

Pitcombe Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Pitcombe Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th June 2022.

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

In attendance: 2 new County Councillors, Mrs Lucy Trimmell & Mr Tom Power, Mrs A Tuck, clerk, A representative from The Newt, and two members of the public.

Cllr Waller opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

2022.41 Apologies were received from Cllr White, PCSO Tim Wilson, District Councillor Robin Bastable,

2022.42 Declaration of Interest were received from Cllr Power and Cllr Fysh in respect of item 6.1a.

2022.43 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May were read, the clerk was asked to correct some typos and subject to the corrections the updated minutes would be signed at the next meeting.

2022.44 Matters Arising:

1 The clerk reported that SSDC planning had been in touch this week and are planning to visit the site of the safari tent application this week.

2022.45 To receive reports.

i. County Council Councillor Trimmell reported they had been in post just over a month, they had their first meeting in Bridgwater, the second one in Taunton, the next one is to be held in Yeovil. There are currently too many Councillors to meet in County Hall, Taunton. Lucy and Tom intend to cover the area together, although they have different responsibilities. Lucy is responsible for Childrens and family's mental health, young, people, old people and transport and is the opposition spokesman for Public health and equality. Lucy and Tom are keen for the community to be able to contact them, their email addresses are Lucy.trimmell@somerset.gov.uk and Tom.power@somerset.gov.uk

Tom is one of the youngest Councillors and is responsible for Scrutiny for the environment and climate, and Devon and Somerset Fire Liaison Councillor.

ii District Council Cllr Bastable has covid but has nothing to report.

iii PCSO – Tim is back to work in a reduce capacity he had hoped to attend tonight with Sgt Green but has been unable to do so, Sgt Green has also been unable to attend due to a training Course.

2022.46 Planning applications, footpaths and road closures.

At this point the meeting was adjourned so members of the public could put their views across about the application, item 6.1a.

The meeting resumed.

i. To consider new planning applications

	Application number	Proposal	Location
a)	22/01174/FUL	Proposed erection of an agricultural storage building	Land At Mill Lane Pitcombe
b)	21/03400/FUL	Construction of a bridge across the A359 and associated estate track and landscape works	Avalon Farm Galhampton Hill Galhampton Yeovil
c)	21/03664/FUL	Erection of new food production and food storage / delivery building (Use Classes B2/B8), erection of food production / office building (Use Classes B2/E) and associated access and landscape works (revised proposals to those approved under 20/01357/FUL) as amended by drawings and further information received 7 June 20	Avalon Farm Galhampton Hill Galhampton Yeovil

a) The Parish Council Oppose this application, the scale of the proposed development is too large for the site, there are concerns about highway safety with an increase in traffic, its on a a conservation area adjacent to Pitcombe Conservation area with Glow worms and wildlife .All Councillors were in agreement with this.

b) The newt explained the differences in the plans, the width of the bridge to include an alternative footpath, Councillors Accept the amendments proposed by Cllr Fysh, Seconded Cllr Hartnell, RESOLVED.

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

- a) 21/02143/FUL Erection of safari tents awaiting decision -due a visit from Planning officer this week.
- b) 22/01222/DOC1 Land West Of Cattle Hill Welham Castle Cary Somerset Discharge of Condition No.4 (Timing of works, Nesting Birds) for Planning Application 21/03703/FUL. This application has been decided two months ago although the SSDC website say decision unknown.

iii. Outcome of Planning applications considered at previous meetings:

None

- iv. Footpaths –** Mrs S Fone has offered to become PPLO (Public Path Liason Officer) for the Council and is to be invited to the next Parish Council meeting,

v. Temporary Road Closures

- a) Galhampton Hill, High Road, Galhampton Road, Cary Road, Sparkford, North Cadbury, Pitcombe, Castle Cary Reference:SD007502 - SS34 - High Road,
- b) Shute Lane, Brick Hill, Wyke Road, Easthill Lane To Whitehouse Farm, Easthill Lane To Taddywood Lane, Wyke Farm To Snagg Farm, Bruton, Lamyatt Reference:SD007505 - SS38 -Brick Hill
- c) Redlynch Road, Bruton, Pitcombe Reference:SD007503 - SS36 - Redlynch Road

- vi. Finger posts Update** Cllr Wells has spoken to Shaun Nash who wishes to check the prices as this has gone on so long. We need a new quote for the next meeting.

Vii) Highways nothing to report

2022.47 Correspondence

Email from member of the public ref the state of the hedge along the A359 at the top of Strutters Hill this was reported to County Highways and they are looking into the matter acknowledgement from County Highways but no update as yet. John Nicholson on holiday until the end of June.

2022.48 Finance

- i Three payments were approved Clerks salary
Inland Revenue
Hire of Village Hall may – Dec £105
- ii The Financial report was presented to Councillors to the end of June, the Accounts, for 20-21 have been audited by Mr P Warry and were presented to Councillors,
- iii Agar Form The Agar form was read by Councillors, it was completed and signed as was the exemption certificate.

2022.49 Council Matters:

- a) The Council wish to give a vote of thanks to the Committee and Volunteers who arranged the Jubilee Celebrations at Hadspen Hall.
- b) Tree planting for the jubilee, the free trees are too difficult to comply with so we are going for subsidised trees for £200 and will be planted in 2 or 3 locations in the autumn. Cllr Waller to complete form for Woodland Trust for 4/5 native species of tree.
- c) Bridge/parapet in Pitcombe, again John Nicholson on Holiday till the end of the month, no reply as yet.
- d) Purchase of dog waste bin from GlasdonUK is £126.20 – where do we want it sited? The site will be the Corner of Mill Lane where the footpath leaves the playing field. Cllr Trimnell thought Street Scene were not taking on any more bins to empty, so before purchasing clerk to get authorisation from Street Scene that the bin can be added to the emptying programme and enquire what the frequency of emptying will be.
- e) Parking at Sexey's delivery and collection time was discussed. With Cllr Trimnell.

2022.50 Items for the next agenda - None

2022.51 Date of the next Parish Council meeting: 14th June 2022 at 7.30pm The meeting closed at 9:05pm