

# Pitcombe Parish Council

**Draft Minutes of a meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**Present:** Councillors R. Waller, M.Groom, A Wells, M Fysh, and N Hartnell.

**In attendance:** Mrs A Tuck, Clerk

No members of the public attended.

Councillor Waller opened the meeting, welcomed new Councillor, Neville Hartnell to the meeting.

1. **Apologies** None

2. **Declarations of Interest** None

3. **Minutes of the meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021** were subject to a couple of minor changes recommended by Cllr Groom, when those changes are made Cllr Waller will sign the minutes as a true record. *Updated after the meeting and taken to Cllr Waller on 14<sup>th</sup> October for signature.*

**Proposed: Cllr Groom**

**Seconded: Cllr Wells**

**RESOLVED**

4. **To receive reports.**

i. County Council – No report

ii. District Council – No report

iii. PCSO – Report sent by email prior to the meeting and circulated at the meeting..

5. **Planning applications, footpaths and road closures.**

i. **To consider new planning applications**

	<b>Application number</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Location</b>
a)	21/2405/FUL	Use of land as amenity garden and associated structures, boundary walls and landscape works.	Four seasons garden Land to the North of Shatwell House, Shatwell Lane, Yarlington, Wincanton, Somerset BA9 8DL
<b>RESOLVED:</b> The Parish Council have no objection to this proposal. Proposed Cllr Groom, Seconded Cllr Hartnell, All in favour.			
b)	21/02893/S73A	Demolition and rebuild of two single storey barns to provide living accommodation for Emily Estate Staff, associated works to the landscape and relocated vehicle access to the A359	Avalon Farm, Galhampton.
<b>RESOLVED:</b> Noted Proposed Cllr Fysh, Seconded Cllr Groom -all in favour.			
c)	APP/R3325/W/20/3259668	Not a planning application for our Parish but a request from Ansford and Castle Cary Town Council to support their opposition to 200 houses to be built by the Railway line on the North Side of Castle Cary. This application has already been turned down by SSDC Planning but is going to appeal.	
<b>RESOLVED:</b> After discussion the Council felt they would like to express opposition on the grounds of effect on the environment, Lack of facilities in Castle Cary and that it doesn't fit with the joint neighbourhood plan. Councillor Waller would draft a letter to the Inspectorate case officer Robert Wordsworth at <a href="mailto:robert.wordsworth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk">robert.wordsworth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</a> quoting ref. APP/R3325/W/20/3259668 (Land North of Ansford Hill).			

**ii. Update on Planning applications currently under consideration by Local Planning Authority**

- a) 21/02143/FUL Erection of safari tents – awaiting decision
- b) 21/02545/FUL Erection of barn for charging and storage facilities for electric vehicles- awaiting decision
- c) 21/00238/OUT Pitcombe Farm, Erection of 5 houses – following phosphate report - awaiting decision

**iii. Outcome of Planning applications considered at previous meetings:**

- a) 21/01894/HOU Romansleigh Cole Road BA10 0DD – approved
- b) 21/01343/FUK Pavillion Building Shatwell Farm Temporary Change of use – approved
- c) 21/01344/FUL Hay Barn, Shatwell Farm, Change of Use – approved with conditions;

**iv. Footpaths:** We currently have no footpaths officer – to be discussed at the next meeting.

**v. Temporary Road Closures - None**

**vi. Highways - Potholes,**

Following the last meeting Cllr Waller reported the pothole in question, just after Cole Manor on the online system, it was filled in the following day as were some potholes on Ridge Lane. Cllr Waller will encourage members of the public to report any potholes they find this way, via his newsletter in the Pitcombe Parish news.

**vii. Update on refurbishment of finger posts/road sign at the triangle by Sexey's Cricket Pitch**

Cllr Wells reported he spoke to a contractor 2 weeks ago. We have 3 signs,

- a) at the bottom of the hill Mill Lane to Pitcombe, this sign is OK
- b) the top of Pitcombe Rock, which was missing a finial, however on inspection of the overgrown area below the sign Cllr Wells found and repaired the finial so all that's needed on that sign is a cast iron finger post.
- c) on the triangle Cole Road, this sign needs two new finger posts, one for Wanstrow the other Wincanton, and the sign needs painting.

Cllr Wells is in the process of getting 3 new quotes and hopes to have them for the next meeting.

**6. Reports from Portfolio holders not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

None.

**7. Finance.**

- i) To approve payments and note receipts to review Budget vs Spend sheet and to approve the cashbook and bank reconciliation for September 2021 all of which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Cllr Groom was asked to reconcile the sheets against the bank statements and sign them off as a true record, which was then reconciled by Cllr Waller – all in favour.

- ii) To approve Clerks Salary £226.20 Proposed by Cllr Groom Seconded by Cllr Wells all in favour.

**8. Council Matters:**

- i) To note that the notice for 2 new Parish Councillors has been advertised and is due to expire tomorrow (13.10.21), if 10 Parishioners have not asked for an election by then we will be able to co-opt 2 new Councillors. Cllr Waller has two people in mind.
- ii) Queens Platinum Jubilee tree planting – Cllr Wells has spoken to Jane Evans Head of Bruton School for Girls about some land where some trees could be planted. Mrs Evans will get back to him. It was agreed that Cllr Waller will also put a note in the Pitcombe Parish News asking if anyone has any land that they could plant a tree on, the Queens favourite tree is a Holm Oak,

Sexey's Cricket pitch was also a possibility, or the field opposite the school. We will write to Helen Cullen.

- iii Launch of Retrofit Bruton and Cary encouraging energy efficiency – Bruton Town Council is endorsing it, Cllr Waller to include this in his Pitcombe Parish News report.
- iv. Consider the clerk attending a training session with SALC on planning applications cost £25, all Councillors were in favour of the clerk attending this course.
- v. The Defibrillator is flashing – is it Ok? Cllr Wells says it is fine and flashes in the dark. Cllr Waller had communication from Bruton School for Girls via Zoe Godden that there was a problem with the defibrillator on the school site. Cllr Wells has checked and it is fine, The clerk agreed to contact the school and ask that they contact Cllr Wells direct if there is a problem with that defibrillator.

**9. Items for the next agenda**

Traffic at Elmfield, top of Sunnyhill, Sexey's parents queuing on the road.  
Another signatory for the bank account.

**10. Date of the next Parish Council meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm**

**The meeting closed at 20.40hrs**