

# Pitcombe Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Pitcombe Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

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

**In attendance:** 2 Members of the public and Mrs Tuck, clerk.

The public session at the start of the meeting discussed removal of a hedge and what is a hedge. The hedge in question was just brambles and old man's in a wire fence around the base of some ash trees. This had been removed by Mr Garrett who intends to replace a hedge up to the gateway, the other side will be fenced in due course.

**2024.53 Apologies** were received from Cllrs Mark Groom, Rob Shylan, Emma Craigie Somerset Councillor Tom Power

**2024.54 Declaration of Interest** – Cllr Hobhouse declared that her husband is on the board of Governors of Kings Bruton and Bruton School for Girls.

**2024.55 Minutes of the last meeting:** Approved as a true record and will be signed off at the next meeting.

### **2024.56 Matters Arising:**

**2024.57 To receive reports:** Cllr Power has sent his report via email which as forwarded to Councillors earlier.,

### **2024.58 Planning applications, footpaths and road closures.**

i. **To consider new planning applications None**

ii. **Update on Planning applications currently under consideration by Local Planning Authority – None**

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

iv. **Footpaths** nothing to report this month

v. **Temporary Road Closures** None advised

### **2024.49 Correspondence**

1)One planning application came in this afternoon but was too late for the deadline for the Agenda so the clerk will ask for an extension.

2)Any nominees for Services to Community ward – arrived too late for discussion, we need to be discussing this in March each year. Clerk to bring to agenda next March.

3) Black 8 newsletter/email in opposition to changes The Newt are making – asking us to support their opposition to the application. There are no applications as yet for us to see, when there are we will talk about them. Clerk to reply to them.

### **2024.50 Finance**

a. Cheques for approval were agreed.

b. Financial report and Budget v spend was sent to council via email earlier,

### **2024.51 Council Matters –**

a) Flooding was discussed Cllr Hobhouse sent an email ref flood plan on 14<sup>th</sup> May, it was decided to discuss this at the next meeting if all Councillors could read the email before then. We may need Lucie to engage someone in Cole to work alongside her and Annette so all areas are covered.

The EA has given Cllr Hobhouse a second hand rain gauge, which has been calibrated to Hadspen Village Hall, could it go on the flat roof of the village hall? We will need to get the electronics to go with it, should cost around £50, Council agreed to pay for this, There is a flood relief pond on Hadspen Valley Farm, but it is not working properly, its full of silt and mud and not operating correctly as a flood relief

pond- Could we make it an asset of Community Value? The owners are not happy to sell it to the community but are happy for us to access it. Cllr Hobhouse will be raising it with SRA in July to see what can be done as it is the responsibility of the land owner to maintain water courses. Cllr Hobhouse asked if we could buy flood signs for Hadspen, as we had bought some for Pitcombe, agreed up to max of £300. Drains in Pitcombe Rock were discussed they are blocked again, should we sweep the road? Clerk to ask Lucy Comer who they used to sweep the Lane by The Glamping Site. Write to Stuart Anderton, our rep on the LCN Highways Committee. The problem is not so much the drains but the road alignment with the drains is wrong and the water misses the drains.

b) Volunteer in Community required to do neighbourhood watch – RW to put request in Parish News..

c) Hedge at the top of Pitcombe Hill was discussed at the start of the meeting -see above,

d) Road Sign to Pitcombe at the bottom of Shutters Hill – Cllr Shylan has been asked to quote for the repair.

e) Recycling/rubbish collections new dates for collections had been sent out.

**2024.52 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 9.20pm**

**Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.30pm at Hadspen Village Hall**  
Please note the Council do not meet in August.