machinery and feed (GR 366809/133136)

Location: Land Os 7818 Lancombe Lane, Pitcombe, Bruton, Somerset, BA10)PL.

Ian Bell commented that trees be planted as a screening measure.

Comment by Councillors of the need for general screening of the structure.

08/01039/FUL – Mr. A. Drysdale. Conversion of redundant barn into holiday let accommodation (GR367204/133096). Amended Plans.

Location: Pitcombe Farm Pitcombe Hill Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA10 0PF

Councillor Taylor told the meeting that he had received correspondence on this application.

Ian Bell felt that this conversion would actually constitute a 'new build' as the present structure would have to be completely demolished before new work could begin.

There was also general concern in regard to access and the proposed parking spaces that appeared to block the access even more.

It was noted that this application was being made in a conservation area and was felt to be out of keeping and an over development within the area.

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8. Planning Applications Approved:

South Somerset District Council.

08/00750/LBC – Mrs C. Carter. Construction of Lean-to Shed (GR: 365268/132510).

Location: Honeywick House Honeywick Road Honeywick Castle Cary Somerset BA7 7LP.

Granted with conditions.

00/00874/FUL – Mr. Andrew Hopkins. Demolition of existing Porch and erection of conservatory (GR 364791/123113).

Location: Priddles Hill Farm, Cary Hill, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7NN

Granted with conditions.

9. Reports

a. Portfolio Holders

Councillor Whittaker: reported that cans and general rubbish are still being discarded through the valley.

Councillor Carter: reported that the field below Old Station Lane had been ploughed without leaving the footpath.

Councillor Jury: reported that he had received Correspondence on the following:
Lime Kiln Lane the Council will arrange for patching works when they have patching in the area.

Mill Lane safety areas have been mended but also need patching.

The repairs that are needed on Sunny Hill Lane will be put forward for surface dressing works.

Wagon and Horses Cross Roads: No correspondence had been received but **Councillor Taylor** suggested that the signs that are still on the pub could be removed now that the pub is no longer functional. This would improve vision.

Councillor Taylor also asked if it was possible for a sign for the Village Hall to be erected by the Highways Department.

Councillor Elliott: reported that stables had being erected without appearing to have planning permission. **Councillor Elliott** asked if there was a planning process to follow for stables/large sheds etc.

Councillor Robinson told the meeting that this sort of planning generally goes straight to District.

Councillor Elliott asked if details of the Ansford Walk been forwarded to the Parish Council?
Councillor Taylor reported that nothing had come through as yet.

Councillor Hartnell: reported that the final details of the accounts just needed to be tied up.
Councillor Taylor reported that there is £1000 still to be paid into the Scottish Widows Contingency Account

b. County Councillor

County Councillor Robinson: reported that he still has £5000 to be given away to community groups. There is also a fund of £15,000 for larger local projects. Any schemes that the Parish Council would like to propose would need to be submitted by August/September.

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c. Chairman

Councillor Taylor: reported on the rubbish collection that had failed last month. When he asked South Somerset Waste Department how people had been informed of the changes they claimed that leaflets were all addressed individually. **Councillor Taylor** asked **Councillor Robinson** to check how the leaflets were actually sent out.

Councillor Taylor had written to John Burrows thanking for the use of the facilities at Sunny Hill. He also expressed great delight in the new hall and a lovely building and thanked all the residents of the Parish for their support with the project.

10. Accounts for Payment

Allianz Community Council) For Somerset)	Local Councils Insurance Subscription	£322.10 £25
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Approved

11. Correspondence

Audit Commission SCC Record RSS Ltd Thatch CPRE SCC Environment Scottish Widows S.C.S.N.	External Auditor Somerset Heritage Roadshow 2008 Outdoor Play Products Rural Community Magazine Somerset Matters Road Closure Notices Notice of Changes to Computer Systems Community Safety Newsletter
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Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies

12. Meeting Dates 2008/09

The Parish Council will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of every month.

South Somerset Together	South Somerset Together AGM Wed. 18 th June 2008 – 17.30 – 19.30
Sustainable Somerset Together	Sustainable Community Event Thurs 29 th May 2008 – 10.30-12.00 or 14.30 – 16.00.
SSDC	Area East Committee – 14 th May 2008-05-13
SALC	Notice of South Area Meeting – 9 th June 2008

13. Date, time and place of next meeting

To be held on Tuesday 10th June 2008 at 7.30p.m. in Hadspen Village Hall

14. Items for next agenda

Members of the Council are asked to consider the following matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

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Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the The Hadspen Village Hall
on Tuesday 10th June 2008 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: **Carter, Elliot, Hartnell, and Taylor**
In the Chair: **Councillor Taylor**

In attendance:
Residents of the Parish: – **John Knight, Celia Wheadon**

Public Participation

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th May 2008

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th May, 2008 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 13th May 2008.

None

4. Apologies for absence.

Councillor **Whittaker**, Councillor **Jury**.

5. Declarations of Interest

6. Planning Applications – For Consideration.

South Somerset District Council.

08/02024/FUL Mr & Mrs C Lowe: The erection of a replacement garage and greenhouse (GR 367458 / 133662).

Location: Red House Sunny Hill Bruton Somerset BA10 0NN

Comment Reserved

7. Reports.

Councillor Elliott:

Reported that Gant's Mill Lane is in a terrible mess. It will be resurfaced, in due course, by the Railway Company.

It was also reported that Lime Kiln Lane appears to be in need of resurfacing. This information to be forwarded to Councillor **Jury**.

Councillor Hartnell:

Last years accounts to the end of the year (April 2007 – March 2008) were given to the Council. Councillor Carter noted the generosity of Bruton School for Girls in their help during the time the Village Hall was unavailable.

Councillor Carter:

A parishioner had reported that fingerposts were not visible at certain **points on the footpaths**. The Highways have indicated that they prefer that fingerposts should be put on tarmac roads. There are also nettles growing over a certain footpath. Biddy Coghill-Smith had done a very good job in weed killing certain paths. Merida Drysdale has asked that the foot-paths by Pitcombe Church be trimmed in time for a wedding in the Church.

Councillor Jury

Pitcombe Parish Highways – June 2008

1. Highways have identified and marked areas requiring patching in Mill Lane and Lime Kiln Lane.
2. Lancombe Lane and Hell Ladder Lane will remain as restricted byways and will not be upgraded Biways open to all traffic (BOATS) as requested by the Trail Riders Fellowship (See letter SCC dated 15th May 2008)
3. Ansford Parish Council have advised that highways have agreed improved speed restrictions on the approach to the crossroads at the Wagon & Horses (See Copy letter from SCC dated 17th April 2008)

Councillor Taylor:

At the last meeting the question of litter was raised. **Councillor Taylor** asked if parishioners would report instances of litter 'hot-spots'. These reports can then be followed up by Street Scene if necessary. This month a number of 'arrows' had been left after a cycle race through the Parish.

Additional Report

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Councillor Carter reported an incident that had occurred in her garden on June 7th. A group of 5 young people starting throwing sticks, mud etc. at herself and her gardener. They used very bad language and refused to stop their behaviour. A couple of the young people then returned and vandalised parts of her garden. They returned again the next day and carried out further vandalism. The incident has been reported to the police and is currently being investigated.

Councillor Taylor reported that he had recently been to a meeting at Ansford School and was very disappointed to discover that the young people who were causing trouble in and around Castle Cary & Ansford were subject to very little or no discipline from the authorities.

Councillor Taylor will be writing expressing the concern of the Parish Council generally over the Ansford School walk that is due to take place thorough the valley on July 11th. He will also ask for a named person to whom he can refer should there be any trouble.

8. Accounts for Payment

9. Correspondence

The Playing Field	Newsletter
SCC	Public Rights of Way Newsletter
SSDC	Notes of District and Parish/Town Meeting
SSDC	Minutes of Flood Risk meeting at Hadspen.
SCC	Road Closure – B3081 Dropping Lane Bruton – 2 weeks from 30 th June.
SCC	Road Closure – Bratton Seymour Road Bratton Seymour & Shepton Montague – 2 weeks from 30 th June.
SSDC	Removal of Payphone in Pitcombe.
SSDC	The Expression of Interest from the Blackmore Vale – Funding.
CPRE	Recruitment

10. Meeting Dates 2008/09

SSDC	Standards Committee – 4 th June
SSDC	Area East Committee -11 th June

11. Planning Application Results

SSDC

08/01039/FUL – Mr. A. Drysdale. Conversion of redundant barn into holiday let accommodation (GR367204/133096).

Location: Pitcombe Farm Pitcombe Hill Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA10 0PF.

Planning refused

SCC

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 section 53 applications to modify the Definitive Map and Statement by upgrading Restricted Byways (RB) to Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs).

Will **not be determined** by Somerset County Council. Application routes will remain as restricted byways.

Councillor Taylor read a letter from the Environment Directorate explaining the determination.

Removal of Payphone in Pitcombe

Unless SSDC hears from the Parish Council with a case to retain it, it will be removed.

- 11. Items for next agenda**
- 12. Date, time and place of next meeting.**

To be held on Tuesday 8th July at 7.30p.m. in Hadspen Village Hall

Members of the Council are asked to consider the above matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the The Hadspen Village Hall
on Tuesday 8th July 2008 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: **Beech, Carter, Elliot, Hartnell, Jury, Taylor, Whittaker**

In the Chair: **Councillor Taylor**

In attendance: Residents of the Parish: – Martin and Celia Jennings, John Knight, Hamish and Gill Craig. PCSO Tim Lawrence. Visitor: Nigel Begg

1. **Public Participation**
2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th June 2008**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2008 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of 10th June 2008.**

- i. **Ansford School Annual Walk – Friday 11th July 2008**

Councillor Taylor read the meeting a letter that he had received from Mr. Benzie, headmaster of Ansford School. Councillor Taylor had hoped to be given assurances that when the walk takes place that it will be undertaken with proper care and responsibility and that Mr. Benzie would personally take on this responsibility. Since the correspondence white spray paint signs have been posted on the road and footpaths of the route seemingly without permission. **Councillor Taylor** will write to Mr. Benzie to find out if the painting had been done by a representative of Ansford School. The walk is scheduled to take place throughout the whole day; a map of the route to be taken has been posted on notice boards in the valley.

- ii. **BT Phone Box – Pitcombe**

Mr. Craig stated that he supported the letter written to the Parish Council by Andrew Jones. A new date for consultation with the District Council has not been fixed.

Councillor Taylor told the meeting that even though many Hadspen residents had asked for the phone box to be retained two years ago, when the same question had arisen, it was still taken away despite one or two elderly residents having no access to a phone at that time.

Councillor Taylor he would approach Tim Cook of SSDC, who is liaising with BT for a number of parishes regarding this matter, to ascertain new deadline for consultation. He also suggested that the residents of Pitcombe should write to the council so that the council could use this as evidence/support for retaining the telephone box.

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Councillor Jury undertook to do a survey in Pitcombe to ascertain opinion of the residents about the phone box.

Mr. Jennings told the meeting that there is one resident in Pitcombe who does not currently have a phone in their home.

Mrs. Craig wondered if the fact that the box is in a conservation area would make a difference.

Councillor Taylor told the meeting that this fact had made no difference to the removal of the phone box in Hadspen.

4. Apologies for Absence

None

5. Declarations of Interest

None

6. Planning Applications – For Consideration.

South Somerset District Council.

08/02024/FUL Mr & Mrs C Lowe: The erection of a replacement garage and greenhouse (GR 367458 / 133662).

Location: Red House Sunny Hill Bruton Somerset BA10 0NN

No Observations

08/02140/FUL MR R Scott: The erection of an extension to south elevation of kitchen wing to provide dining area GR 366837/133673

Location: Cole Manor Cole Bruton Somerset.

No observations

08/02424/LBC Mr. Alexander Harley: The installation of replacement garage doors and the creation of a new internal doorway (GR 366817/133717)

Location: The Manor House Cole Bruton Somerset BA10 0PL

No Observations

7. Planning Determination

08/02024/FUL Mr & Mrs C Lowe: The erection of a replacement garage and greenhouse (GR 367458 / 133662).

Location: Red House Sunny Hill Bruton Somerset BA10 0NN

Granted - subject to conditions

08/01628/FUL – Mr. and Mrs. Vernon – The erection of a single storey link extension. (GR 367070/132354).

Location: Pitcombe Barn, Church Lane, Pitcombe, Bruton, Somerset, BA10 0PE

Granted - subject to conditions

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08/01551/FUL – Mr A. Drysdale - Replacement of existing window with a dormer window
(GR 367216/133059).

Location: Pitcombe Farmhouse, Pitcombe Hill, Pitcombe, Bruton, Somerset, BA10 0PF.

Granted – Subject to conditions

08/01751/FUL – Mr. W. Gyoury – Demolition of existing Garage & Carport and erection of Pergola (for use as carport) (GR 365707/132626)

Location: Nettlecombe, Hadspen, Castle Cary, Somerset, BA7 7LW.

