

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Pitcombe Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2023.

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

In attendance: County Councillors Lucy Trimnell, Tom Power, Mrs S Fone, 4 Members of the public and Mrs Tuck, clerk.

The Chairman opened the meeting and gave the members of the public the opportunity to talk. They had come to ask about the future of the bridge at Pitcombe and to ask about an update to the former Bruton School for Girls site.

2023.23 Apologies were received from Cllr Fysh ,

2023.24 Declaration of Interest – None

2023.25 Minutes of the last meeting: were approved by Cllr Hartnell and seconded by Cllr Groom.

2023.26 Matters Arising: None that are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

2023.27 To receive reports:

Cllr Trimnell reported that a new wave of covid vaccinations would be available soon. With ref to the parking at the Elm Field, Cllr Trimnell had spoken to the traffic officer in Bruton who said it doesn't come under his remit but the police have said they can't do anything so we are stuck!. Councillors have concerns about illegal parking, dangerous driving, We need to persue this – who is responsible Police or Crime Commissioner?

Cllr Power advised the meeting that if anyone is eligible for a Council Tax support they will be advised. Cllr Power had emailed a report out but it had not come to Pitcombe so he will send it to us and the clerk will forward it to Councillors.

2023.28 Planning applications, footpaths and road closures.

i. To consider new planning applications

| Application number | Proposal | Location |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| None | | |

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

22/02857/HOU Demolish existing garage and build home office/garden store outbuilding 15th December, Priddles Hill House Lime Kiln Lane Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA7 7LX **AWAITING DECISION**

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

iv. Footpaths – Mrs Fone reported that improvements have been made to gates and gate posts in the bridle way and to steps and posts towards Trendle path into Bruton. Its completely reformed. There are new gates to Godminster Estate, the sunken lane has been carefully trimmed so is now safe to walk but not big enough to drive a quad bike through Lancaster Lane.

v. Temporary Road Closures . ttr0173025SS - Holbrook Roundabout to Jack Whites Gibbet, Bratton Seymour 27th March for 3 nights

2023.29 Correspondence –

The clerk had received an email from Frome Town Council regarding our MP. He is still active and a Member of the public had received a letter form him recently. Cllrs decided not to take further action on this matter.

Somerset Day. Cllrs decided they support this but to take no action on it.

2023.30 Finance

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

Hadspen Village Hall – hall rental £45 to the end of March, then a cheque for £90 would be raised in April to cover till September which is the end of the halls financial year.

Clerks salary, expenses and HMRC tax were all approved for payment.

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

2023.31 Council Matters:

a) Bridge/parapet in Pitcombe, Cllr Trimnell has emailed about an on site meeting with Paul Tucker, Councillors and residents, but not had a reply as yet, though nothing will happen for 12 months. A comprehensive email detailing the works to be carried out had been received, concerns were raised for the residents who live over the bridge during the works who have no other access.

b) The dog bin has been received by Cllr Waller and he and Cllr Hartnell will fit it and provide the clerk with a what 3 words location for the corner of Rye Ash Field so she can arrange for emptying the bin once it has been sited.

c) Bruton School for Girls Site The ACV on the astro turf has been accepted by the Council. We will not know what the plans are for the rest of the site until we see planning applications come through the Council. With regard to listing Old House the clerk was asked to investigate the cost of this with English Heritage and find out what the benefits are and what is involved.

d) Pitcombe Rock Falconry. Emails were sent to Pitcombe Rock Falconry and the Landowner as we had not received a planning application – his has now been received and will be on the next agenda.

e) Elm Field Parking Members of the public are very concerned the parking but illegal parking on a junction, dangerous driving and pulling out without looking. Cllr Trimnell will ask the Police again.

f) CIL money £960.62, The clerk has one quote come back for a metal bench and will clerk will investigate other quotes and the cost of fixing a seat. Possible sites for a new seat were discussed. Other suggestion was for a new defib. A member of the public had asked about a strip of land on the edge of the BSG school plot that ran along the old railway embankment and was used as a wildlife area, what would happen to it?

g) New Barn at Nettlecombe Hill Farm, also known as land east of Ridge Lane update no planning permission can be found for this, the clerk completed a breach of planning with SSDC for this but has heard no more. With regard to the Outline planning permission for the new house, the clerk was asked to contact Stanley Norris from planning again about the 18 letters he says were on file, his reply was they were sent to the people who had commented on the previous application and 2 others but neighbours said these were not received and no notice was seen to have been displayed – has he photographic evidence that this was displayed? Clerk to contact him again.

h) The Kings' Coronation Pitcombe PC will be planting a mature oak tree Cllrs agreed on a budget of £100 to get one from Ashridge Nurseries.

2023.32 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.

The Kings' Coronation

2023.22 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 18th April 2023 Clerk requested a change of date due to Easter Holiday and agreed to check availability of the hall then this will be published on the website, and in the Parish News

The meeting closed at 9:05 pm

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