

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Pitcombe Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 16th April 2024

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

In attendance: Trimnell and Power and Mrs Tuck, clerk.

The Chairman opened the meeting welcomed Zoe from The Newt, who explained what her position involves at The Newt and had come to introduce herself.

2024.23 Apologies were received from Cllr Lucy Trimnell and Cllr Tom Power.

2024.24 Declaration of Interest – Cllr Hobhouse declared that her husband is on the board of Governors of Kings Bruton and Bruton School for Girls. Cllr Waller declared that he lives opposite the property coming up for planning so will not be voting on that application. Cllr Shylan declared that he has an item listed which does not need planning permission.

2024.25 Minutes of the last meeting: Correction to minutes item 2024.19 A371 Cllr Hutton had sent a response but hadn't had a reply., Another correction to be made to the flood action section Some typos to correct then represent at the next meeting. **Action Clerk.**

2024.26 Matters Arising: Pitcombe bridge is on reporting process for Highways, it was allocated a number and the update says its fine and the action has been closed. It can be reported again, it was decided to take photos every 6 months for visual evidence to see how it is deteriorating. Cllr Hartnell told of some plastic fittings that could be put into the cracks to measure and monitor movement in the bridge. Cllr Hartnell to investigate. Clerk agreed to contact Cllr Trimnell and ask for an update form her contact. Cllrs Waller and Hutton had attended the previous LCN meeting of concern was the fact that Dimmer Waste Disposal Site could be closing, Somerset Council are to review how many waste disposal sites may have to close.

2024.27 To receive reports: Nothing yet from Cllr Power

2024.28 Planning applications, footpaths and road closures.

i. To consider new planning applications

	Application number	Proposal	Location
a	24/00320/HOU	The erection of single-story rear extension to dwelling and conversion of existing garage and outbuilding to an annexe	Hillside Sunny Hill Bruton Somerset BA10 0PJ

a) The Council agreed to support the above application.

ii. Update on Planning applications currently under consideration by Local Planning Authority 24/00368/AGN Land OS 8400 Green Lane Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA7 7LX Notification of intent to Erect an Agricultural Building for storage of hay, straw and farm machinery **Permission Not Required.**

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

iv. Footpaths – Ref the broken Stile, Cllr Shylan agreed to find out who owned the land where the stile is. The Bridleway is now to be closed for 6 months following a landslide.

v. Temporary Road Closures.

2024.29 Correspondence a)Devolution Highways Letter A price list showing how much we will be expected to pay for services to be done by April 25. Drainage plans for Hadspen, Cole, Pitcombe may or may not be on inspection route, but we should have business as usual in the new financial year. Regarding services to be paid for in future Cllr Waller informed the Council that Mr & Mrs Comer had paid for someone to sweep Lime Kiln Lane (£160) so it looks clean and tidy for their glamping customers. b)Insurance, form to complete from AJG, ref renewal, email ref a quote from Zurich. Clerk to look into both.

2024.30 Finance

- a. Cheques for approval all agreed
- b. Financial report, Budget v spend was given and approved.
Clerk was asked to contact SALC to see what Councillor training courses are coming up,

2024.31 Council Matters -

- a) Pitcombe Rock Falconry – concerns have been raised about the state of the site, unsure if it is compliant with planing conditions. Cllr Waller had met with the site owner, who assured him that planning conditions would be complied with. It was suggested that the Portaloo could be resited so it is less unsightly than it is..Mr Bruce Jones, the site owner said he would hold a meeting with Mr Wells about expectations for the site ref planning conditions. Cllr Waller prepared to attend and asked if another Councillor would join them. Cllrs Groom or Hutton happy to attend.
- b) Pitcombe Rock Drains are not on annual inspection they have reactive maintenance.
- c) BSG update Cllr Waller spoke to Mr Tusson Bursar at Kings, re the video that had been sent to us and was told it was an older video that had already been reported to the Police and they have done what they can. Nothing is now left on site. The site is to be used by 2 film companies in June/July so more people will be around. Circumstances at the school are still subject to resolution by the Charities Commission and they wait to hear if it can be changed and the site sold. Cllr Waller has spoken to John Hammond from the Planning Dept at Somerset Council ref concerns of flood risk if the site should be built on.
- d) Old Vicarage drainage water – Nick Toop has responded – no run off causing problems on highway below, condition has been discharged and there is no breach of conditions. The Council need photographic evidence of water run off. Ask Lucie Reader if she has any and if not photos need taking when we next have heavy rain. Clerk to email Lucie Reader.
- e) Flooding – update. The flood report was submitted for 4 properties in Hadspen but don't know if its enough to trigger an investigation with SRA.
- f) Lengthsman need to look at this more on the next agenda.
- g) Road Sign to Pitcombe at the bottom of Shutters Hill no further information from PCSO
Cllr Hutton to take photos and report it on Somerset Council website.

2024.32 Items for report and for the 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 meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7.30pm at Hadspen Village Hall

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