Granted – Subject to conditions

8. Reports.

PCSO Tim Lawrence told the meeting that thefts of fuel and scrap metal are things to look out for in our area. Please report any suspicious activity.

There was an incident involving youths from Castle Cary. They had blocked the road with branches at Honeywick and were abusive to several members of the public. They have either been or are in the process of being dealt with.

As there have been incidents of motorbikes and mini motos causing nuisance or distress in the Parish any further such incidents should be reported to the Police on 0845 456 7000. If necessary dial 999.

Two PCSOs will be monitoring the Ansford School walk on 11th July.

Councillor Beech:

Two cases of anti social behaviour has been addressed and successfully resolved in Pitcombe.

Councillor Jury:

Reported that there was still a wait for patching work to be done on various lanes in the Parish.

Councillor Taylor asked for the grass triangle at the top of Lime Kiln Lane be reinstated as grass rather than be patched with tarmac where it had been eroded.

Councillor Carter reported that the drains on Honeywick Hill are all blocked following the very heavy rain. **Councillor Jury** said that there is no programme for the regular clearing of the drains.

Residents of Pitcombe Hamlet who walk from the village to Bruton have requested the existing A359 footpath be extended to the top of Pitcombe Rock. Sunny Hill School are aware of the request and Councillor Jury will contact SCC Highways to discuss the proposal

Councillor Carter:

Strimming is being carried out by the District Council throughout the Parish. Mr. Craig reported that strimming is also being done by Terry Crane. Most of the footpaths in the Parish are walkable with the exception of one field in which a crop of broad beans are currently being grown.

Councillor Whittaker:

Reported that she was still having to clear bags of rubbish left near her house. **Councillor Jury** reported that couple of refrigerators have been dumped on the side of the road leading up to Redlynch.

Councillor Taylor:

A sign reading Nichol's Yard with an address (including a Post Code) and a telephone number had been installed at Knapps Hollow Councillor Taylor has discussed this with James Meyers of Planning at SSDC who will be observing the site.

9. Accounts for payment

Bruton School for Girls	Rent for Meetings	£12.00
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10. Correspondence

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies.

Somerset County Council	Somerset Local Initiatives Budget for SCC Councillors
Charles A Llewellyn Chairman of Governors Ansford School	Re: Ansford School Annual Walk.
Robert Benzie Headteacher – Ansford School	Re: Ansford School Annual Walk + Map of Route
Richard Crowe 2012 Creative programmer & Team South West SCC	Re: Ringing in the Olympics in the South West
SCC	Somerset Community Safety Newsletter – Summer 2008
CPRE	Somerset Community Safety Newsletter – Special Edition 2008
David Heath CBE MP	Countryside Voice Magazine
Andrew Jones	Re: 2008 Village Tour Re: Pitcombe Telephone Box

11. Meetings/Workshops

SSDC	Area East Committee – 9 th July 2009
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12. Items for next agenda

13. Date, time and place of next meeting

To be held on Tuesday 12th August at 7.30p.m. in Hadspen Village Hall.

Members of the Council are asked to consider the above matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
held in Hadspen Village Hall
on Tuesday 12th August 2008 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: **Beech, Elliot, Jury, Taylor, Whittaker**
In the Chair: Councillor **Taylor**

In attendance:
County Councillor: **Justin Robinson**
Residents of the Parish: **Hamish and Gill Craig**

1. **Public Participation.**

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th July 2008**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2008 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of 8th July 2008.**

i). BT Phone Box – Pitcombe

Councillor **Jury** reported that he had carried out a survey of the majority of residents in Pitcombe. All of those were in favour of retaining the box. It is the last remaining phone-box in the parish. The majority view was that the effort should continue to retain the phone box. Not least as Pitcombe Hamlet is set in the river Pitt valley with hills either side so consequently mobile telephone signals are almost non-existent and cannot be relied on in the case of emergencies. Councillor **Taylor** will write to Tim Cook at SSDC with PPC response to consultation pointing out the social reasons for retaining the Telephone Box. Should the request for SSDC to veto removal fail the possibility of taking over the maintenance of the phone box was raised. Resident Mr. Craig said it was probable that The Pitcombe Trust would join with PPC in running the payphone but the costs would need to be taken into account before any decision could be made.

ii). Ansford School Annual Walk

Councillor **Taylor** told the meeting that it appeared to be well policed. There was one incident in Pitcombe reported to a member of the PTA. This incident has been dealt with satisfactorily.

The Arrows:

The painted arrows started to appear in the Parish during the week before the walk the arrows pointing under the viaduct appearing on the morning of the walk. Highways and the District

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Council knew nothing of the arrows. On the question of how the arrows might be removed they would only rate as low profile by Street Scene for removal as they would be considered as graffiti but at a low level of priority. Correspondence with Mr. Benzie has proved unproductive. Councillor **Jury** detailed the facts of the direction arrows as well as showing photographs of the arrows, of which there are 30, covering the circular route of the walk. Councillor **Jury** is awaiting replies to his latest communication with Mr. Benzie and feels that nothing further can be done until that reply is forthcoming. Mr. **Craig** told the meeting that he would be happy to look into the rules and regulations for such walks, as laid down for the Save the Children Fund Walks, with which he is involved, that take place every year. Mr. **Craig** will liaise with Councillor **Jury** on this issue.

Councillor **Taylor** also told the meeting that Mr. Steve Craggs, Deputy Head of Ansford School, has offered to come and speak to the Parish Council in the Autumn to answer any questions the Council may have in relation to the school.

Mr. Craggs had also asked if a group of pupils could do several hours community work in the Parish. The working-party cleared the area surrounding the bench on Cary Hill which was overgrown with nettles and also painted the bench. Councillor **Taylor** expressed thanks on behalf of the council to Mr. Craggs and the pupil working-party.

4. **Apologies for absence**

Councillors **Carter and Hartnell**
District Councillor **Felton**

5. **Declarations of Interest**

None

6. **Planning Applications – For Consideration.**

Planning Applications – For Consideration.

Highways Act 1980, Section 119

Parish of Pitcombe

Permanent Diversion of Path WN22/13 at Priddles Farm

Councillors were asked to report back.

7. **Planning Determination**

08/01767/FUL – Mr. M. Jennings – The erection of a steel framed barn to house machinery and feed (GR 366809/133136)

Location: Land Os 7818 Lancombe Lane, Pitcombe, Bruton, Somerset.

Granted with conditions

8. **Reports.** County Councillor, Portfolio Holders, Chairman

Councillor Elliott:

The caravan at top of hill at Stumps Cross has been removed.

Councillor Jury:

Reported on the ongoing and completed work to various roads and lanes in the Parish. Most of this work needed as a result of Network Rail construction traffic. He also reported that he was awaiting a reply to his letter to Bev Norman at SCC Highways enquiring about the provision of a temporary speed sign on the A359 Bruton Road. A meeting had taken place with County Councillor **Robinson** on July 31st to discuss the proposals for the footpath at Pitcombe Rock/A359. See attached report.

Councillor Whittaker:

Reported that a lot of wood is falling into Honeywick Hill. To be reported to Highways. Councillor **Taylor** reported that some asbestos sheeting has been left in a gateway near Stumps Cross. Also to be reported to Highways. Councillor **Taylor** asked County Councillor **Robinson** if there is any coordinated work for litter picking in South Somerset. At the moment there is nothing in place but discussions are ongoing.

Councillor Beech:

Reported that he had the police had been informed of one incident of motorcyclists in Pitcombe. There has not been any trouble recently.

County Councillor Robinson:

In reply to Councillor **Jury's** request as to possible funding from the Somerset Local Initiatives Budget for the funding of the Pitcombe Rock Footpath he told the meeting that he was awaiting pricing for the project and he has many outstanding requests for this fund. He has also recently had a discussion with traffic police who will be coming to monitor traffic speed in the area in the near future

Councillor Taylor:

Has spoken to Village Hall Trustees Chairman Peter Wyatt re. new Notice Board for Hadspen. Most prices seem to be in the range of £600. Peter Wyatt will ask the Village Hall Trustees for their views at their next meeting. If the cost were to be shared then the Parish Council would probably be asked to contribute £300. Estimates for a new board are still being gathered.

9. Accounts for payment

Pitcombe PCC.	Churchyard Grant	£550
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This payment was agreed.

10. Correspondence

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Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies.

South Somerset Together

South Somerset Together's Draft Sustainable Community
Strategy Consultation

SSDC

Planning Enforcement Policy

The Playing Field

Newsletter

SALC

Newsletter

Ansford School

Emails – re : Arrows

11. Meetings/Workshops

SSDC Standards Committee

6th August 2008

SSDC Area East Committee

13th August 2008

12. Items for next agenda

The Walk/Arrows

Hadspen Notice Board

13. Date, time and place of next meeting

To be held on Tuesday 9th September at 7.30pm in Hadspen Village Hall

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

1. **Sunny Hill Lane/Colestyle Farm Lane**

Letter sent to SCC Highways 4th August regarding state of roads after use by Network Rail for construction traffic. Tony Leach of SCC Highways met with Network Rail on 11th August to determine and agree Network Rails repair and cleanup responsibilities.

Current Status: Work outstanding

2. **Mill Lane**

Patching work completed w/e 8th August

3. **Lime Kiln Lane/A359 Junction**

Patching and repair works completed w/e 8th August

4. **Honeywick Hill - Drainage**

See attached letter from SCC Highways 30th July.

Current Status: Work outstanding

5. **Hadspen – Speed Limit Extension**

See attached letter from SCC Highways 6th August

6. **A359 Bruton Road – Vehicle Activated Speed Sign**

Awaiting reply to my letter of the 24th July to Bev Norman, SCC Highways enquiring about the provision of a temporary speed sign

Current Status: Outstanding

7. **Pitcombe Rock/A359 - Proposed Footpath**

Met with Justin Robinson 31st July to discuss proposals for the footpath construction and request consideration for the funding to be provided from the Somerset Local Initiatives Budget.

Pitcombe Parish Council

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on Tuesday 9th September 2008 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: **Beech, Carter, Elliot, Hartnell, Jury, Taylor, Whittaker**
In the Chair: **Councillor Taylor**

In attendance:

Beat Officer: WPC Sara Stevenson

District Councillor: Miali Felton

Residents of the Parish: Ken Elliot, Willie Constantine, Connie Earle, Martin Atkins, Niki Atkins, Jim Linden

David Nurse

1. Public Participation

Mr. Ken Elliot brought to the attention of the meeting up the subject of litter and waste material, probably builders material, that has been left in the field near his house. Also a trail of litter is left from the Wagon and Horses through to Cole appears every Monday morning.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th August 2008

Councillor Beech: asked that his suggestion at the meeting on 8th July that the Press be notified re the arrows should be minuted.

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2008 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 12th August 2008.

i). The Walk/.Arrows

Councillor Jury reported that had had no reply to his email or letter – the latest of which was sent on August 26th. The District Council to be approached as to how much it will cost to remove the arrows.

Councillor Jury to ask the Council for an estimate of costs involved. It was decided that **Councillor Jury** would write again to the School asking for an explanation for the arrows now that term had started again. It was decided that the Parish Council would not take the matter to the press at the present time.

ii). Hadspen Notice Board

Councillor Taylor reported that the Village Hall Committee had proposed the sum of £250 to be given towards the cost of a new Notice Board. That being the case **Councillor Taylor** will now order a new board.

4. Apologies for absence

Councillor Robinson

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hartnell – in regard to the Planning Application before the Parish Council but would be able to speak as a resident of the Parish.

6. Planning Applications – For Consideration.

08/03138/FUL – Mr. Martin Atkins – Demolition of bungalow, garage and outbuildings and the erection of a detached dwelling with integral annexe and garage/store (GR 367169/133518)

Location: Derwent, Mill Lane, Pitcombe, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0PH

Councillor Taylor had received correspondence on this planning application which was available to the Council.

Mr. Linden reported that he had written three letters expressing concerns about the application. The issues covered in these letters were in relation to the raised risk of flooding to Old Station Lane, apparent discrepancies in the application forms and the appearance of the site. He raised the question as to whether restrictive covenants could be placed on the development in order that it would only be a dwelling rather than a work place.

Councillor Hartnell (from the floor) – felt that there was a need to replace the present structure on the site but was concerned that the current application was out of proportion to what was being replaced.

Mr. Constantine asked whether the workshop would still be used.

Mr. Elliot reminded the meeting of previous planning applications where there had been objections raised in regard to new houses being built in Mill Lane. These objections had been considered untenable under current planning law and had led to large fines being imposed on the District Council.

Mr David Nurse replied to the questions raised in regard to the planning application and said any errors would be amended.

Draft Minutes – Subject to Confirmation

Councillor Taylor asked that the errors in the application be amended and the flooding risk assessed by the planners. He would postpone reporting until this had been done and suggested a special meeting to be held on Tuesday 23rd September when the issues raised could be revisited before a final report would be submitted.

