

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Pitcombe Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th November 2022.

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

In attendance: District Councillor Robin Bastable, Mrs Fone, Footpath Liaison Officer, 3 members of the public. Mrs Tuck, clerk.

The members of the public were given a chance to talk: Pitcombe Rock Falconry has been given an eviction notice, they can stay in situ until March 2023 but the charity has to re-locate. Pitcombe Rock Falconry rescues and rehabilitates birds and educates about them. It is the intention to relocate it once and permanently. They would like to set up a system of aviaries which is future proofed against avian flu, Birds have to be housed and cannot mix with wild birds. They are proposing aviaries around a courtyard with netting over so the birds can fly. Wilds birds usually stay 8-12 weeks before flying again. There would be 36 aviaries which would be larger than the 42 existing aviaries as they have to be 3.5 times the wing span of the birds, this is planned to cater for all wild birds. The birds are valuable. People will visit the site, they have held free open days in the past which can attract up to 200 people a day, they would like to continue this but on a smaller scale A planning application which will be transparent, will be submitted following an architect appointment on 10th November. Pitcombe Rock Falconry is licensed by Defra and the planning application would satisfy them. The landowner of the proposed land supports the charity but doesn't want to upset his neighbours. Concerns were raised about 200 visitors to open days as there isn't sufficient parking spaces. A Neighbour of the proposed site has sympathy for PRF but it is on a flood zone. The Chairman explained there was no decision to be made by the Parish Council at present but the information was useful and we will consider any future planning application. Cllr Bastable says best to put in the planning application. In his opinion as it's not a domestic building it shouldn't be affected by phosphate regulations and the current advice is applications should take approx 8 weeks. The Chairman Thanked Mr Wells for the defib presentation he gave in the Village Hall at the end of October.

2022.85 Apologies were received from Michael Fysh, Mark Groom County Councillor T Power

2022.86 Declaration of Interest - None

2022.87 Minutes of the last meeting: These were approved as a true record proposed by Cllr Hartnell and seconded by Cllr Hutton.

2022.88 Matters Arising: Grant to the PCC approved last month. Clerk will deliver cheque on the way home tonight.

2022.89 To receive reports

Cllr Bastable said SSDC is getting worse, winding down and cancelling meetings, little business is being done they're getting ready to transfer to Somerset County Council. The Chairman asked about contacting Street Scene Cllr Bastable will email the clerk with contact details.

2022.90 Planning applications, footpaths and road closures.

i. To consider new planning applications

	Application number	Proposal	Location
a)	22/02655/HOU	In terms of the above application, the initial description states that the application is to vary condition 2, however the intention of the applicant is to remove condition 2 altogether due to the adjoining Bruton School for Girls closing down. The description therefore needs to be changed to the following "S73 application to remove condition 2 of approval 03/02056/FUL for Erection of a two storey dwelling house."	Hill House Sunny Hill To Bruton Road Pitcombe Bruton (GR:367456/133318)
b)	21/03400/FUL	Discharge of conditions no 12 (SuDs) and No 13 (SuDs Maintenance) of planning application	Land Os 3600 Land At Manor Farm And Avalon Farm Galhampton Hill Galhampton Yeovil Somerset

- a) The Council agree in principal to this application.
- b) Noted.

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

22/03050/DOC1 Land OS 3600 at Manor Farm & Avalon Farm, Galhampton Hill, Yeovil, Somerset -

Application Withdrawn

22/02159/FUL Internal alterations, altered door and window openings and new windows and doors in the south elevation, re-roofing, family room and stair hall extensions to rear of existing dwelling house, and demolition of outbuildings and associated landscaping – Gants Mill, Gants Mill Lane, Bruton BA10 0 DB **Permitted with conditions**

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iii. Outcome of Planning applications considered at previous meetings:

21/03400/FUL Construction of a bridge across the A359 and associated estate track and landscape works Land Os 3600 Land At Manor Farm And Avalon Farm Galhampton Hill Galhampton Yeovil Somerset BA22 7AE **Application permitted with conditions**

iv. Footpaths –

Mrs Fone met with Eve Wynn today, last time there were a lot of problems at Godminster, Styles were broken or difficult to get over, 2m was fenced off with barbed wire so access not available. Eve delivered gates with access to pedestrians to Godminster Farm, where there was barbed wire Godminster Farm will make a corridor to the style (not yet completed) but Eve Wynn will keep in contact with them. Bridle way at Style Farm onto road at Knapp Hollow difficulty with horses which have now been fenced off, so now accessible. Lancombe Lane at Mr M Jennings Farm is accessible, its walked by a lot of people but due to wind and weather 2 trees were down, accessible for walkers – no longer contentious with residents. Mr P Jennings explained to Mrs Fone his rationale for locking the gates. Mrs Fone gave him 2 weeks to unlock them and thanks him in advance. Cllr Waller had a list for E Wynn Wyke Lane, (Cole Manor – Wyke Champflower) down Trendle Lane – steps and rail are treacherous , the style is not supported. Mrs Fone suggested those on walks finding problems report them on www.roam.somerset, an interactive map, click on the icon report the fault- move blue dot on the map where the problem is and type in a description, its then logged , Eve and other walkers can see the problem. Cllr Waller Thanked Mrs Fone for her report.

v. Temporary Road Closures

None advised this time.

vi. Finger posts Update At the time of the meeting only Somerset Forge has given us a quote for £1605 + VAT – we await the other quotes. Mr Nash had only quoted for painting the existing sign and we've had no reply from Crestmoor. Cllr Hartnett proposed we accept Somerset Forge's quote, seconded by Cllr Hutton. We will accept the quote and proceed with the work.

2022. 91

Correspondence

Several emails and phone calls have been received about the disappearance of the Spring in Pitcombe but as of today the Spring has now re-appeared.

Some of the trees for the Queen's green canopy have arrived, once all here need volunteers to plant them. Cllr Hartnell and Hutton offered to help.

2022. 92 Finance

Cheques approved for payment,

R Waller - Trees

Clerks salary

HMRC tax

ii Financial report had been emailed to Councillors before the meeting. The first draft of the budget was

presented. Clerk asked to contact Pitcombe Parish News to enquire if they still need the grant as not claimed so far this year.

2022.93 Council Matters:

- a) Bridge/parapet in Pitcombe Cllr Hartnell received email from Paul Tucker @Somerset Bridges to say work ongoing, clerk to email again and ask what and when. Still no reply Cllr Bastable to check on email address.
- b) Purchase of dog waste bin from Glasdon UK are £126.20 – Cllr Waller & Cllr Hartnell looked at the site we need or order a post to attach the bin to the ground and to order this with a green bin. Cllr Hartnell to advise.
- c) The future of Bruton School for Girls Site Cllr Jones from Bruton Town Council to assist with the form for ACV. Clerk to meet with him.
- d) Cllr Wells has replaced the pads in both defibs and is prepared to continue to look after them. Cllr Waller has spoken to a resident ref a third defib, but as the grant would not cover the cost it was decided to continue with the two we have, at the BSG site and at Hadspen village hall.
- f) LCN Consultation has closed, Executive meeting on 17th November.

2022.94 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.

Clerks salary

Parking by Sexeys Elm Field.

2022 95 .Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 13th December 2022

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm

Anne Tuck

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