

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Pitcombe Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th October 2024

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

In attendance: Mrs Tuck, clerk.

Vice Chairman took the Chair and opened the meeting at 7.35pm

2024.74 Apologies were received from Cllr Waller and Cllr Hutton.

2024.75 Declaration of Interest – Cllr Hobhouse declared that her husband is on the board of Governors of Kings Bruton and Bruton School for Girls.

2024.76 Minutes of the last meeting: There were some typo's to amend in the minutes which will be updated, sent to Councillors and signed at the next meeting.

2024.77 Matters Arising: Clerk asked to contact Cllr Power for updates to items he was looking into for us, who is in charge of planning Dept? Chair of planning committee is Jason Baker (jason.baker@somerset.gov.uk). Cllr Hobhouse had asked Cllr Power at the last meeting how adult social care is budgeted for, reminder to Cllr Power.

Planning items 24/01788/FUL Sunnyhill Villas, still awaiting decision.

24/01285/COL permitted.

Cllr Shylan reported he and Cllr Waller had looked at Highways items in the Parish that would need attention when Somerset no longer provide them with a view to doing the work They had looked at verge clearance –written quote to follow but is £450 a day. They looked at drains, some of which need clearing, some jetting and road sweeping. Cllr Shylan looking to hire a vehicle that can do all these jobs in one go. The problem with the roads is the canopy of trees overhanging the road, sunlight doesn't get onto the road or verges and the wrong type of vegetation is growing which doesn't hold back the water and washes debris into the roads, if the canopies were cut back allowing sunlight onto the roads and verges the problems would be less. Somerset care- Somerset Share article to go in Parish News and on website.

The dog bin, future payments were discussed which will need budgeting for, Cllr Hobhouse felt that we should have more dog bins in the parish or remove the one we do have, there ought to be policy to cover whole parish or none and people take their dog waste home with them.

Old Vicarage – clerk to chase water spilling out of drive and causing water build up on a359 with planning.

Telemetry gauge – Bratton Seymours is working, Cllr Hobhouse's one to go on the village hall is ready to install with the Help of Mr Sykes whose son had done the programming, estimated cost £150.

A371 update had been received for road markings on Grove Cross, another accident there last week, not sure when it will be done.

Parish online, Cllr Hutton started 3 months free trial in September and will report back.

Website – clerk reported still having problems getting articles onto the website and had asked Mr Flynn for assistance.

2024.78 To receive reports: Tom's report had been emailed to Councillors earlier today but attachment missing from email, clerk resent. Report to go on website and to the Parish News with links to the articles.

2024.79 Planning applications, footpaths and road closures.

i. To consider new planning applications

	Application number	Proposal	Location
a)	18/00415/CPO/NMA	Non material amendment application, therefore seeks to adopt restoration plan no 343/A/14/Rev B which refers to calcareous grassland rather than natural regenerated calcareous grassland and the retention of the vegetated roadside bund.	Grove Farm Quarry, Lime Kiln Lane, Castle Cary BA7 7NX
b)	24/02099/TCA	Notification to carry out tree surgery works to 1 tree in a conservation area.	Land adjacent River Pitt, Pitcombe hill, Mill Lane, Pitcombe, Bruton.

Both applications were discussed and the Council decided not to comment either way.

ii. Update on Planning applications currently under consideration by Local Planning Authority- 23/01786/FUL Sunny Hill Villas, Sunny Hill, Pitcombe, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0NR. Change if use of land to residential, joining of existing 2 dwellings to form a single dwelling, erection of a rear extension,

erection of detached 3 bay carport/garage with store above, modification of 2 dormer windows.
Formation of access and parking and turning area, **Awaiting decision**

iii. Outcome of Planning applications considered at previous meetings:

24/01285/COL Alders, Lancombe Lane, Pitcombe BA10 0PG Application for lawful development certificate for the proposed stationing of a mobile home within residential garden for ancillary use – **Application Permitted**

iv. Footpaths Cllr Shylan to check Lancombe Lane. A resident had reported they had problems whilst walking on a footpath from Pitcombe Hill towards the Church, the landowner has now put a bull on the land and the footpath is impassable Clerk to report to Susan Fone and copy Eve Wynn., the footpath is deep in mud

v. Temporary Road Closures None advised

2024.80 Correspondence Traffic calming request, Hadspen Cottage, request already made to John Nicholson following on from Cllr Hobhouse's comments at the last meeting and he has passed it onto the traffic team.

Road Markings update – Grove Cross agreed work needs doing but we don't know when.

Request for dates for next years meetings from the Village hall, clerk had prepared list of dates for next year but would have a problem with April date as it falls in school holidays – it was agreed to move the April meeting from 8th April to 1st April next year – dates to go on website.

2024.81 Finance

The Church Grant application was discussed and approved for payment, Financial statement was given and cheques approved for signature.

2024.82 Council Matters –

a) Flood training is proposed for volunteers in the Keir document we will register for this. Online safety Risk assessment training through LCN on 23rd October in Caryford Hall 7pm - you can attend on line. Flood relief pond the land has changed ownership, we had the previous owners permission assist with it. Cllr Hobhouse to drop the new owners a note. Cllr Shylan stated that Mr Hopkins is looking to reinstall 3 carp ponds on his land above that pond that had been there 200+ years ago.

b) Drains on a 371 ongoing

c) Rodbers Barn ongoing – Cllr Shylan

d) Parish Online - Cllr Hutton – deferred till as Cllr Hutton not present.

e) Request for alterations to highway (traffic calming) between BSG and Sexeyes emailed John Nicholson and passed onto the traffic team.

2024.83 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.* Shaping Somerset NHS document emailed today – document to go on website.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 7.30pm at Hadspen Village Hall