7. Planning Applications - Determined

08/02140/FUL MR R Scott: The erection of an extension to south elevation of kitchen wing to provide dining area GR 366837/133673

Location: Cole Manor Cole Bruton Somerset.

Refused Permission by Planning

Mrs. Scott informed the meeting of what had happened with this particular application in regard to the timing of the refusal. **District Councillor Felton** is looking in to the matter. **Councillor Taylor** also expressed the frustration felt in the way many planning matters are dealt with particularly in reference to enforcement.

08/02424/LBC Mr. Alexander Harley: The installation of replacement garage doors and the creation of a new internal doorway (GR 366817/133717)

Location: The Manor House Cole Bruton Somerset BA10 0PL

Consent Granted

8. Reports.

Councillor Elliott:

Reported that two large vehicles are now parked at the bottom of Rodge Lane – presumably for apple pickers. She will be keeping an eye as to the duration of their stay.

Councillor Jury:

Residents in Mill Lane whose fence was knocked down in June have now had their fence replaced by the contractors who were responsible for the damage.

Councillor Taylor:

Reported that the motorbikes that have caused a nuisance in the past in Pitcombe had returned on Sunday.

The phone box.

An email has been sent to Tim Cooke at District and objections to the removal have now been registered.

Councillor Taylor also told the meeting about two schemes run by BT in relation to phone boxes in rural communities.

Firstly it is possible to sponsor a phone box for £500 per annum or alternatively it is possible to Adopt a Kiosk for £1.

Councillor Elliot asked **Councillor Jury** about the drains in Honeywick that are blocked. **Councillor Jury** will contact the Highways.

Draft Minutes – Subject to Confirmation

Councillor Taylor asked **District Councillor Felton** re phone box veto. She will be looking in to the matter.

District Councillor Felton asked if there was any progress on the flood alleviation scheme. No flooding has been reported.

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9. Correspondence

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies.

SSDC
Victim Support – Somerset
CPRE
SSDC
SALC
Mendip Housing
Somerset C.C.
J. R. Linden
J. R. Linden
J. R. Linden
W.G. & J.V. Constantine
SSDC
SSDC

Flood Awareness
Funding Request
Fieldwork - Magazine
Draft Decision Document – BT Phone Boxes
Special Circ. Re BT Phone Boxes
Annual Review
Local Transport Plan 2 - Summary
Planning Application 08/03138/FUL
Planning Application 08/03138/FUL
Planning Application 08/03138/FUL
Planning Application 08/03138/FUL
Re. Adopt/sponsor Kiosk
Parish Council Allowances

10. Meetings/Workshops

10/09/2008	SSDC	Area East Committee
20/09/2008	CPRE	AGM
27/09/2008	SALC	AGM

11. Items for next agenda

12. Date, time and place of next meeting

Draft Minutes – Subject to Confirmation

To be held on Tuesday 14th October 2008 at 7.30pm in Hadspen Village Hall

Members of the Council are asked to consider the above matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Pitcombe Parish Council

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held in Hadspen Village Hall
on Tuesday 14th October 2008 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: **Beech, Carter, Elliot, Jury, Taylor,**
In the Chair: **Councillor Taylor**

In attendance:

Residents of the Parish: Ian Bell

1. Public Participation

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th September 2008

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2008 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 9th September 2008.

4. Apologies for absence

5. Declarations of Interest

6. Planning Applications – For Consideration.

08/04232/FUL Mr. Paul Jennings - Alterations and conversion of barn to form annexe to 2 Mill Lane Cottage.

**Location: Barn at 2 Mill Lane Cottages, Mill Lane, Pitcombe, Bruton Somerset.
(GR 367324/133100)**

Councillor Elliott expressed interest in the use of the word ‘annexe’ as the barn is not attached to the Cottage. **Councillor Jury** brought up the question of the adequacy of parking and ownership of the land.

Also concern was expressed as to whether or not this is ‘holiday’ let or for family use and that there would be a need for it to be ‘tied’ to Mill Lane Cottage.

Draft Minutes – Subject to Confirmation

The Council were in favour of recommendation once the above concerns have been clarified.

08/03926/FUL Mr. Jeremy Holt -The installation of two velux roof windows on east elevation, one window in north elevation and omission of first floor balcony to west elevation.

Location: Halfways, Hadspen, Castle Cary, Somerset, BA7 7LW (GR 365685/132744)

No objections

**08/040903/LBC – Mr. Alex Harley – The creation of a new internal doorway
Location: The Manor House, Cole, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0PL.
(GR367324/133100)**

No objections

7. Planning Applications – Determined.

**08/03138FUL – Mr. Martin Atkins – Demolition of bungalow, garage and outbuildings and the erection of a detached dwelling with integral annexe and garage/store
(GR367169/133518)**

Location: Derwent, Mill Lane, Pitcombe, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0PH

Application Refused

8. The Telephone Box Pitcombe

Councillor Taylor reported to the meeting that the District Council have now objected to the removal of the Pitcombe Phone Box and has been informed that nothing more needs to be done in regards to the issue at the moment.

9. Reports.

Councillor Whittaker:

Told the meeting that the reported fly tipping has been removed but asbestos still there. The Environment Agency has been contacted and advised that it should be removed within the next two weeks by the Agency. **Councillor Whittaker** asked **Councillor Jury** about redoing the road markings on the road at Hadspen.

Councillor Elliot:

Asked **Councillor Jury** about the problem of flooding on the road to Cole during heavy rain.

Councillor Carter

Thanked Councillor Jury for organising the work on the drains at Honeywick.

Councillor Jury:

Reminded residents that it is their responsibility to keep hedges trimmed along the roads.

Councillor Taylor:

He also reported that the travellers in the valley are still apple picking.
Reported on the Ansford School Community Liaison Meeting. Subject of the arrows was brought up. Mr. Benzie proposed that groups of students from the school would come from time to time to remove the arrows.

10. Accounts for Payment

11. Correspondence

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies.

SSDC	Flood Awareness
Victim Support – Somerset	Funding Request
CPRE	Fieldwork - Magazine
SSDC	Draft Decision Document – BT Phone Boxes
SALC	Special Circ. Re BT Phone Boxes
Mendip Housing	Annual Review
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SSDC	Re. Adopt/sponsor Kiosk
SSDC	Parish Council Allowances

12. Meetings/Workshops

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Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 11th November 2008 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors: **Beech, Carter, Elliot, Hartnell, Jury, Taylor, Whittaker.**
In the Chair: **Councillor Taylor**

In attendance: Pitcombe Resident: John Knight

1. Public Participation

John Knight asked if he would be allowed to comment during item 8.
Councillor **Taylor** said that he would be allowed to.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th October 2008

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2008 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 14th October 2008.

It was noted that there had been no movement with regard to "The Arrows" although Ansford School Headmaster Mr. R. Benzie had promised at the School/Councils liaison meeting that teams of pupils would be taken out to remove same. It was decided that the council would keep track of the situation.

Councillor **Elliot** said that the "apple pickers" appeared to be moving on. It was mentioned that caravans were still at Bottom Barn Farm also that there was also a certain amount of industrial items and vehicles in the yard.

4. Apologies for absence.

District Councillor **Felton** and County Councillor **Robinson** had sent apologies.

5. Declarations of Interest. - None

6. Planning Applications – For Consideration. - None

7. Planning Applications – Determined.

08/03905/LBC MR R Scott: The erection of an extension to south elevation of kitchen wing to provide dining area (revised application) GR 366837/133673

Location: Cole Manor, Cole, Bruton, Somerset.

Withdrawn

08/03906/LBC MR R Scott: The erection of an extension to south elevation of kitchen wing to provide dining area (revised application) GR 366837/133673

Location: Cole Manor, Cole, Bruton, Somerset.

Withdrawn.

8. **The Telephone Box – Pitcombe**

Councillor **Taylor** read the attached letter (APPENDIX 1) to the Parish Council.

John Knight said he was at the meeting to ensure that Mr Andrew Jones offer to pay towards the sponsor fee was discussed. Councillor **Taylor** said he had received an email from Mr. Jones regarding the offer and questioning the fact that his offer had not been mention in the previous minutes. Councillor **Jury**, who had received the original offer, said that he had received it after the last meeting. Councillor **Carter** asked Councillor **Taylor** to write to thank Mr. Jones for the offer.

Councillor **Taylor** stated that Mr Jones had also questioned the decisions made by the council regarding the Telephone Box. Councillor **Taylor** explained that he had been in constant contact with The Area Development Team at SSDC regarding this matter throughout the process and had been advised that the removal of the Telephone Box would be objected to by SSDC and this objection would be tantamount to a Veto, he had been advised that there was no need to apply to adopt or sponsor the Telephone Box at this juncture.

The outcome of the discussion was that no further action was necessary unless BT appealed to OFCOM against the SSDC objection to removal & won that appeal.

It was suggested that to safeguard future attempts to remove the Telephone Box that The Pitcombe Trust be asked to apply for “Listing” this was agreed by the Council and Councillor **Jury** would contact The Pitcombe Trust Chairman with regard to the matter.

9. **Reports. Portfolio Holders**

Councillor Elliot – said that she had contacted the owner of the property where brambles were overhanging Mill Lane – this would be dealt with A.S.A.P.

Councillor Whittaker – was not certain if the asbestos had been removed. Councillor **Jury** reported that a tyre had been dumped at the end of Sunnyhill. Councillor **Whittaker** said she would report the matter.

Councillor Jury – reported that Flood Warning Signs had been stolen from Pitcombe. He would contact SCC to obtain replacements.

Complaints had been received about wide lorries using Lime Kiln Lane, Honeywick Hill & Cole Road (probably due to the ubiquitous Satellite Navigation) – Councillor **Jury** to investigate signage to attempt to prevent this.

He reported that Pitcombe Bridge requires pointing and there was a build up of silt in the river, the probable cause of local flooding in Pitcombe.

Councillor **Elliot** stated that the flooding on the Cole Road in Hadspen had worsened. Councillor **Taylor** asked if a channel could be cut through verge to drain water in to field adjacent. He asked who owned field – John Knight said it was owned by Richard O’Leary and he would speak to Mr O’Leary to obtain permission.

Councillor **Whittaker** stated that work had not been carried out on road surface surrounding the drains by Honeywick Cottage - It was reported that the drain adjacent to Honeywick Barn was not functioning correctly. Councillor **Jury** said he would follow up these problems.

Councillor **Taylor** – said he was worried regarding dogs not under control on roads in the Parish. He had experienced a situation which almost caused an accident on the Cole Road – A horse rider was accompanied by 2 loose dogs.

A situation had occurred where one dog ran in to and then out of a garden near to Old Station Lane on to the road and into the path of an on coming car causing the car driver to brake

sharply. During this incident the other loose dog was crouched in the middle of the road some distance behind the horse causing a dangerous situation for drivers approaching from around the bend.

The rider was calling to the dogs but did not appear to be in control of them.

He hoped that councillors would speak to anyone seen in similar situations.

It was mentioned that not all horse riders were wearing visibility jackets in spite of the dark winter conditions.

Councillor **Taylor** distributed the draft budget to the councillors for discussion at the next meeting.

10. Accounts for payment

CPRE	Annual Subscription	30.00
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1. Correspondence

**CPRE
Communities & Local
Government
SSDC
SSDC
SSDC
SSDC
Somerset County Council
Somerset County Council
SSDC – Mentoring Service**

**Membership Renewal
Communities in Control

Annual Playground Inspection
Annual Precepts
Fuel Poverty
BT Payphone Removal Program
Temporary Road Closure – A359
Temporary Road Closure – Wyke Lane
Service Description**

12. Meetings/Workshops

05/11/08	SSDC	Standards Committee
12/11/08	SSDC	Area East Committee
08/12/08	SALC	South Area

13. Items for next Agenda

**Grant applications
Budget & Precept 2009/2010**

14. Next meeting.

Tuesday 9th December 7.30. p.m.

The meeting was closed.

Members of the Council considered the above matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

APPENDIX 1.



South Somerset District Council

Area North

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Charlotte Jones
Head of Area Development - North



The Clerk to
Pitcombe CP

Date: 24 October 2008

Our ref:

Your ref:

☎ 01458 257401

✉ Charlotte.jones@southsomerset.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

BT Payphone Removal Programme - Adoption of Red Kiosks.

You will be aware that your parish includes a red box, **1pco, Centre Of Village, Pitcombe, Bruton, ☎ 01749813376**, which was recently included within the BT removal programme. The final decision by SSSDC on your parish kiosk was to **object** to the removal.

I am writing to inform you that SSSDC has raised objections with BT regarding the process to secure the 'adopt a kiosk scheme', which a number of parishes expressed an interest in.

As you are probably aware the deadline for applications to adopt must be submitted by 1st November, regardless of the final decision (we assume). The position of SSSDC is that this provided insufficient time for parishes to properly consider the financial and legal implications of signing the model agreement. In addition for those parishes that were objecting to the removal, signing a legal agreement to confirm the telephone equipment could be removed seemed unreasonable.

