

# Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Pitcombe Parish Council held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Present:** Councillors R. Waller, A Wells and N Hartnell.

**In attendance:** Mrs A Tuck, Clerk Cllr Robin Bastable  
3 members of the public attended.

Councillor Waller opened the meeting.

1. **Apologies were received from** Cllr Fysh, Cllr Groom, Cllr White and County Councillor Groskop

2. **Declarations of Interest** None

3. **Minutes of the meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021** were approved

**Proposed: Cllr Hartnell**

**Seconded: Cllr Waller**

**RESOLVED**

4. **To receive reports.**

i. County Council – No report from Cllr Groskop.

ii. District Council – Report Cllr Bastable informed the meeting that The Leveller had a press release about an ex District Councillor of SSDC the following day which had involved 2 members of staff being relieved of their duties. The Unitary Committee meets again before Christmas, everything else is progressing slowly, the planning department is quiet and not much to report

iii. PCSO – no report at time of meeting.

5. **Planning applications, footpaths and road closures.**

i. **To consider new planning applications**

	<b>Application number</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>a)</b>	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
<b>b)</b>	21/03280/HOU	Extension and alterations to the existing property	3 Sunny Hill Villas Sunny Hill Bruton Somerset BA10 0NR
<b>c)</b>	21/03288/HOU	Extension and alterations to the existing property	4 Sunny Hill Villas Sunny Hill Bruton Somerset BA10 0NR
<b>d)</b>	21/03573/TCA	Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area.	Honeywick Cottage Hadspen To Cole Pitcombe Bruton BA7 7LR
<b>e)</b>	21/03466/FUL (not in our parish)	Construction of new agricultural buildings and yard areas, rainwater harvesting reservoir, and associated landscape and infrastructure works; demolition of existing agricultural buildings and slurry pit, and restoration of landscape to pre-development form	Manor Farm Broadway Lane Castle Cary Somerset

The applicants of a previous application for Pitcombe Farm were in attendance and wished to discuss proposals at the Parish Council meeting to reduce the number of houses to be built on their site. As there were no members of the public present they decided to come back to January's meeting to talk to the public.

A representative from The Newt talked about their plans to build a bridge over the A359 and their plans for Manor Farm, Castle Cary (not in our area). RW and NH had visited the bridge site earlier in the day The Council had no objections to this planing application Proposed Cllr Wells, Seconded Cllr Hartnell, all in favour.

Applications b and c – Councillors expressed support for these applications proposed Cllr Hartnell, Seconded Cllr Wells all in favour.

d) Tree surgery at Honeywick – Councillors support this application.

**ii. Update on Planning applications currently under consideration by Local Planning Authority**

a) 21/02143/FUL Erection of safari tents – awaiting decision - ongoing

b) 21/00238/OUT Pitcombe Farm, Erection of 5 houses – following phosphate report - awaiting decision

**iii. Outcome of Planning applications considered at previous meetings:**

a) 21/02545/FUL Erection of barn for charging and storage facilities for electric vehicles- approved

**iv. Footpaths:** We currently have no footpaths officer – to be discussed at the next meeting.

**v. Temporary Road Closures - None**

**vi. Finger posts Update** Cllr Wells has had 2 quotes both about £2,000 however he was awaiting for a third quote which he thought would be a lot cheaper and is hoping to bring that quote to the next meeting.

**vii. Highways – Traffic problems at Elmfield, Sexey's cricket pitch**

Following an article in the Pitcombe Parish News written by Cllr Waller a Governor fo Sexey's school had contacted Cllr Waller and had spoken to Mrs Cullen.

**6. Reports from Portfolio holders not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

None.

**7. Finance.**

- i) Cheques were presented for approval and signature.  
Clerks salary Sept – December £633.50  
Clerks expenses Sept-Dec £32.32  
Milborne Port Computers webhost and email addresses  
Ink and toner £23.16  
HMRC £158.20 Clerks tax  
all were approved for payment, the cash book and bank balances were checked by Cllr Hartnell.
- ii) Councillors present looked at the Draft Budget, which was approved proposed By Cllr Hartnell and Seconded By Cllr Wells all in favour.
- iii) Cllr Hartnell had agreed to be the new signatory on the bank account, we are waiting for Barclays to process this.
- iv) SALC course for Councillors on the role of the internal Audit, the Parish Councillors agreed that a Councillor should attend this course when it is next run but there are no courses currently on offer. Clerk to notify Councillors when one is advertised.

**8. Council Matters:**

- i Co-option to the Parish Council we still need another Parish Councillor to co=opt onto the Council.
- ii The Assett Register was approved following a walk around the Parish and checking on the assets by Cllrs Waller and Hartnell.
- iii Defibrillators Cllr Wells reported no faults on the defibrillators.
- iv NALC climate change report, was deferred until next months meeting.
- v Green Canopy Initiative, Sub Committee RW, NH, AW to discuss.

**8. Date of the next Parish Council meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm**

**The meeting closed at 20.55hrs**