

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in Hadspen Village Hall on Tuesday 10th January 2017

Present: Councillors J. Knight, C. Brook, L. Comer, R. Currie, C. Donald and A. Wells.

Clerk: Zöe Godden

There were no members of the public present.

The meeting started at 19:31.

1. Apologies for Absence: Councillor Waller and District Councillor Beech.

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th December 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

4. To receive reports from

i County Councillor.

County Councillor Groskop was not present.

ii District Councillor.

District Councillor Beech was not present

iii PCSO.

PCSO Russell was not present

5. Matter Arising for report:

i Highways and Drains – Update.

Councillors Knight and Currie **agreed** that they would take steps to rectify the problem of rainwater run-off missing the gully at the top of Pitcombe Rock and report back at the next meeting.

(Action Chairman & Cllr Currie)

ii To hear an update on acquisition of the red phone box in Pitcombe. (CD)

Councillor Donald reported that South Somerset District Council (SSDC) had passed the Parish Council request to adopt the Pitcombe telephone box to British Telecom, who would be in contact in due course.

6. To review Planning Applications, Road Closures, Foot Path Diversions.

i Outcomes of applications considered at previous meetings:

- a) **16/02676/FUL & 16/02677/LBC (AMENDED PLANS)** - Change of use of Hadspen House, Laundry Room, Clock House and Barton buildings to hotel with restaurant and spa facilities; associated extensions and alterations, Hadspen House, Hadspen, Castle Cary. BA7 7NG - **Granted with conditions.**

Noted.

ii Temporary Road Closures – (A359) Station Road and Burts Hill from 20m either side of Wanstrow Railway Bridge for a distance of 50 metres on 13th February for one night (22:00 to 06:00)

Noted.

Councillor Comer informed members that Woodcock Street in Castle Cary was closed. Access to the top of the High Street from the bottom was only possible by driving around the outside of the town.

iii Path Diversions - None.

7. Reports from Portfolio holders not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Footpaths – Councillor Brook reported that the replacement stile at Hells Ladder Lane had yet to be installed but that it should be done before the end of the financial year.

Councillor Comer reported that a divan bed had been dumped at the top of Green Lane and that a water pipe near this location was broken, causing water to gush out. The Chairman **agreed** to contact the landowner about this.

(Action Chairman)

8. Finance.

- i To approve payments of: Clerk's remuneration and expenses for December 2016 - £256.70.
HMRC – Tax & National Insurance Contributions Sept to Dec 2016 - £24.80

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the payments as presented and that Councillors Knight and Brook would sign the cheques.

- ii To review the Budget vs Spend sheet to date.
The sheet was reviewed and **approved** as presented.

- iii To approve the Transparency Code grant application for website provision.
The application was discussed and it was **agreed** that the monthly costs of running a website, at point 20 in the form, should be checked to ensure they are correct.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the grant application with the inclusion of any necessary amendment to point 20.

9. Correspondence/Publications:

- i Avon & Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) – Notification of a public forum to be held by PCC Sue Mountstevens on 2nd February at the Council Offices in Yeovil.

10. Any Other Business:

Please note this item can only be used for statements of information and requests for items to be included on the agenda at the next meeting.

The Chairman and Councillor Currie informed members that they were not able to attend the SSDC Town and Parish Council meeting on 23rd January. Councillor Donald said she might be able to attend and the Clerk was instructed for forward details to her.

(Action Parish Clerk)

The Chairman reminded the Clerk that she needed to produce an article for the next Pitcombe News to explain the 2017/18 budget and that the deadline was 15th January.

(Action Parish Clerk)

The Chairman informed members that he would be writing an article for the next Pitcombe News to encourage residents to register their interest in Wessex Internet.

(Action Chairman)

11. Date of the next Parish Council meeting: 14th February 2017 at 7.30pm

Councillor Wells gave his apologies for the February meeting.

The meeting ended at 20:08.

Signed

Date