We have raised this objection on behalf of all affected parishes, following concerns raised by a number with us directly. If you have already submitted an application to adopt, or intend to submit one by 1st November, then we have not sought to affect this at all.

Next steps

If your parish has already submitted an application to adopt a box, then we assume you need do nothing other than respond to BT in due course when they process your application.

If SSSDC objected to the removal, then unless BT appeal, and win, your box will not be affected and you do not need to adopt. However, BT have not made this clear in their guidance, and this is the basis of our objection.



If you need this information in large print, Braille, audio or another language, please contact me at the above address



WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

If SSDC agreed to the removal of the kiosk, and you notified us of your interest in adoption, then we have passed this information to BT as requested. If you have not submitted your application, then we will of course advise you of any further news from BT. Our view is that although this is a risk, it seems not unreasonable to assume BT will adopt a more 'common sense' approach in the light of numerous objections.

I must stress that the adopt a kiosk scheme is entirely voluntary on the part of parish councils, and whilst we will endeavour to gain support from BT to remove the pressure on parishes to sign a legal agreement, we cannot guarantee this will be successful. We will continue to lobby on your behalf, and trust that no red kiosks will be removed, in advance of a parish council having taken a considered decision to adopt, and taken advice on the legal agreement.


It would be helpful to know your current position on adoption, to ensure our records are as accurate as possible and I would be very grateful for any information you could provide. Please note that if you have since obtained listed building status for your red kiosk, a planned removal will not happen in any event.

For information, I enclose a list of all red kiosks in South Somerset (as supplied by BT) together with the final decision of SSDC as to their removal (agree) or retention (object).

Please contact Catherine Hodsman 01458 257414 or email catherine.hodsman@southsomerset.gov.uk to supply any information or to request further details.

If you wish to receive a copy of our letter to BT, please get in touch.

Yours faithfully



Charlotte Jones
Head of Area Development – North

Pitcombe Parish Council

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on Tuesday 9th December 2008 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: **Beech, Elliot, Hartnell, Jury, Taylor, Whittaker**
In the Chair: **Councillor Taylor**

In attendance: Nigel Begg & Residents of the Parish: John Knight

1. Public Participation

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th November 2008

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 11th November 2008.

The Telephone Box – Pitcombe.

- i. Councillor **Taylor** told the meeting that the Parish Council had taken all possible action to Box at Pitcombe. He had spoken to Tim Cook of SSDC who had stated that unless BT appealed to OFCOM (and won the appeal) against the council veto of removal of the telephone box, the box would not be removed. Mr Cook had heard nothing from BT or had any news of an appeal. Councillor Taylor anticipates that the objection to removal will stand.
- ii. Councillor **Jury** reported that there had been no change on the white arrows.
- iii. Councillor **Taylor** will write to Mr. Benzie to ask if any progress has been made.

4. Apologies for absence

PCSO Tim Russell

5. Declarations of Interest

None

6. Planning Applications – For Consideration.

**08/04922/FUL – Chas. Clothier and Son Ltd. –Amendment to windows of dwelling on Plot 3
(Revised Application)(GR 367209/133472)**

Location: Land East of Mill Lane Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA10 0NX

No objections or comments

7. Planning Applications – Determined.

08/04093/LBC - Mr. Alex Harley – The creation of a new internal doorway

Location: The Manor House, Cole, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0PL.

(GR 367324/133100)

Application Approved

8/04232/FUL Mr. Paul Jennings - Alterations and conversion of barn to form annexe to 2 Mill Lane Cottage.

Location: Barn at 2 Mill Lane Cottages, Mill Lane, Pitcombe, Bruton Somerset.

(GR 367324/133100)

Application Refused

8. Grant applications

St. Leonard's Church – Churchyard Maintenance Grant 2009/2010

Sum of £600 agreed

Hadspen Village Hall Maintenance Grant 2009/2010

The Council decided that no grant this year on the precept but money could be available if necessary. Councillor **Hartnell** suggested paying rent for meetings at the beginning of the year. This was unanimously agreed.

Councillor Taylor suggested a grant should be given to support the Pitcombe News magazine.

It was suggested that a grant of £150 should be given this was unanimously approved.

Councillor Taylor proposed a grant of £250 for "Joybells" the charity supported by Diana Scott as a show of gratitude for her unofficial minute taking throughout the year. Councillor Taylor was asked to ascertain if the council were lawful in awarding a grant outside of the community.

It was decided that Councillor Jury would insert an advertisement, in January, in 'The Blackmore Vale' Magazine for the vacancy of an employed Parish Clerk.

9. Budget & Precept 2009/2010

Councillor **Taylor** produced a printed budget for the proposed precept this was discussed by the councillors present.

The final calculation for the precept was £3,560.

10. Publication of Minutes

Councillor **Taylor** has established that there is no requirement to publish the Minutes until they are ratified and confirmed at the following meeting. Councillor **Jury** proposed that the Minutes would not be made public until they were ratified. Members of the Council agreed to put the Minutes on the notice boards after the meeting once they have been confirmed.

11. Reports.

Portfolio Holders

Councillor **Whittaker**:

Reported that as far as she was aware no progress had been made on the removal of the asbestos.

Councillor **Elliot**

Whilst making enquiries as to the responsibility of removing silt from the River Pitt had discovered from SSDC that the removal of silt under the bridge is responsibility of the Highways.

Councillor **Elliot** also read an email from Carol Wyatt. See appendix for details.

Councillor **Elliot** reported that the travellers have now gone from Henry Hobhouse field but there are still travellers at Sheepwash.

Councillor **Jury**

Also reported on the travellers at Sheepwash.

He also told the meeting that arrangements had been made to clear the gullies on the Cole to Hadspen road.

Highways had taken the temporary flood signs away due to Health and Safety. Highways suggested the possibility of permanent signs but this was not popular with Parishoners.

The patching in Honeywick Lane is still to be done.

Councillor **Taylor**

Councillor **Taylor** read an email from PCSO Tim Russell which asked about the policy of keeping the arches open under the viaduct at Pitcombe.

Councillor **Jury** explained to the Meeting that it was the policy to keep only one of the arches open. Councillor **Jury** would email Tim Russell with the information.

Councillor **Hartnell**

Reported that Sexey's School students have been are breaking the law by parking on the pavement by Elm Field. He has discussed the problem with the Headmaster who has taken action. They are also parking too close to the junction as well as on the pavement. Councillor **Hartnell** will email Tim Russell with the information

12. Accounts for Payment

13. Correspondence

South West Employers	News
SSDC	Pioneer 'Devolution of Services'
InterRoute	Re: A303 Willoughby Hedge to Mere Public Information Events.
Somerset Highways	Winter Service 2008/2009
CPRE	Fieldwork Magazine
SSDC	Register of Electors

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies.

14. Meetings/Workshops

10th December	SSDC - Area East Committee
20th December	David Heath – Advice Centre –Dovecot BLDG - Bruton

15. Items for next agenda

Recruitment of Parish Clerk

16. Date, time and place of next meeting

To be held on Tuesday 10th February 2009 at 7.30pm in Hadspen Village Hall

Members of the Council are asked to consider the above matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

**Minutes of the Pitcombe Annual Parish Meeting held on
Tuesday 8 April 2008 in the Hobhouse Suite, Bruton School for Girls**

Present:

In the Chair: Councillor Mike Taylor, Chairman of the Parish Council

Councillors: Beech, Elliot, Hartnell, Jury, Whittaker.

District Councillor Felton

Residents of the parish: Mr. Elliott, Mr. Whittaker, Dr. and Mrs. Pheby

1. **Opening remarks and welcome**

Councillor Mike Taylor opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

2. **To receive the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th April 2007**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes be approved as a true record.

Approved

3. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

4. **Report on the work of the Parish Council for the year April 2007 - March 2008**

Councillor Taylor gave a brief overview of the Council's work during the past year and commented that the council had been without a clerk for most of the year which had created difficulty with the prompt presentation of minutes and other council records.

Planning: Councillor Taylor stated that there had been a number of contentious planning issues throughout the year and the only one to go against the council's advice was the Quarry Manager's House.

Finance – Councillor Taylor stated that a grant of £3100 would be paid to the Village Hall Car Park Fund for financial year 2008/09. Although it had been stated by the previous Chairman, Councillor Brook, that the grant given for the year 2007/08 was the final grant for the Hadspen Village Hall Re-building Fund, Councillor Taylor explained that the grant given this year was for an additional project which was the construction of the village hall car park, this had been applied for by The Chairman of The Hadspen Village Hall Trustees.

He went on to explain that due to reduced administration payments for a parish clerk there was a current balance in the current account of £1607.98 and proposed that £1000 of this is transferred to the Scottish Widows contingency account.

Councillor Taylor thanked members of the public for their contributions to council meetings and acknowledged the considerable support that County Councillor Robinson and District Councillor Felton had given to the Council. He also extended thanks to Peter Wyatt, Carole Wyatt and Willie Constantine for all of their efforts surrounding the fund raising and building of the new village hall. He also extended thanks from the council to all those parishioners involved in the process for the construction of the new village hall.

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

5. **Discuss any motions of which notice has been given to the Clerk.**

None received.

6. **Open Discussion**

Dr. Pheby thanked all Councillors who have served on the Council and commented on a number of planning issues including the fish ponds application and wind turbine proposals which were not currently proceeding.

Mr Elliott expressed concern at the current state of the slurry lagoon which was falling into a dangerous state of disrepair. The covering and membrane were shattered and in pieces, the lagoon is unfenced and a real hazard particularly to children who play close by. He enquired as to the current situation regarding ownership responsibility. Councillor Taylor stated that he would take up the matter with the Environment Agency. District Councillor Felton stated that she would also take up the matter with the district council.

Dr Pheby thanked the council for their help concerning the Hadspen flood alleviation scheme and stated that county council and district council responsibilities were now defined and recent work to clear blocked areas had been completed by the county council.

Mr Elliott and Mr Whittaker both mentioned their concerns regarding traffic speeds on the road through the Hadspen community and through to Cole. They both considered that a 30 mph speed limit throughout the length of the road was required. Councillor Jury explained that county highways had been approached in October 2008 regarding such speed limits. He read out to the meeting the letter received from county highways stating that any request for a speed limit along this road would have to meet the Department for Transport criteria for speed limits in settlements, which this does not. It was agreed that councillor Jury would make further approaches to county highways for a 30 mph limit through the more densely populated section of the road.

Councillor Taylor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at approximately 8.25 pm..

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
held in Hadspen Village Hall
on Tuesday 13th January 2009 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: **Beech, Carter, Elliot, Jury, Taylor, Whittaker**
In the Chair: **Councillor Taylor**

In attendance: Nigel Begg, Neil Ollis, Simon Osborne

District Councillor: Maili Felton

Residents of the Parish: Richard Scott, Tina Harley, Alex Harley, Maurice Madelin, Fran Madelin, John Knight, Hamish Craig, Gill Craig, Alan Whittaker, Ian Bell, James Clark, Ken Elliot, Ken Clothier, Marylin Goverd, Sue Chamberlain, Guy Mayers, Josie Mayers, Ian Bell, Annie Fry

1. Public Participation

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th December 2008

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 9th December 2008.

None

4. Apologies for absence

Councillor Hartnell

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Jury: SSDC - Planning Application 08/05174/FUL

Councillors Elliot and Whittaker: Somerset County Council Proposal for Construction of Sewage Treatment Facility.

6. Flooding – Cole and Pitcombe

Councillor Jury told the meeting that he wished to establish the support of the Parish Council for future work that may need to be done to minimise the risk of such flooding occurring again. The objective will be to arrange a public meeting to be held under the auspices of the Parish Council. **Councillor Jury** hoped that the meeting of all the various agencies involved could be held either at the end of this month or the beginning February. If possible the cause of the flooding needs to be established. **Councillor Jury** would be grateful for any photographic evidence of what occurred in different parts of the Parish on the day of the flood to be sent to him.

Councillor Taylor told the meetings in the past with the District Council after flooding had occurred have proved helpful.

Alex Harley told the meeting that the bridges at both Cole and Pitcombe formed dams. The Council has been asked by **Councillor Jury** to undertake an hydraulic study of both bridges. Ian Bell asked if the collateral damage could be submitted to the Council as evidence of the widespread damage caused by the flood.

The environment agency will also be encouraged to attend the public meeting.

Possible dates for the meeting are yet to be agreed.

Councillor Taylor expressed sympathy on behalf of the Parish Council to all those in the Parish who had been affected by the flood.

7. Planning Applications – For Consideration.

South Somerset District Council

08/05174/FUL – Mr. G. Mayers – Alteration and the erection of a first floor extension and alterations to form a room in the roof space to include the installation of dormer windows. (GR 36726/133140)

Location: 1 Pitcombe Hill, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0PH.

Nigel Begg reported to the meeting that the problem remained as to the position of the dormer windows due to objections from the Conservation Officer.

Councillor Taylor read letters of objection to the meeting from David Issit and Ian Mathieson

Nigel Begg also told the meeting that the ground floor bathroom had been damaged in the recent flood.

