

## **Pitcombe Parish Council.**

Minutes of the Pitcombe Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 taken by Cllr Hutton.

**Present** Councillors R Waller, N Hartnell, M Hutton, M Groom

**In attendance** 2 members of the public and Mrs S Fone (later Ewen Jones from Bruton TC)

**Apologies** received from County Councillors Tom Power and Lucy Trimnell, Councillor Fysh, Anne Tuck, PCSO Mya.

**Minutes of the last meeting** Should read **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023**, but otherwise approved and accepted.

**Matters Arising** For clerk, **Anne Tuck** to inform councillors of the outcome of her research in establishing Historic England Guidelines to consider application for Listed Status for BSG

**Reports received** from County Councillors Tom Power and Lucy Trimnell prior to the meeting, nothing of any note for local comments.

**Planning Applications** None. Reminder for clerk, **Anne Tuck** to follow up enforcement notice submitted and acknowledged for new barn at Nettlecombe Farm and to **inform September meeting of the outcome.**

**Footpaths** Mrs S Fone informed the meeting that there is an issue with access of Footpath (Bridleway) 22/11 for the local authority, who accept responsibility for maintaining it, but have been unable to gain access. RW will consider the parish council options for addressing this with the landowner/ tenant.

All other rights of way appear to be accessible. Lancombe Lane is scheduled in the local authorities cutting programme.

**Astroturf** at BSG. The parish council has been informed that this has now been registered as an asset of Community Value. The site is now being marketed for Sale. Ewan Jones explained that any potential buyer will be obliged to inform the local authority when a purchase takes place, and the parish council will have 6 weeks to respond. Councillors discussed options in preparation for the sale of the site. It was agreed that the parish council does not have the resources for the purchase of the site and is not aware of any groups or individuals based in the parish who would express an interest in it. RW will write to the new chair of Bruton TC asking them to discuss at their next meeting with an option of widening discussion with the groups (who are predominately Bruton based) who do use the Astro Turf, to ascertain their interest in purchasing, maintaining, and managing the site. Another alternative is for Kings School to enable community access to their astroturf facilities. (RW sent email on 19/7/23 to BTC).

**Finance** Clerks salary and tax agreed for next two months. No questions from the financial spreadsheet distributed prior to the meeting.

**Flooding** There is a possibility of a meeting taking place at 6.30 am on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September with Tim Cook from the local authority, to discuss the recent flooding events around the community. Members of the public will be invited if this date is confirmed by Tim Cook. The monthly parish council meeting will follow at 7.30pm.

**Dog waste bin** councillors agreed to pay the labour costs of a member of the public to site this (cost likely to be between £80- £100.)

**Elm Field parking and fatal collision on A371** PCSO Mya is scheduled to attend the parish meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, these issues will be discussed with her on that date. Clerk **Anne Tuck to be asked to brief Mya before the meeting**, so that she can arrive prepared for informing the council of any action being taken by the police or highways authority of any possible safety measures for the A371 where the accident took place.

**Phone Box.** RW suggested that the community of Pitcombe be approached in asserting the owners of the phone box, before the council decides if it needs to take any action in its refurbishment.

**CIL Money.** Remains available. RW and NH will visit a suggested site for the siting of a bench in Cole and inform the council of the outcome.

**New Councillor.** It was agreed that a new councillor should be sought, so that meetings can be quorate. RW will make representation to the local authority.

**Information sharing** A local family have refurbished the community notice board in Pitcombe. RW to pass on thanks.

**Clarification has been given by the local authority regarding Pitcombe Bridge.** A scheduled inspection took place recently (these take place every two years). This was not in connection to the planned work for the site. The LA remain committed to the refurbishment of the bridge but are currently not able to give timescales as to when this will take place.

**Next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm.**