

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Pitcombe Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th October 2023.

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

In attendance: County Councillors Tom Power 2 Members of the public and Mrs Tuck, clerk.

Open floor prior to the meeting, one member of the public wanted to put her views on a planning application, the plans had failed to take the height of the building into consideration though some trees were sheltering the site of the new building they had ash die back and the new building could have been positioned elsewhere on the plot to be less visible.

2023.67 Apologies were received from Cllr Fysh and Cllr Trimnell

2023.68 Declaration of Interest – None

2023.69 Minutes of the last meeting: were approved.

2023.70 Matters Arising: A371, state of the road, BSG Cllr Waller consulted with Justin Robinson of SALC on how to proceed, adopt a list on concerns. Cllr Waller had met a Planning Officer, Highcroft ex boarding house on the Cole Road is not likely to get permission to build on the land. Cllr Waller had received an email from a member of the public asking if the Council were aware that the railway cutting was part of the site registered as a site of Scientific Interest. We need to explore if its listed. Hobhosue would be an ideal Community Building if the rest of the the site was to be built on. Clerk to continue to list Old House as a Listed building. Cllr Power will speak to Cllr Trimnell to co-ordinate a meeting with Bruton Town Council, Pitcombe PC, Cllrs Trimnell and Power.

Flood Meeting

2023.71 To receive reports: Tom said he would send the monthly report out later this week and gave us a brief of what it would contain.

2023.72 Planning applications, footpaths and road closures.

i. To consider new planning applications

	Application number	Proposal	Location
a)	23/01712/HOU	The erection of a new outbuilding to be used as an art studio and office space.	Honeywick Honeywick Road Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA7 7LP
b)	23/02317/FUL	Demolition of redundant farm buildings, renovation and alterations to retained buildings, erection of new buildings and associated site access, landscape and drainage works, all in association with use of the site to provide 9 units of short stay holiday accommodation (sui generis) and associated facilities.	Lily Farm Cattle Hill Bratton Seymour Wincanton Somerset BA7 7NF
c)	23/02318/LBC	Demolition of redundant farm buildings, renovation and alterations to retained buildings, erection of new buildings and associated site access, landscape and drainage works, all in association with use of the site to provide 9 units of short stay holiday accommodation (sui generis) and associated facilities.	Lily Farm Cattle Hill Bratton Seymour Wincanton Somerset BA7 7NF
d)	23/02432/TCA	Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to No. 2 trees within a Conservation Area.	Hadspen Cottage Hadspen To Cole Hadspen Castle Cary Somerset BA7 7LR

The above planning applications were discussed by the Councillors.

Item a) It was decided to oppose this application as it makes too much of an impact on the neighbours property and could be sited in a more appropriate location on the property. The size seems to be excessive for the land it will be sited on.

b & c) is not in our area, Councillors felt it could improve the site from what it is at present. The Chairman has been contacted by people in Shepton Montague who would like someone from our Council to be part of a group to speak to the Newt about the amount of planning applications and building they are doing around our area. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

d) no objection.

ii. 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

iv. Footpaths – Nothing to report

v. Temporary Road Closures. None

2023.73 Correspondence None

2023.74 Finance

Cheques were approved for signature with the exception of the grant to the Church which will be discussed at the next meeting,
Financial report was given and approved.

2023.75 Council Matters:

a) CIL money £960 the clerk brought an alternative brochure for seating but Councillors preferred the seat as quoted previously. The clerk was given authority to order the seat and get it installed by Mr Mark Collins providing the bill was not more than £1,000.

b) New Barn at Nettlecombe Hill Farm, also known as land east of Ridge Lane enforcement report and acknowledged – still no further news. Cllr Power offered to find out more if the clerk can send him details.

c) Phone box – get written quote from Oliver Quarman.

d) New councillor – vacant position advertised – applications by 30th October 2023 – discuss at next meeting,

e) Dog waste bin fitted - what three words for site Clerk to contact street scene to put this bin on the route to be emptied,

2023.76 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.

Future of Sunnyhill

A371 Accident and state of road.

2023.77 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 12th December 2023

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm

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