A discussion followed with a general consensus being that the dormer windows should not be situated on the rear of the property and that the extension may also be intrusive and overbearing to the neighbouring property.

The consultation return would be submitted to SSDC in accordance with these concerns.

Somerset County Council.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITY (REVISED SCHEME
(PREVIOUS APP. 07/04740/CPO) AT LAND WEST OF HALFWAYS HOUSE, LIME
KILN LANE, HADSPEN, CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET, BA7 7LW
(GRID REF: 365658 – 132747**

Simon Osborne - Project Leader, Wessex Water, addressed the meeting on behalf of Wessex Water.

He stated that this application had been raised to supersede a previous application (PC/07/04740/CPO/BM - Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Wessex Water - Change of use and installation of below ground submerged aerated filter sewage treatment plant and above ground blower and control kiosks and vent stack, together with extension to roadside lay-by in highway verge opposite Rodge Cottages, Hadspen, Castle Cary, Somerset. (Grid Ref: 365655 – 132838) which had been approved by Somerset County Council in 2007. This was later referred to as ‘Plan A’

According to the Executive Summary of the application, the revised Sewage Treatment Facility is made necessary because of ‘Technical Constraints’ of the previously granted scheme - ‘Plan A’.

The Council was informed by Simon Osborne - Project Leader, Wessex Water that the term ‘Technical Constraints’ referred to the fact that the previously granted scheme – ‘Plan A’ had not allowed for the effluent output of Halfways (which is downhill from the scheme), even though the existing septic tank for the three properties resides in Halfways garden. He also informed the Council that the effluent output from Halfways could be pumped to the previously granted scheme - ‘Plan A’.

Mr. Osborne told the meeting that Wessex Water had obligations to install a level of treatment that was deemed appropriate, in this case there would be secondary treatment using reed beds.

Mr. Osborne, in answer to a question about the quality of the discharge from the treatment, said that there are set standards which would be closely monitored and assessed.

It was ascertained that the cost of the scheme will be in the region of £150,000 – to be paid for by Wessex Water. **Councillor Taylor** asked how many residents would actually benefit from the scheme. Mr. Osborne answered that the scheme involves 3 properties in Lower Hadspen with 9 residents using the facility. The most that this scheme would support would be 12 people. The current plans, upon which the application is based, also include a large concrete lay-by and a chain link fence.

Mr. Osborne, whilst agreeing that the cost of the scheme is high told the meeting that there is currently no alternative to the high cost of the project due to legislation covering such installations.

A long discussion followed with many objections being voiced from the floor. The objections covered the large cost involved, visual and environmental impact on the locality – particularly for residents in Hadspen, as well as the apparent inefficiency of the proposed scheme.

The question was also raised as to why if 'Plan A' had already been approved that now a second far more expensive and intrusive scheme should go ahead.

It was suggested that every house in Lower Hadspen would have to bear the environmental and visual costs now proposed. Mr. Osborne also agreed that the proposed scheme is a more industrial option.

Ken Elliott also raised the subject of the archaeological interest of the area of the proposed site and the affect this installation would have.

Councillor Taylor produced an example of a scheme where for a fraction of the cost it would be possible to install a single, replacement, domestic scheme for the 3 properties (complying with European & British Standards). This type of scheme would cause very little disruption to Residents of Hadspen during both installation and operation. These systems also appear to require less maintenance (some schemes only need de-sludging every 3 to 5 years).

Alan Whittaker cited the installation installed at his property which cost approximately £2500 and would service 6 people.

Mr. Osborne said that he would take the objections to the current proposed landscaping back to the planners.

The members of the Council then discussed the proposed scheme.

It was established that the proposal seemed out of proportion in terms of scale and cost for three properties. The efficacy of the scheme was also called into question considering the frequency of the de-sludging required necessitating a tanker visit every 90 to 120 days. The scheme also requires a routine inspection every 1 to 4 weeks.

Councillor Carter was in favour of the reed bed solution other than size of fence and general landscaping.

Councillor Jury and **Councillor Beech** both asked that the whole scheme should be reviewed as it appeared to be excessive to the actual need.

Councillor Taylor mentioned errors in the proposal such as gateway locations & location of proposal.

The councillors voted that the scheme should be rejected with the objections of Pitcombe Parish Council submitted to Somerset County Council, with reference to the above issues, on a similar basis to the objections to Scheme.

8. The Hamlet of Pitcombe – Issues.

Councillor Beech told the meeting that certain land has been cleared in Pitcombe but the question needs to be asked if permission should have been granted before the work was undertaken. Ian Bell asked that the use of the land in question to be made clear.

Councillor Beech will form a question to put to Mr. Mayer at District Council which will then be forwarded by **Councillor Taylor**

9. Reports.

10. Items for next Agenda

The Hamlet of Pitcombe – Issues.

11. Date, time and place of next meeting

To be held on Tuesday 10th February 2009 at 7.30pm in Hadspen Village Hall

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held in Hadspen Village Hall
Hadspen on Tuesday 10th February 2009 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: **Beech, Carter, Hartnell, Jury, Taylor, Whittaker**
In the Chair: **Councillor Taylor**

In attendance: County Councillor Justin Robinson. Mr. George Bunting, Mr. John Knight.

1. Public Participation

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2009

It was pointed out that the surname was missing from the list of residents, Cllr **Taylor** would correct this. It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 13th January 2009.

4. Apologies for absence. - Councillor Elliott, District Councillor Felton

5. The Hamlet of Pitcombe - Issues.

Councillor Beech reported that the Planning Enforcement Officer had been informed of actions on land in Pitcombe he would require evidence to pursue action.

6. Flooding – Cole and Pitcombe

Councillor Jury reported that he had met with Steve Marsh an hydraulist from the Environment Agency on the 29th January on site at Cole to discuss the hydraulics of the Pitt/Brue join. On the 3rd February I met on site with Peter Radford, the County Bridge Engineer and two of his colleagues Paul Tucker and Paul Nation. We discussed and visited both the Pitcombe and Cole bridges. Both the Environment Agency and the County Council bridges department are now aware of the flooding issues at Pitcombe and Cole and will investigate to establish what action they can take to help to mitigate the problems associated with the River Pitt when in spate.

7. Declarations of Interest. None

8. Planning Applications – For Consideration. None

9. Planning Applications – Determined.

08/04922/FUL – Chas. Clothier and Son Ltd. –Amendment to windows of dwelling on Plot 3 (Revised Application)(GR 367209/133472)

Location: Land East of Mill Lane Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA10 0NX

Permission Granted

10. Reports.

Councillor Jury - Subsidence in Mill Lane has been reported to the county highways department and will be included on their next round of patching. We have been advised by the County Traffic Management section that temporary Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) will be present on Pitcombe Parish section of the A359 near to Sunny Hill for six periods of 2 weeks during 2009.

Mr. Knight reported subsidence on Wyke Road

Councillor Jury asked to correct an error in a statement he had made in item 8 (**The Telephone Box – Pitcombe**) at the Meeting of 11th November 2008. He stated he had received an offer from Mr. Andrew Jones to pay towards the sponsor fee “after the last meeting” – Councillor Jury had received the offer “on the day of the last meeting”.

11. Accounts for Payment:

Grant- Pitcombe News £150

Agreed

12. Correspondence:

S.S.D.C.	Temp.Closure of Bridleway WN22/2 at Pitcombe Order 2009
SCC Communications & Marketing	Safe in Your Community Information
S.C.C.	Explore Somerset
Somerset NHS	Re. Somerset Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
Avon & Somerset Constabulary	Re: Proposed Community Justice Panel – Wincanton, Castle Cary & Bruton.

13. Meetings/Workshops:

4 th February 2009	S.S.D.C.	Standards Committee
10 th February	S.S.D.C.	Area East Community Forum
11 th February 2009	S.S.D.C.	Joint Area Committee - East
24 th March 2009	S.S.D.C.	SSDC Annual Parish Meeting – Area East Town & Parish Councils

14. Items for the next agenda.

Hadspen Lagoon
Flooding

15. Next meeting.

Tuesday 10th March 2009, 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting was closed.

Members of the Council considered the above matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
held in Hadspen Village Hall
on Tuesday 10th March 2009 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: **Beech, Carter, Elliot, Hartnell, Jury, Taylor, Whittaker**
In the Chair: **Councillor Taylor**

In attendance: PCSO Tim Russell, District Councillor: Maili Felton
Residents of the Parish: Alan Whittaker, James Clark, John Knight

1. Public Participation

Resident John Knight asked who would be responsible for removing dead badgers from the roads in the Parish. The general consensus was that it would probably be the County Council but Councillor Taylor would make enquiries to Street Scene.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th February 2009

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th February be adopted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 10th February 2009.

None

4. Apologies for absence:

None

5. Declarations of Interest:

None

6. Planning Applications – For Consideration.

South Somerset District Council.

Application No. 09/00260/FUL

Applicant: A.H. Farming.

Proposal: Change of use of part of building from equestrian use to light industrial and carrying out of internal and external alterations to convert from 5 units to 3 and the formation of a parking area (Retrospective Application)

Location: Priddles Hill Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset, BA7 7NJ (GR: 367193/132735)

The members of the council were somewhat disturbed that this was a retrospective application. Councillor Taylor would speak to the planning officer Simon Fox regarding this matter – if possible the council would oppose this application.

Application No. 09/00753/TPO

Applicant: Mr. Philo

Proposal: Application to carry out tree surgery to 2 Lime trees known as T1 & T2 of the South Somerset District Council (Pitcombe No. 1) Tree Preservation Order 1985, and to carry out tree surgery works to various trees and fell a Poplar all within a conservation area.

Location: The Old School Church Lane Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA10 0PE (GR: 367193/132735)

Councillor Jury to speak to Martin Jennings as tree warden in Pitcombe otherwise no observations.

Application No. 09/00772/COU

Applicant: Mr. Richard Hollingbery

Proposal: Change of use of room in former dairy building to use as a research and development facility.

Location: Godminster Farm, Godminster Lane Bruton Somerset BA10 0NE (GR368403/132979)

No observations

7. Planning Information Only:

Application No. 08/05174/FUL

Applicant: Mr. G. Mayers

Proposal: The erection of a first floor extension and and two dormer windows to rear of building

Location: 1 Pitcombe Hill, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0PH. (GR 36726/133140)

8. SSDC -Planning Applications – Determined.

None

9. Somerset District Council – Regulation Committee Meeting 3rd March 2009

Residents James Clark and Alan Whittaker reported that they had attended this meeting and had been very disappointed at both the conduct of the meeting as well as the outcome. The planning issue pertaining to Wessex water was the last item on the agenda at the end of a long meeting. Councillors showed no interest in the matter and voted unanimously to approve the scheme despite vehement opposition from the residents of Hadspen and the overlooking of comments made in writing by the Parish Council.

Councillor Taylor reminded the meeting of the history of the application. He also had a copy of the report from the Regulation Committee of the County Council. He proposed to the Parish Council that he would write a letter to the County Council as the report had expurgated and

misreported the response and letters of opposition from both residents of Hadspen and the Parish Council. He would also be writing to **County Councillor Justin Robinson**.

10. Pitcombe Flooding

Councillor Jury reported that there had been a successful meeting held on Feb. 21st for all those in the Parish who had been directly affected by the flooding. He also reported that residents have now formed their own flood action group and have been told that they will receive the support of the Parish Council. **Councillor Taylor** asked that the group be reminded that if they are to hold a 'Parish' meeting then correct procedures will have to be followed. **Councillor Jury** told the meeting that the group are aware of necessary procedures.

11. Hamlet of Pitcombe Issues - No report

12. Hadspen Lagoon

Councillor Taylor showed the meeting recent photo's that he had taken of the lagoon. These showed the state of the now redundant liner. Asbestos sheeting has been dumped adjacent to the perimeter of the lagoon on the highway. In trying to determine who was responsible for control of the lagoon, now it is closed, **Councillor Taylor** had been in touch with the Environment Agency. He had received a reply to his email from Mr. Dave Sharpe, the environment officer. It appears that the Environment Agency is no longer responsible for the ongoing care or supervision of the area involved now that the lagoon is closed.

13. Reports

Portfolio Holders:

Councillor Jury told the meeting that County Highways will provide a sign for the Village Hall. A charge will be made which The Council agreed to pay.

The patching has been completed in Mill Lane. Details of flooding from blocked drains in Mill Lane have been forwarded to County Council.

The overhanging hedge in Mill Lane still needs to be cut back. **Councillor Jury** will write on behalf of the Parish Council to the owners asking them to cut back the hedge.

Councillor Jury was asked about the large amount of standing water leading onto the road at the end of Mr. John Griffin's field in Cole.

Community Support Police Officer Tim Russell raised the following points:

To be on the lookout for suspicious vehicles and take the registration numbers if possible.

There have been recent thefts of livestock – both lambs and cattle – in the Wincanton area.

