
Pitcombe Parish Council

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th January 2022

Present: Councillors R. Waller, N Hartnell. M Fysh and C White

In attendance: Mrs A Tuck, Clerk Cllr Robin Bastable

14 members of the public attended.

Councillor Waller opened the meeting with the sad news of the loss of two prominent residents of Pitcombe; namely Tom Spratling our farming centenarian and Ken Elliott who previously served on the PPC and who contributed so widely to the community in his time here. The Council extends its sympathy to the families on their loss and wished to express the community's appreciation for lives well lived. He then explained what would happen at the meeting to the members of the public who had all come to discuss possible change of plans for Pitcombe Farm with the developers and advised that we were not here to make judgement – there is currently no application to consider, this was just an informal discussion.

Cllr Waller welcomed Cllr White to her first meeting as Councillor.

2022.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Groom, Cllr Wells, County Councillor Groskop and several members of the public who expressed their views about Pitcombe Farm by email.

2022.2 Declarations of Interest None

2022.3 Minutes of the meetings held on 14th December 2021 were approved

Proposed: Cllr Hartnell

Seconded: Cllr Fysh

RESOLVED

2022.4 To receive reports.

- i. Council – Cllr Groskop's report had been emailed to Councillors.
- ii. District Council – Report Cllr Bastable reported there would be County and Parish election on 5th May. There had been problems with the SSDC website bring slow caused by an update over Christmas that didn't work, let Cllr Bastable know if you have trouble with it.
- iii. PCSO – no report at time of meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned to enable the informal discussion about Pitcombe Farm to allow the developers to tell the public about possible new plans and for the public to respond. The developers were happy to give residents their email address so they could contact them direct. Some residents had been unable to attend and had responded via email, of those they were 50/50 for/ against the altered proposal. After the discussion the meeting was reconvened and Councillors were given the chance to say what they thought. Some concerns were raised over previous flooding, The Councillors will consider the application when it goes to planning.

Cllr Waller advised the public that we were still looking for a member of the public to be co-opted onto the Council and most of the public then left the meeting.

2022.5 Planning applications, footpaths and road closures.

i. To consider new planning applications

	Application number	Proposal	Location
a)	21/03703/FUL	Adjoining our parish –Construction of hard surface estate track & landscaping to provide link for electric buggy use from existing track west of Welham Farm southwards towards Roman Villas and Museum	Welham Farm
b)	21/03664/FUL	Adjoining our parish – Erection of food production/ storage /delivery building, office building and associated access and landscaping.	Avalon Farm, Galhampton

Ref item a) no concerns and no comment to make on application.

Ref item b) Cllr Hartnell reported that this is massive - 2 buildings which will show on the skyline. The Council decided that if the date to report on this application is after our next meeting to invite The Newt to come to our meeting (its 10th March 2022) and put this on next months agenda.

ii. Update on Planning applications currently under consideration by Local Planning Authority - all still awaiting decisions.

- a) 21/02143/FUL Erection of safari tents
- b) Pitcombe Farm.(21/00238/OUT – applicants to show new plans at meeting.
- c) 21/03400/FUL Land Os 3600 Land at Manor Farm And Avalon Farm Galhampton Hill Galhampton Construction of a bridge across the A359 and associated estate track and landscape works
- d) 21/03280/HOU 3 Sunny Hill Villas Sunny Hill Bruton Somerset BA10 0NR Extension and alterations to the existing property
- e) 21/03288/HOU 4 Sunny Hill Villas Sunny Hill Bruton Somerset BA10 0NR Extension and alterations to the existing property

iii. Outcome of Planning applications considered at previous meetings:

21/03573/TCA Honeywick Cottage Hadspen To Cole Pitcombe Bruton BA7 7LR Tree works to 1 tree in a conservation area application permitted

iv. Footpaths: Cllr White to reflect on what this involves and let us know her decision.

v. Temporary Road Closures - None advised but one has started already by Park Wall in Bruton.

vi. Finger posts Update Cllr Wells was unable to attend the meeting, still awaiting one quote.

vii.Highways – Nothing to report

2022.6 Reports from Portfolio holders not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

None.

2022.7 Finance.

- i) Cheques were presented for approval and signature.
Clerks salary January
HMRC tax on above,
both were approved for payment, proposed by N Hartnell, Seconded M Fysh all agreed.
The cash book and bank balances were not signed off as bank statements for December had not been received.
- ii) No account has been received from the village hall for hall rental – Clerk asked to contact them and request an invoice.

2022. 8. Council Matters:

Green Canopy Initiative, Sub Committee RW, NH, AW TWe need a helpful landowner who wishes to plant some trees, If anyone knows one please let us know.

2022.9 Items for the next Agenda.

Cllr Fysh has noticed light pollution which glow from the other side of the hill

2022.10 Date of the next Parish Council meeting: 8th February 2021 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.40hrs