

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Pitcombe Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18th April 2023.

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

In attendance: County Councillors Lucy Trimnell, 7 Members of the public and Mrs Tuck, clerk.

The Chairman opened the meeting and gave the members of the public the opportunity to talk. One of whom came to thank the Parish Council for the work and research they have done to get repairs to Pitcombe bridge. Cllr Waller said that Cllr Lucy Trimnell had been instrumental in getting the information, there was no conclusion as yet we still have to overcome a replacement bridge whilst the work is carried out. Others had come to talk about The Bird of Prey Sanctuary and The land at Ridge Lane both of which were on the agenda.

2023.34 Apologies were received from Cllr Fysh, Cllr Tom Power, Mrs S Fone,

2023.35 Declaration of Interest – None

2023.36 Minutes of the last meeting: were approved by Cllr Groom and seconded by Cllr Hartnell

2023.37 Matters Arising: None that are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

2023.38 To receive reports:

Cllr Trimnell said not a lot to report, the LCN briefing was the first thing to happen, but we have already been trialling LCN's, They have to find venues to hold 60+ people. Every Parish Council will have a seat, (not fixed to a particular Parish Councillor). There will be 6 – 8 meetings a year.

The first meeting of Council will be to vote in the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

No Police Report was available, we seem to have no relationship with the Police at present, who is responsible for this? Contact the Police and Crime Commissioner (Mark Shelford) – dissatisfied with response who can help?

2023.39 Planning applications, footpaths and road closures.

i. To consider new planning applications

	Application number	Proposal	Location
1	23/00579/FUL	Change of Use of land from agricultural to bird of prey sanctuary (Use Class Sui generis) and erection of aviary (Part retrospective) -	Land At Colestile Farm Colestile Farm Lane Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA10 0PJ
2	23/00707/FUL	Internal alterations, altered door and window openings and new windows and doors in the north, south and east elevations, re-roofing, demolition of outbuildings and associated landscaping.26/4/23	Gants Mill, Gants Mill Lane, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0DB
3	23/0770708/LBC	Internal alterations, altered door and window openings and new windows and doors in the north, south and east elevations, re-roofing, demolition of outbuildings and associated landscaping.26/4/23	Gants Mill, Gants Mill Lane, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0DB

1. Bird of Prey Sanctuary, There are concerns about Parking on the open days, and occasional school visits, visibility isn't good and cars speed along the road. The applicant stated that people will be visiting the site by invitation only and will be given arrival instructions and a route to follow to get there. In principal the Council approve this application though have concerns over parking on open days.

2/3 Gants Mill is a historic building listed under English Heritage – no comments on these applications.

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

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

iv. Footpaths – no report

v. Temporary Road Closures .ttro495860ME Station Rd & Burt's Hill, Wanstrow The works are expected to commence on 9th May 2023 and last for 8 hours to enable Go Traffic Management to complete a detailed bridge inspection on behalf of Network Rail.

2023.40 Correspondence – None

2023.41 Finance

Request for Grant to SCAT £200 was in the budget and approved for payment.

Hadspen Village Hall – hall rental £90 April till September

Clerks salary, HMRC tax were all approved for payment.

ii Financial report and budget v spend was given to Cllrs.

2023.42 Council Matters:

a) Bridge/parapet in Pitcombe – only concerns are access for residents when bridge is being rebuilt.

b) Dog waste bin – Cllr Waller and Cllr Hartnell to install and provide what three words point for the Council to enable it to be emptied.

c) Elm Field Parking, this is slightly easier because the vehicles from the house next door are no longer being parked on the road however a scooter is now being parked which Cllrs have concerns about. Clerk to mention to Mrs Cullen at Sexeys.

d) CIL money £960 – options are the seat, Clerk asked to get alternative quotes for a seat. Painting the phone box – need photos of the phone box to submit to Oliver Quarman of Queen Camel for a quote.

e) New Barn at Nettlecombe Hill Farm, also know as land east of Ridge Lane – There was a lot of discussion about this site. Enforcement was contacted last month with no response to date – clerk to chase. Concerns in general with light and noise pollution – conditions of the original application for the milking parlour which is affecting Pitcombe, Cole and Hadspen residents. Planning for the new property what is it for to build the house or access to the site to build the house? Residents did not received planning letters about this. Process is not being followed at this site. Cllr Trimnell also has concerns that processes are not being followed.

f) Kings Coronation – Plant a tree

g) A resident has concerns about the fatal crash on A361 on mothers day.

2023.43 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.

2023.44 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 9th May

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm

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