Trailers and 4x4's have also been stolen recently in the Wincanton area.

There are cold callers in the area. Please be wary of anyone who calls without an invite, offering to carry out work on roofs and/or gardens. Do not allow them to start any work and please call the Police on 0845 456 7000.

Review your shed security – crime prevention advice available from your local PCSO.

Councillor Taylor reported that he had seen scrambling bikes up by the quarry.

PCSO Russell replied that the field will soon be planted with maize by Mr. Garrett which will prevent bikes using the field in the future.

Chairman:

Councillor Taylor told the meeting that there have been three applications for the post of Parish Clerk. Because the Parish Council Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings two of the applicants are unable to do the job. The third applicant lives too far away. **Councillor Jury** will re-advertise.

14. Accounts for Payment

SALC – Membership	£87.18
Blackmore Vale	£32.55
Advertisement	

Approved

15. Correspondence

Councillors are welcome to inspect any correspondence or ask for copies.

Somerset CC Environment Directorate	Authorisation for MG Car Club – Kimber Classic Trial on 18 th April 2009
SCC Communications & Marketing	Investing In Somerset
C.P.R.E	Somerset Matters - Newsletter
SSDC	Dispensations Guidance.
SCC	Focus on Somerset Transport

16. Meetings Workshops

March 2009	Somerset County Council	Regulation Committee (Planning)
11 th March 2009	S.S.D.C.	Joint Area Committee - East

17. Items for Next Agenda

Parish Clerk.
SCC – Regulation Committee.

18. Date, time and place of next meeting:

To be held on Tuesday April 14th 2009 at 7.30 in Hadspen Village Hall.

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
held in Hadspen Village Hall
on Tuesday 14th April 2009 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: **Elliot, Taylor.**

In the Chair: **Councillor Taylor.**

In attendance: Mrs R.J. Morgan, John Knight.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Beech, Councillor Hartnell, Councillor Jury,
Councillor Whittaker.

As there were insufficient councillors present to achieve a quorum Councillor Taylor apologised to the Attendees on behalf of the Parish Council and brought the meeting to a close.

Date, time and place of next meeting:

To be held on Tuesday 12th May 2009 at 7.30 in Hadspen Village Hall.

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish Council

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
held in Hadspen Village Hall
on Tuesday 12th May 2009 following the Annual Parish Meeting.**

Present:

Councillors: **Beech, Carter, Elliot, Hartnell, Jury, Taylor, Whittaker and the Clerk,
Mrs. R. Morgan**

In the Chair: **Councillor Taylor**

In attendance: County Councillor Justin Robinson, District Councillor Maili Felton
PCSO Tim Russell
Residents of the Parish: Mr. K. Elliot, Mr. I. Bell, Mr. & Mrs H. Craig.

1. Election of Chairman for the year 2009 – 2010

Councillor Taylor stated that it was with regret that due to business pressures he felt unable to continue further as either Chairman or as a member of the Parish Council. His resignation was submitted and accepted by the Parish Council.

Nominations for the role of Chairman were requested. Mike Beech was proposed by Councillor Jury, seconded by Councillor Hartnell and voted in unanimously by the remaining Councillors as new Chairman.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2009 – 2010

Councillor Elliot stated that she was happy to remain as Vice-Chairman. All Councillors voted unanimously for her to remain in post.

3. Public Participation

No issues were raised.

4. Minutes of the Meetings held on 10th March 2009 and 14th April 2009

It was agreed that the minutes of the meetings held on 10th March and 14th April be adopted as a true and accurate record.

5. Matters Arising

Wessex Water project

Councillor Jury reported that the project had been sanctioned. Confirmation of project timescales was now awaited.

Attendance of Parish Council Meetings.

After some discussion it was agreed that there was no fail safe method of ensuring sufficient members would be in attendance to ensure a quorum was in place.

- 6. Apologies for absence:**
None
- 7. Declarations of Interest:**
None
- 8. Planning Applications – For Consideration.**

South Somerset District Council.

Application No. 08/01062/LBC
Applicant: Mrs. C. Carter
Proposal: The rebuilding of a collapsed retaining wall to support a lean-to garage as permitted by 08/00750/ FUL.
Location: Honeywick House, Honeywick Road, Honeywick, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7LP.
(GR 365268/132510)

The members of the Parish Council were advised that this application had since been approved by the District Council

Application No. 08/03014/FUL
Applicant:
Proposal: The erection of a replacement dwelling and re-alignment of existing on site access drive
Location: The Aviaries Redlynch Road Bruton Somerset BA9 8JD
(GR 368796/132014)

The Parish Council agreed it had no comments to make regarding this application.

Application No. 09/01226/FUL
Applicant: Mr. Andrew Drysdale
Proposal: Re-build workshop and re-roof lean-to shed with double roman clay tiles
Location: Pitcombe Farmhouse Pitcombe Hill Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA10 0PF
(GR 367216/133059)

A letter had been sent by Mr. Clothier to the Planning Officer raising the issue of the proposed rebuild being rather elaborate for its purported function and that there was concern that at a later stage it may be converted into a dwelling.

No comments had been made by Parish Councillors and it was agreed that no objections would be raised.

Application No. 09/01227/CON
Applicant: Mr. Andrew Drysdale
Proposal: The demolition and re-building of an outbuilding within a conservation area
Location: Pitcombe Farmhouse Pitcombe Hill Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA10 0PF
(GR 367216/133059)

The Parish Council had no observations to make.

9. Planning Applications Granted.

South Somerset District Council.

Application No. 08/05174/FUL
Applicant: Mr. G. Mayers
Proposal: The erection of a first floor extension and and two dormer windows to rear of building
Location: 1 Pitcombe Hill, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0PH. (GR 36726/133140)

Granted with Conditions. The Parish Council had had some objections to this application. District Councillor Felton reported that as a result one change had been made to the application . There had been no further planning issues reported to her.

Application No. 09/00260/FUL
Applicant: A.H. Farming.
Proposal: Change of use of part of building from equestrian use to light industrial and carrying out of internal and external alterations to convert from 5 units to 3 and the formation of a parking area (Retrospective Application)
Location: Priddles Hill Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset, BA7 7NJ (GR: 367193/132735)

Granted with Conditions.

Application No. 09/00772/COU
Applicant: Mr. Richard Hollingbery
Proposal: Change of use of room in former dairy building to use as a research and development facility.
Location: Godminster Farm, Godminster Lane Bruton Somerset BA10 0NE
(GR368403/132979)

Granted with Conditions.

Application No. 09/00753/TPO
Applicant: Mr. Philo
Proposal: Application to carry out tree surgery to 2 Lime trees known as T1 & T2 of the South Somerset District Council (Pitcombe No. 1) Tree Preservation Order 1985, and to carry out tree surgery works to various trees and fell a Poplar all within a conservation area.
Location: The Old School Church Lane Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA10 0PE
(GR: 367193/132735)

Granted with conditions.

10. Pitcombe Flooding

Councillor Jury reported that he acted as the liaison between the Community Flood Action Group and the Parish Council.

The following update was presented:-

- a. A DEFRA grant was being sought to fund property level flood protection. The Parish Council would be kept informed of progress.
- b. He was still awaiting a response from SCC bridges department on all issues surrounding Cole and Pitcombe bridges.
- c. Roger Meecham of the District Council was of the opinion that an upstream protection scheme would not be feasible. However he considered it possible that a community wall protection scheme around the flooded properties would afford protection and he will be looking at this on his return from leave at the end of May. The DEFRA grant would also allow for further investigation of this option .

d. He advised County Councillor Justin Robinson, and District Councillor Maili Felton that the flood action group will be seeking the support of both in the groups aims.

11. Hamlet of Pitcombe Issues

The Chairman reported that the whole issue of this item revolved around the rules appertaining to its being a conservation area.

A watching brief was being kept on the land adjacent to the phone box close to the railway embankment where once again works were in progress. The Clerk was asked to contact James Mayer to ask him to look at this when he was next in the area.

12. Hadspen Lagoon

Councillor Taylor stated further to his update at the previous Annual Parish Meeting that this was a problem that no agency wished to own.

13. Equality & Human Rights Commission.

It was agreed that the Chairman would circulate the document received for all Councillors to read .

14. Reports

Community Support Police Officer Tim Russell raised the following points:

- a. The motorbike incident in the quarry had been investigated. Access on to the land had now been further barred with the entrance being blocked and the field in question having been ploughed and crops sown. Any further occurrence should be reported immediately to the police on 0845 456 7000.
- b. Priorities revolved around household burglaries.
- c. The Parish Council were reminded that Thursday this week was 'Environmental Day'

County Councillors

County Councillor Robinson felt that as elections were imminent he should make no official statement on this occasion. He did however wish to thank Pitcombe Parish Council, and Councillor Taylor in particular, for their welcome and support.

District Councillors

District Councillor Felton had nothing further to report.

Portfolio Holders:

Councillor Jury reported:-

- a. Sunny Hill Lane had been surface dressed.
- b. Meredith Drysdale had reported that the finial on the direction sign at Pitcombe Rock was missing. This was being pursued.
- c. The trench dug to resolve the electricity failure several months ago at Old Pitcombe Hill had still not been properly reinstated. This was also being pursued.

d. A question had been raised responsibility for the young beech trees between Grove Cross and Castle Cary. These were covered in ivy which needed to be removed. Councillor Elliott agreed to investigate.

e. Councillor Taylor reported that he had been contacted regarding payment for the Speed Indicators and had advised Highways that this was nothing to do with the Parish Council .

f. Once again it was agreed that it should be minuted that there had been problems with road markings (arrows etc) for the school walk. Promises had been made that these would be cleared away after the event but again this had not happened.

15. Accounts for Payment

Subscription to the Community Council for Somerset	£30.00
Allianz Insurance – Policy renewal	£338.07

These were approved.

16. Correspondence

SALC	Clerk's Salaries & Mileage Allowances 2008-9
SSDC	South Somerset News – Spring 09
SSDC	Tourism News Bulletin
SSDC	Joint Area East – Planning Sub Committee - 29 th April 2009
Wiltshire County Council	Various Traffic Regulation Orders – South West of Wiltshire
MG Car Club	Notification of Classic Trial - Sat 18 th April
The Ramblers' Association	Legs Explore – Countryside Adventures for Children & Parents
SCC - Community Governance	Promoting 2009 Elections
Somerset Highways	Surface dressing programme 2009 – South Somerset Area.
SSDC	Youth Workers
Equality & Human Rights Commission	Public Sector Duties

17. Meetings Workshops

March 2009	Somerset County Council	Regulation Committee (Planning)
11 th March 2009	S.S.D.C.	Joint Area Committee - East

18. Meeting dates 2009/10

It was agreed that these would remain as the second Tuesday in every month.

19. Items for Next Agenda

Accident Hotspot
Pitcombe flooding

20. Date, time and place of next meeting:

To be held on Tuesday June 9th 2009 at 7.30 in Hadspen Village Hall.

Members of the Council considered the matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Pitcombe Parish

Minutes of the Pitcombe Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 12 May 2009 in Hadspen Village Hall

Present:

In the Chair: Councillor Michael L.J. Taylor, Chairman of the Parish Council

Councillors: M. Beech, J. Elliot, N. Hartnell, D. Jury, A. Whittaker and C. Carter.
County Councillor J. Robinson, District Councillor M. Felton and PCSO
Tim Russell

Parish Clerk: Mrs. R. Morgan

Residents of the parish: Mr. K. Elliott, Mr. I. Bell, Mr. & Mrs. Craig

1. Opening remarks and welcome

Councillor Mike Taylor opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.
Rosie Morgan was welcomed as the new Parish Clerk.

2. To receive the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th April 2008.

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes be approved as a true record.

3. Matters arising

Councillor Taylor reported on the following:-

Hadspen Lagoon

Despite having contacted the various agencies, none were interested in pursuing the deterioration of the fencing further. The lining of the lagoon had however now been weighted down with stones and earth which was all that could be hoped for in the short term.

Speed Limits

There had been no support from Highways in making any changes to the speed limits currently in place.

4. Report on the work of the Parish Council for the year April 2008 - March 2009

Councillor Taylor gave a brief overview of the Council's work during the past year which had been relatively quiet.

Planning: There had been a number of planning applications during the year which had given rise to strong comments from the Parish Council. These comments had been noted

by District Planning but no further action had been taken. District Councillor Felton explained the scheme of delegation in place however Councillor Taylor felt that the opinion of the Parish Council did not seem to count. It was suggested that the Parish Council consider inviting the Planning Officer to attend a future Parish Council meeting for discussion on planning issues.

Finance : Councillor Taylor presented the year end account which is attached to these minutes . This shows a healthy year end balance.

Councillor Taylor thanked members of the public for their contribution to council meetings and acknowledged the considerable support that County Councillor Robinson and District Councillor Felton had given to the Council.

5. **Discuss any motions of which notice has been given to the Clerk.**

None received.

6. **Open Discussion**

It was generally noted that the Parish Council had managed to keep the precept element of the Community Charge low this year.

