

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Pitcombe Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th February 2023.

Present: Councillors R. Waller, N Hartnell, M Hutton.

In attendance: County Councillors Lucy Trimnell, Tome Power, District Councillor Robin Bastable, Mrs Tuck, clerk.

2023.01 Apologies were received from Cllr Fysh, Cllr Groom, Cllr White, Mrs Fone

2023.02 Declaration of Interest – None

2023.03 Minutes of the last meeting: were approved by Cllr Waller who was the only Councillor present at the previous meeting.

2023.04 Matters Arising: None that are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

2023.05 To receive reports

Cllr Trimnell informed the meeting that The Constitutional Court had met to discuss future planning arrangements. It was agreed there can be up to 5 speakers talking for up to 3 minutes each for and against each proposal. There will be 4 areas over Somerset and the planning committee will be reviewed after 6 months. LCN's have nothing to do with planning, the survey Councillors have been asked to complete is for the new Community Plans. Cllr Power said that Cllr Trimnell and himself will be preparing one document to send to all Parish Councils. The local government reorganisations are going well. A council tax scheme has been approved for people with low incomes, though this will need to be applied for. Cllr Power will find out more and get back to us.

There is to be a single NHS Trust in Somerset with Yeovil and Musgrove merging on 1st April 2023, there are 13 hospitals across Somerset and 16 GP surgeries with Symphony Health Care.

Cllr Bastable has nothing to report from SSDC.

2023.06 Planning applications, footpaths and road closures.

i. To consider new planning applications

	Application number	Proposal	Location
a)	23/00048/HOU	Erection of a single-storey extension to the side elevation reply before 6 th March	Station House Sunny Hill Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA10 0PJ

The Council discussed this planning application and decided they were happy to support this application.

ii. Update on Planning applications currently under consideration by Local Planning Authority all applications are still awaiting decisions - None advised

iii. Outcome of Planning applications considered at previous meetings: None advised

iv. Footpaths – Mrs Fone had emailed to say that the top of Wyke Lane footpath is all repaired. Mrs Fone had also emailed about Slow Walks. Mrs Fone has the Councils full support with this, Thank you please keep us informed..

v. Temporary Road Closures None advised this time.

2023.07 Correspondence – Somerset Council Planning Consultation, Cllr Waller will put this in the Parish News magazine so members of the public can comment if they wish.

2023.08 Finance

Request for Grant to Castle Cary Library application has been received for £200.

Hadspen Village Hall – hall rental £135

Milborne Port Computers - live drive annual back up £48.00

Glasdon UK – old cheque cancelled no VAT on quote, new cheque for £218.26

Clerks salary

HMRC tax

Cheques approved for payment apart from Pitcombe Village Hall who had sent an invoice to the end of September, however as our year end is 31st March the clerk was asked to ask them to amend this and send two invoices, one to 31.3.23 another from April.

The Financial reports were looked at and Cllr Hutton asked about the CAT bus grant which was budgeted for and has not been requested. We are yet to hear from them. The paperwork needs amending to reflect the village hall rental – not yet paid. Cllr Hutton proposed the figures were accepted, seconded by Cllr Hartnell.

2023.09 Council Matters:

a) Bridge/parapet in Pitcombe Paul Tucker replied to say they were going to replace the bridge and are investigating options for the structure but this is not likely to happen for at least 6-12 months.

Cllr Waller would like a meeting at the site which Cllr Trimnell would like to attend so she is going to contact Mr Tucker and ask him to meet on site with Councillors and residents.

b) The dog bin has been received by Cllr Waller and he asked for the Council's approval to buy postcrete to fit the post into the ground. The clerk was asked to contact James Divall at SSDC to arrange for collection once fitted.

c) Bruton School for Girls Site The ACV form was submitted to SSDC however they investigated and have spoken to Kings and have suggested we re-submit the form for just the astro turf not the car park. The clerk was asked to do this.

d) Pitcombe Rock Falconry. Emails were sent to Pitcombe Rock Falconry and the Landowner. Members of the public are very concerned that the building is going ahead with no planning permission and the clerk was asked to complete a breach of planning to get this investigated, approved by Cllr Hutton and seconded by Cllr Hartnell.

e) Update on The Elm Field Parking – The Police told Cllr Trimnell they have little power over parking but Cllr Hartnell said the issue is not the parking but illegal parking on a junction, dangerous driving and pulling out without looking.

f) CIL money £960.62, we have had one reply to the article in the Parish News Magazine to add some additional benches – clerk will investigate costs.

g) New Barn at Nettlecombe Hill Farm, also known as land east of Ridge Lane update no planning permission can be found for this, the clerk was asked to complete breach of planning for this. With regard to the Outline planning permission for the new house, the clerk was asked to contact Stanley Norris from planning to ask about the 18 letters he says were on file and who they were sent to and when as close neighbours said these were not received and no notice was seen to have been displayed.

2023.10 Items for 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.

The Kings' Coronation

2023.11 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 14th March 2023.

The meeting closed at 9:05 pm

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