

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of a Pitcombe Parish Council Remote Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd September 2020 via Zoom.

Present: Councillors R. Waller (Chair), R. Currie, C. Donald and M. Groom.

Clerk: Zöe Godden

Also Present: District Councillor Robin Bastable and County Councillor Anna Groskop

Locum Clerk: Zöe Godden

There were no members of the public present at the start of the meeting.

The meeting started at 19:31

1. **Apologies:** Apologies had been received from Councillor Donahue.
2. **Declarations of any Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
3. **To review Planning Applications – 20/02026/COL** - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of land as residential garden; the stationing of a shepherd hut within the garden; and a residential outbuilding - Land Adjacent Rockville Pitcombe Rock Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA10 0NY

The Chairman summarised the application details and clarified the location of the site. Councillors noted that the shepherds hut had been located in the garden of the main property for some years and that it was subsidiary to the main property, with access to the hut only possible through the garden of Rockville.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed that, because the shepherds hut was clearly subordinate and supplementary to the main dwelling, the Parish Council had no objections to this application.

4. **Other Planning matters –** To note receipt of an email from SSDC regarding a recent appeal against enforcement action at Land at The Old Embankment and to agree any action to be taken.

The Chairman summarised the content of the email. Use of the access to the north of the site would be stopped. All other aspects of the use of the site would need to be subject to a planning application(s). It was noted that there was significant local concern about safety at both access points to the site. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of the email and to ask for more specific information about what SSDC intended to do about the two access points. The Clerk was further instructed to ask for sight of the enforcement notice for the cessation of the use of the access point to the north and to copy County Highways in to the email, asking for any further information on the use of the southern access point.

Action Parish Clerk

5. Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider exemption of press and public for the remainder of meeting under Public Bodies Admissions To Meetings Act 1960, Section 1 (2) on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose confidential information relating to the engagement of a Parish Clerk.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the press and public should be excluded for the remainder of the meeting.

19:57 – The locum Clerk left the meeting as she was one of the applicants for the vacant post. Councillor Donald took the minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

6. Recruitment

- a. To consider a recommendation from the recruitment panel regarding the successful candidate for the Parish Clerk post and agree which candidate to employ.

The council considered the recommendation of the recruitment panel regarding the successful candidate for the Parish Clerk post and **agreed unanimously** to support the recommendation and to appoint Zöe Godden as the new clerk.

- b. To agree the SCP that should be awarded to the new Parish Clerk.

The council **agreed unanimously** that the new clerk should be awarded the same SCP as that on which she was previously employed at the point she resigned in 2019, which was SCP 12, increased in line with the SALC recommended salary scales approved at the meeting on 8th September 2020.

The council expressed their thanks to Sheelagh Douglas for helping the recruitment panel in an advisory role.

It was decided that Richard Waller would contact Zöe Godden as soon as possible.

7. Items for report and for the next agenda

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.

There were no items for report or for the next agenda.

The council was thanked by the chairman for attending the meeting at short notice.

8. Date of the next Parish Council meeting: 13th October 2020 at 7.30pm

Signed:

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