Mr. Elliot asked why the Pitcombe flooding article in the April edition of the Pitcombe News was under the Parish Council section. Councillor Jury explained that he was acting as the liaison between the Parish Council and the flood group . He stated that the magazine was not an official document of the Parish Council and that all matters regarding the Parish Council's involvement with the flood group were correctly recorded in the minutes of the council.

Councillor Taylor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at approximately 8.15 pm.

Mrs. R.J. Morgan
Clerk to Pitcombe Parish Council
May 15th 2009

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 9th June 2009 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Carter, Hartnell, and the Clerk, Mrs. R. Morgan
In the Chair: Councillor Beech

In attendance: District Councillor Maili Felton

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Elliott, Whittaker and Jury.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th May 2009 and the Annual Parish Council Meeting of 12th May 2009

The Clerk reported that a suitable change had been made at the request of Mr. Taylor to say that his resignation was due to business pressures.

This amendment was agreed and both sets of minutes accepted as a correct record of the meetings.

Note: The Clerk reported that the financial report presented at the May Annual Parish meeting needed to be verified before it could be accepted and published. See item 6 below.

4. Matters Arising

a. Parish Council Vacancy

Councillor Beech reported that the statutory notice had been posted on Parish Notice Boards and in the Pitcombe News regarding the vacancy. If an election was not requested by 12th June 2009 then the Parish Council could proceed with co-option.

Some interest had been expressed.

It was agreed that those interested should email the Parish Clerk to formally declare their interest.

b. Parish Clerk

Councillor Beech advised those present that Mrs Morgan in her role of Parish Clerk was the Responsible Financial Officer and Proper Officer of the Parish Council undertaking 16 hours per month. A formal contract was in place.

5. Standing Orders

A copy of the standard document had been circulated to everybody for consideration.

It was agreed that as a formally agreed and signed copy of this statutory document could not be located, it was timely to review its status and make any necessary amendments.

As only three Councillors were present, it was agreed that discussion and acceptance of the document be deferred until the August meeting. It was imperative that all had a chance to fully consider the terms. The Clerk agreed to circulate to all a brief covering those clauses in need of insertions and amendments in line with legislation.

Action: Clerk.

Registration of Interest Forms were also needed as the District Council had reported to the Clerk that several were missing. It was agreed that as these forms needed to be regularly reviewed to note any changes it was also an opportune time to circulate a copy to all for completion. Action: Clerk.

The Clerk reported that Financial Regulations needed to be reviewed and formally adopted by the Parish Council. The Clerk agreed to circulate the standard template to all. This would be tackled once the Standing Orders had been completed.

Action: Clerk.

6. Parish Portfolios for 2009/10

a. Councillor Carter reported that thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Drysdale, the public footpath from Pitcombe Farm House to the Church was being cut regularly through the season.

The Clerk agreed to contact the Countryside Ranger to confirm the status regarding maintenance.

Some discussion followed and it was agreed that it would be within the remit of the Parish Council to offer a small consideration by means of a thank you gift to the gentleman responsible.

Action: Councillor Carter agreed to investigate what might be a suitable offering.

b. Councillor Beech apologised for the notice in the Pitcombe News stating there was money available for funding of suitable Parish projects. This had been incorrectly reported.

Discussion followed regarding an informal approach made by the Pitcombe Flood Action group. It was agreed that it was far too early in the project for there to be any consideration of donations. The Clerk pointed out that any such requests must be formally submitted to the Parish Council for consideration in line with Standing Orders, the allotted time for this being November when the next year's budget was to be discussed.

Councillors Hartnell and Carter suggested that the Group should also approach County and District Councillors and any other appropriate funding bodies for financial support. Councillor Beech agreed to relay this back to the Group.

c. Councillor Beech raised the subject of the numerous notices and fly posters appearing on the Parish Council Notice Boards. The Councillors present agreed that notices should be community based and relate to local events. It was agreed that padlocks be installed on all Notice Boards with a suitable notice giving details of who to contact for the insertion of such notices.

d. Re Pitcombe Flooding. Councillor Jury had reported to the Clerk that there had been no major developments since the last meeting of the Flood Action group. A progress meeting was planned for July 4th.

e. Re Highways. Councillor Jury had also advised the Clerk that since the May meeting he had requested the clearance of drains and gullies in Lime Kiln Lane and a patching repair in Honeywick Hill. The work requested had been acknowledged and put in hand.

7. Report from the Parish Clerk

a. The Clerk reported that there was a lot of work that needed to be addressed to bring the Parish Council up to date. This had been borne out by the Internal Audit recently completed for the period 2007/8. The lack of a Parish Clerk for such a long period had not helped the situation.

b. The most pressing area was that of Parish Council Finances. The Clerk was currently in correspondence with both Barclays Bank and Scottish Widows with regard to operation of the accounts and mandates in place. Progress was finally being made with the former and a Bank Mandate for the latter was presented to the Parish Council for agreement and authorisation. This would allow the Clerk to operate the account, to be a signatory on the account and receive statements. Councillors Beech and Elliott were already signatories on the account. This was agreed and signed by Councillor Beech. Councillor Elliot was to be contacted by the Clerk for completion of the documentation.

c. The Clerk reported that the most serious omission was that of Internal and External Audits reports. An annual internal audit is a statutory requirement. This had not taken place for two years. As a result, with Councillor Beech's agreement, this had been put in train for the financial year 2007/8 as a matter of urgency. The completed report was provided to all present and would be sent to those unable to attend as there were some serious procedural inadequacies of which the Parish Council should be aware .

d. Similarly the external Audits for 2007/8 and 2008/9, required by law, had not been completed. The Clerk had presented copies of the report for 2007/8 in advance of the meeting to all Councillors. The status of the report was discussed and the document authorised. The Clerk stated that there were likely to be financial repercussions for the delay in submission.

e. The Clerk would now commence work on the External and Internal Audit reports for 2008/9. This was unfortunately dependent on the availability of the appropriate bank statements.

f. The Clerk asked if anyone had a copy of the budget prepared for 2009/10 with the associated precept bid. Nobody present had a copy so it was thought best to start from scratch and prepare a new budget for the remainder of the financial year to include a number of additional items e.g. internal and external audits fees.

Action: The Clerk to prepare a draft for discussion at the next meeting.

g. The Clerk had prepared a draft asset register. This was reviewed as assets needed to be confirmed and the appropriate insurance cover provided. See the attached which details all current assets, their insurance status and action required. Action: the Clerk.

8. Report from the District Councillor.

Mrs. Felton reported that there was a new County Councillor, Mrs. Anna Groskop, following the elections of the previous week.

The Clerk would advise both Mrs. Groskop and Mrs. Felton of the meeting dates of Pitcombe Parish Council for the remainder of the financial year. Action: Clerk.

Mrs Felton reminded everyone of the Planning Workshop with Simon Fox arranged for 6.00pm on June 11th in Churchfields, Wincanton. Mr. Beech confirmed he would be representing Pitcombe Parish Council.

9. Review of Planning Applications

For consideration :

09/01792/FUL (Mayers)

The erection of a first floor extension to rear of dwelling (revised application – amended roof lights/windows).

1 Pitcombe Hill, Pitcombe

There were no objections to this application.

09/01795/FUL (Mr. J. De Bosdri)

The installation of a water storage tank.

Grove Cross Barn, Cary Hill, Castle Cary

The Parish Council agreed that the water storage tank as currently proposed would be visibly obtrusive from the road and would impact on Grove cottages. It was suggested that it be sunk in to the ground to minimise its impact and that screening be used to reduce its visible impact.

The Clerk to advise Planning accordingly.

Pending consideration by SSDC.

Applications:

08/03014/FUL (The Aviaries)

09/01226/FUL (Drysdale)

09/01227/CON (Drysdale)

were all pending consideration by SSDC.

Planning granted.

08/01062/LBC (Mrs. Carter).

10. Accounts for payment

The following accounts were presented for payment and authorised: -

Remuneration for Clerk for May 2009 £221.98 (Cheque No 245)

Two non controversial late bills for payment: -

Internal Audit fee for 2007/8 £80.00 (Cheque No 244)

Village Hall Booking Fee for the period May 2008- May 2009 £130.00 (Cheque No 243).

11. Pitcombe Flooding

Mr. Jury had asked the Clerk to report that there had been no major developments. The next Flood Action Group meeting was 4th July 2009.

12. Pitcombe issues.

Following last month's Parish Council meeting the Clerk had advised James Mayer, the Enforcement Officer of the activity on the embankment on Paul Jennings's land. James Mayer had visited the site and had discussed both the work around the barn and the embankment. The former would be subject to a planning application, the latter would be the subject of a meeting between Mr. Mayer, Mr. Jennings's Agent and Mr. Jennings himself the following week.

The Parish Council had been asked their view of the latter, whether this had always been a footpath as was being claimed and whether there was any photographic evidence of its status.

The Parish Council's view was that the embankment had been used for the grazing of horses, the only 'path' there being a track used by the horses. Photographic evidence would be sent to Mr. Mayer.

Action: The Clerk to advise Mr. Mayer.

13. Accident Hotspot

It was agreed that this item be deferred.

14. Correspondence

SSDC	Area east Bulletin for May 2009
SSDC	Speed Indicator Device results for Feb/march 2009
SSDC	Village of the Year 2009 Competition
SSDC	Open Air Theatre Event

The Clerk asked if she could email appropriate email correspondence to all Councillors and circulate at each meeting any appropriate hard copy correspondence received. This was agreed.

15. Meetings /Workshops

SSDC Planning	11 th June 2009	Planning Workshop with Simon Gale.
South Somerset Together	14 th June 2009	AGM
Grant funding workshop	22 nd June 2009	Grant Applications made easy
Rural services network	26 th June 2009	
SSDC	30 th June 2009	Area East Community Forum

16. Any other Business

None.

17. Dates of next meetings:

It was agreed that these would remain as the second Tuesday in every month.

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday July 14th at 7.30pm in Hadspen Village Hall and will cover Planning only, in the absence of the Clerk who will be on holiday.

The meeting was closed at 20.45.

Mrs. R. J. Morgan
Clerk to the Parish Council
17th June 2009

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 11th August 2009 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Carter, Hartnell, Jury, Elliott, Whittaker and the Clerk, Mrs. R. Morgan

In the Chair: Councillor Beech

In attendance: County and District Councillor Anna Groskop and one member of the Public.

Note: There were no questions from the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from PCSO Dan Arthur.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th June 2009

These were accepted by those present as a correct record.

4. Report from County and District Councillor Mrs. Anna Groskop

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Groskop to the meeting.

She advised those present that she had taken on the role of shadowing the County Finance Secretary and was looking at saving money wherever possible.

Recruitment was one area to be curtailed. The District Council would also be following suit.

5. Matters Arising

a. Parish Council Vacancy

Mr. John Knight had formally expressed a willingness to join the Parish Council. His co-option was discussed and agreement reached that he should be asked to come along to the next meeting so this could be officially carried out.

b. Registration of Interest Forms.

All councillors present had reviewed their forms and had updated them.

Action: the Clerk to submit to South Somerset District Council.

c. Parish Council Liaison with Pitcombe News

Councillor Jury kindly agreed to take this on.

6. Parish Councillor Portfolios for 2009/10.

Following discussion changes were agreed as indicated in the attached chart. Updates were reported as follows:-

Councillor Carter agreed to action the 'thank you' to Terry Crane for his continued work in keeping the public footpath clear from Pitcombe Farm House to the Church.

Once again with the apple season ahead, Councillor Elliott reported the usual influx of gypsy caravans in to the area. It had been noted that ownership of the Apple Orchard had changed.

Councillor Jury had reported several potholes to Highways for action.

Several incidents of Footpath blockages (Ridge Lane and Lancombe Lane) had been noted. Councillor Carter agreed to provide the Clerk with the Footpath references. Action: The Clerk to report these to the District Council.

The Chairman stated that the appearance of a Static caravan on Mr. Hobhouse's land had been reported to him. Action: The Clerk to report this to James Meyer of SSDC.

The Chairman also reported that the problem discussed previously regarding Mr. Jennings' embankment path had been taken up on behalf of the Parish Council by Planning Enforcement. Reinstatement of the land had been agreed by the owner. The Parish Council awaited developments.

7. Standing Orders

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the Standing Orders as presented. These were signed on behalf of the Parish Council.

8. Report from the Parish Clerk

a. Banking Arrangements.

