

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 9th August 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: J. Knight (Chairman), L. Comer, R. Currie, C. Donald, and A. Wells.

In attendance: County Councillor Groskop

Clerk: Zöe Godden

The meeting started at 19:30.

Public question time: No members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for Absence: Councillors Brook and Waller

2. Declarations of Interests: None

3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th July 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Reports:

Councillor Groskop reported that new water mains were due to be installed at Pitcombe Rock.

5. Matter Arising for report:

Highways and Drains: Councillor Knight reported that he had asked John Nicholson from County Highways to inspect Wyke Lane, which had been used as a rat run. As a result, Wyke Lane had been resurfaced and was waiting to be swept. No further progress had been made on the drains that the Parish Council had excavated.

Defibrillator Project: Councillor Currie informed members that a meeting between the Parish Council, Church and Village Hall would be organised when the holiday period was over. Councillor Currie had been in contact with Sexey's School, which has a private defibrillator and Bruton School for Girls, which does not have one yet.

6. Review of Planning Applications:

i) Outcomes of applications considered at previous meetings:

a) **16/02188/FUL** – The Wildings, Hadspen, Castle Cary. BA7 7LW, Erection of a pool building at rear of the property.

Granted with conditions.

b) **16/00381/S73** – Grove Farm Quarry, Lime Kiln Lane, Pitcombe. BA7 7NX, Removal of condition 1 (occupancy) attached to 13/03252/S73A. **Granted.**

Noted.

ii) New Planning Applications:

a) **16/02857/FUL** – New gated vehicle access to field from A371 and closure of existing gated access, Land OS 7878 Opposite Hadspen House, Castle Cary.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.
(Action Parish Clerk)

b) **16/02738/FUL** – Amendment to car parking provision as approved in planning permission 15/03191/FUL creating a pull-in parking space off Mill Lane.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.
(Action Parish Clerk)

iii) Temporary Road Closures – Mill Lane from 14m east of junction with Pitcombe Rock, westwards for a distance of 250 metres, for 6 weeks days from 28th November for water main replacement.

Noted.

iv) Path Diversions - **None.**

7. Reports from Portfolio holders:

Footpaths: Councillor Brook had asked Councillor Knight to report the following in her absence: Contractors were due to cut back nettles on the Leland trail, which is part of the Macmillan Way. Councillor Donald reported that the bottom path was also overgrown with nettles. Councillor Comer reported that hogweed needed to be removed from Hell Ladder Lane. Councillor Knight agreed to pass these matters to Councillor Brook.

(Action Councillors Knight and Brook)

8. Finance.

i) The following payments were **approved.**

- a) Clerk's remuneration and expenses for July 2016 - £250.20.
- b) HM Revenue and Customs – Income Tax April to June 2016 - £44.80

c) To approve the cash book and bank reconciliation to 31 July 2016.

It was **agreed** to defer this item as the bank statements had not been received by the Clerk.

It was **agreed** that, in future, the Clerk would provide a Spend vs Budget summary to councillors before each meeting.

(Action Parish Clerk)

9. Correspondence/Publications received for report.

a) Rural Housing Action Plan Consultation – to agree a member(s) to make comments to SSDC.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk should respond to the consultation, reporting that the 2015 Parish Plan had not identified a need for additional housing and that there was no available development land at this time.

(Action Parish Clerk)

b) Community Lead Housing Survey - to agree a member(s) to make comments to SALC.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk should find out more about this survey and report back to the next meeting.

(Action Parish Clerk)

10. Other Business:

- Councillor Wells noted that he had been trying to contact a farmer regarding the location of a slurry tank on behalf of a concerned neighbour.
- Councillor Currie said he would forward an article he had read regarding slurry pollution of a watercourse elsewhere in the county.

11. Date of next Parish Council meeting: 13th September at 7.30pm

The meeting ended at 19:54.

Signed

Date