The Parish Council now had access to the monies in its Barclays current account and its savings account with Scottish Widows. This meant that statements would now be regularly submitted to the Clerk and spend more closely monitored. The Clerk was signatory to the Scottish Widows account allowing transfer between it and the Barclays Account. No action had taken place on this account for some 4 years so little interest had been earned. Councillors Beech and Elliott were signatories to the Barclays Account along with the Clerk who would only sign cheques when there was a clash of Interest (e.g. Councillor Elliott sits on the Village Hall Committee therefore cannot sign cheques to them).

b. Internal and External Audits

i) Copies of reports as a result of submissions for 2007/8 had been provided to each Councillor. There had been some serious breaches of protocol which were now being rectified as a matter of urgency. The delay (over one year) in submission of these papers had brought about a higher charge from the Auditors.

ii) The external Audit papers for 2008/9 were presented to the Parish Council for their agreement. This was given and the papers signed. The Clerk reported that an internal audit of this year's account was booked for later the same week.

c. Asset Register

Following the previous review of the Asset register, the Clerk had contacted the Parish Council Insurance Company who required a further £29.04 to cover the increase in value of the Notice Boards. See payments.

d. Budget for 2009/10

The Clerk had prepared a budget for 2009/10 and had been circulated to all for comment. Each item was examined and discussed. There had been a number of key items of spend missing e.g. the new Notice Board to be situated outside the Village Hall (approx £1200.00), secondary internal and external audit fees (approx £280.00), a 'Village Hall' sign (£100.00). The budget for 2009/10 therefore now stood at £7988.07. This was agreed.

The Clerk therefore recommended that no further outlay be discussed for this financial year as it was still uncertain what financial commitments may appear and there was only £1300 of unallocated funds.

Copy of revised budget attached.

It was also unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would not claim Parish Council allowances for this year.

Councillor Hartnell agreed to provide a quote for the installation of the new Notice Board.

9. Review of Planning Applications

For consideration in August :

None.

Pending consideration:-

08/03014/FUL – (The Aviaries) Out of parish.

Planning granted.

09/01795/FUL (Mr. J. De Bosdri) with conditions

09/01226/FUL (Drysdale)

09/01227/CON (Drysdale)

09/02282/FUL (Redfern)

The Chairman reported that the planning seminar set up by Mrs. Felton had been very interesting and helpful. It had put another perspective on planning applications. In future where a Parish Council had made observations /were unsupportive of an application, consultation would take place with both the County and District Councillors and the Parish Council advised of the decision taken and the reasons for that decision. Past history was not to be taken in to account so each application was to be viewed as a fresh application, the same applied for retrospective applications.

10. Accounts for payment

The following accounts were presented for payment and authorised: -

Remuneration for Clerk for June and July 2009 £394.09 (Cheque No 248)

Insurance Premium Increase £29.04 (Cheque No 247)

External Audit fee for 2007/8 £207.00 (Cheque No 246)

Village Hall Booking Fee for the period June 2009- March 2010 £100.00 (Cheque No 249).

11. Pitcombe Flooding

Councillor Jury reported that the Flood Action Group had been unsuccessful in their first bid for grant aid. Their second round bid was currently being considered.

Support was being given by David Heath MP as well as by Mrs Groskop. SSDC funding had been granted for river clearance of 'weed trees' . This was taking place 22nd/23rd August by Martin Jennings, the Tree Warden, and local residents.

Should a DEFRA grant be forthcoming, DEFRA would support and underwrite an approved scheme.

The Flood action group would be looking for financial support from the Parish Council. A business case would be drawn up and put before the Parish Council in November when next year's budget was to be discussed.

12. Correspondence

SSDC	Doing it Right – Guide for Councillors
SSDC	South Somerset News
SSDC	South Somerset Local Development Framework
SSDC	Spring Bulb Planting Initiative – the Village Hall Committee had expressed an Interest. The Clerk to pursue.
Highways Agency	An interesting maintenance Schedule

The Clerk circulated a hard copy to all.

13. Meetings /Workshops

June 23 rd 2009	Special Meeting JAC
July 8 th 2009	JAC East meeting
July 29 th 2009	Community Planning Sub- Committee

14. Any other Business

- i) It was requested that the pond at Hadspen Farm be included as an agenda item for the next meeting.
- ii) Following a reported complaint by a member of the public, three clear days notice was confirmed for the convening of a parish council meeting. The Clerk to email the agenda to both the Chairman and Councillor Jury to ensure that agenda's went up on all notice boards on time.

15. Dates of next meetings:

It was agreed that these would remain as the second Tuesday in every month. The meeting was closed at 20.50.

Mrs. R. J. Morgan
Clerk to the Parish Council
28th August 2009

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 8th September 2009 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Carter, Hartnell, Whittaker and the Clerk, Mrs. R. Morgan. Mr. John Knight joined the Parish Council after item 4.
In the Chair: Councillor Beech

In attendance: County and District Councillor Anna Groskop and one member of the Public.

Note: There were no questions from the public but see item regarding Flood Action Group .

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Jury and Elliott and District Councillor Maili Felton.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Carter declared an interest in item 10 i) Planning Application 09/03191/FUL.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11th August 2009

These were accepted by those present as a correct record and authorised.

4. The co-option of Mr. John Knight on to Pitcombe Parish Council

Discussion regarding the interest shown by Mr. Knight in being co-opted on to the Parish Council had been discussed at the previous meeting.

Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Hartnell, proposed that Mr. Knight be co-opted on to the Parish Council. This was given unanimous approval. Mr. Knight was then invited to join the Council.

Acceptance of Office papers were signed and completed Declaration of Interest forms accepted. **Action:** Clerk to forward the latter to SSDC Democratic Services .

5. Reports

From County and District Councillor Mrs. Anna Groskop

The police were seeking to achieve safer, stronger neighbourhoods. Rural areas had been hit hard by crime and people were being encouraged to keep their doors locked and to use chains when opening the door. She encouraged the over 60s in particular to attend the free 'shows' being put on on October 8th 10.00am and 14.30pm at the Constitutional Club in Castle Cary. A poster was handed to the Parish Council for display.

Mrs. Groskop also advised the Parish Council of a new scheme whereby the perpetrator of a crime faced his victim to apologise and to recompense the person for their crime.

Mrs. Groskop then excused herself from the meeting.

From PCSO Tim Russell arrived at 7.50pm. His report has been inserted at the appropriate point of the agenda.

Youths were thought to have been behind an incident of criminal damage at Bottom Barn Farm. He urged all parishioners to advise the police of any suspicious activities/ people touring the area. He once again advised people to keep their sheds and doors locked.

In respect of the Ansford School Walk, this would take place on 23rd September between 9.30 and 15.30. Two PCSO's would be once again cycling the route with the party to keep an eye on behaviour. The deputy head of the school had made a courtesy call to the Chairman and had been advised of the concern expressed about road markings that had appeared the previous year. PCSO Tim Russell would enquire if his beat manager, Sara Stephenson, had managed to speak to the Head Master following her discussion with the Chairman.
The PCSO then excused himself from the meeting.

6. Matters Arising

a. See report above regarding the Ansford School Walk.

b. Hadspen Farm Pond.

Councillor Whittaker expressed the view that although Hadspen Pond at the moment was clear of debris, its ongoing condition needed to be monitored as if allowed to become overgrown it became a source of local flooding.

Action: The Clerk to ascertain how this problem could be contained and via what agency. Councillor Whittaker to brief the clerk.

7. Parish Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

a. The addendum to the Standing Orders drafted by the Clerk to cover urgent Planning applications was approved and signed.

Action: Parish Councillors to advise the Clerk if they were to be away for longer than a week so that any Planning Circular could be noted accordingly to avoid any undue delays.

b. Draft Financial Regulations had been passed to all Councillors prior to the meeting. These had been taken from the standard (NALC) set and amended where necessary to take account of local procedures. All Councillors were happy with the draft.

Action: Clerk to present formally at the next meeting for their adoption.

8. Clerk's report

a. Vat of £37.84 had been reclaimed up to 31.03.09. The refund was expected shortly.

b. The Internal Audit report for 08/09 had been copied to all prior to the meeting. The Clerk urged everyone to read it if they had not yet had the time to do so as there were some serious breaches of protocol. Steps had already been taken to rectify some of these e.g. outstanding audits had now been completed, a cash book system, a budget for 2009/10 and the close monitoring of payments were now all in place and Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been or were in the process of being adopted.

The Clerk advised that payments were being monitored against budget and an up to date statement would be prepared and prepared for the next meeting. A payment

schedule for Parish Council donations would also be prepared for approval at the next meeting . **Action: Clerk.**

c. November's meeting would be looking at the budget for 2010/11 and the precept bid required. The Clerk asked everyone to consider this. All village bodies would be contacted asking them to put forward their business cases for financial support.

9. Parish Councillor Portfolios

Updates were reported as follows:-

Footpaths : Councillor Carter reported that she had passed across her portfolio to Councillor Whittaker who advised the Parish Council that she would be sharing Footpaths with Councillor Knight, splitting the area between them. Councillor Carter kindly presented copies of the Footpath map for the Parish to them and the Clerk. The Clerk had actioned the footpath problems from the last meeting (blockages on Ridge Lane and Lancombe Lane)but had not had any feedback. Mr. Jennings who was in attendance stated the fallen tree was on his land and he would remove it as soon as possible.

A new style had been installed on Footpath 22/12 but no-one knew anything about it. Councillor Whittaker asked the Clerk to ascertain who the ranger was who dealt with this area so that they could be put in contact. **Action: Clerk.**

Environment:

Councillor Whittaker reported that someone had been seen throwing Cat Litter in to the River. It was noted this needed to be reported formally to Councillor Elliott to report to Street scene .

Roads

Councillor Jury had asked the Parish Council to note the following:

- a. the potholes on the Hadspen to Cole road had been marked by Highways and were awaiting repair.
- b. Gullies in Hadspen had been cleared.

Planning

a. The appearance of the static caravan on Mr. Hobhouse's land had been reported to James Meyer, SSDC to investigate. **Action: The Clerk to follow up.**

It's presence may have curtailed motorbike activity but this was not the point as the motorbike nuisance should be dealt with in a different way.

b. Reports had been received from a parishioner regarding possible future building activity on Mill Lane field. The field had been surveyed but the reasons for it were not known.

10. Review of Planning Applications

For consideration in September :

09/03191/FUL

Councillor Carter left the room so that her planning application could be discussed. Those that had seen the application had no objections. It was therefore agreed that the Parish Council could support the application.

Action: Clerk to advise SSDC Planning of their decision.

Pending consideration:-

08/03014/FUL – (The Aviaries) Out of parish.

Planning granted.

Nothing to report for September.

11. Accounts for payment

The following accounts were presented for payment and authorised: -

Internal Audit fee for 2008/9 £80.00 (Cheque No 250)

Arien Signs for Village Hall Notice Board £959.10 inc VAT (Cheque No 251)

Remuneration for Clerk for August including extra hours claimed £296.84 (Cheque No 252).

In acknowledgement of the work undertaken by Terry Crane (Grass cutting) Councillor Carter was authorised to spend to the value of £30.00 on wine.

Councillor Knight was also asked to speak to Diana Scott who it was thought would like a shrub/tree for her garden for the work she had undertaken as secretary to Pitcombe Parish Council in the absence of a Clerk. The Parish Council was unable to make a donation to a charity of her choice where the benefit was outside the UK. Spend to the value of £50.00/£60.00 was authorised.

Note 2: The Clerk received a cheque for £250.00 as a contribution from the Village Hall Committee towards the new Notice Board installation. **Action: Clerk to bank.**

Note 1: A quote had been provided by F & B Construction Ltd for the installation of the new Notice Board at Hadspen Village Hall. Councillor Hartnell declared an interest but was asked to stay to answer questions about the breakdown of costs.

The remaining Councillors agreed that the work was long overdue and needed completing as soon as possible. The Clerk was therefore asked to formally put the work in hand. **Action: The Clerk.**

12. Pitcombe Flooding

A report had been received from Councillor Jury. This was confirmed as follows by Mr. Jennings who advised the following: -

a. at the end of August an enthusiastic team of local residents had worked hard to clear the silt from the river bed and brush wood from the river banks with the assistance of equipment provided by Martin Jennings and Ian Adlam. The Parish Council commended them for this work which was entirely voluntary.

b. Contractors employed and funded by South Somerset District Council had spent three days clearing weed trees and had made further inroads with diggers and chainsaws freeing up the river flow below the bridge. The river was now running more freely. It remained to be seen what the overall impact would be until there were high waters again.

c. The River Pitt is not considered to be a main river and consequently is not subject to flood warnings from the Environment Agency however it has been agreed that they will provide flood warnings to Martin Jennings who has kindly agreed to represent the community on this matter. The flood warnings will be in respect of the section of the River Brue between Bruton and Lovington.

d. Councillor Knight agreed to speak to the owners of the Mill Pond regarding control of the water flow. **Action: Councillor Knight.**

13. Correspondence

SSDC	A request for School Governors for Somerset.
SSDC	Spring Bulb Planting Initiative – the Village Hall Committee had been accepted for this project and would be looking for help with the planting. Delivery schedule awaited.

14. Meetings /Workshops

Nov 4 th 2009	Councillor Whittaker expressed an interest in attending.
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15. Any other Business

None declared.

16. Date of next meeting:

October 13th. (Councillor Knight apologised for his absence at this coming meeting.)

The meeting was closed at 20.50.

Mrs. R. J. Morgan
Clerk to the Parish Council
9th September 2009