

Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Pitcombe Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2024

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

In attendance: 6 Members of the public, Lucy Trimnell, Somerset Councillor, Lucie Reader, Flood Warden Pitcombe, Susan Fone, footpaths officer and Mrs Tuck, clerk.

2024.84 Apologies were received from Cllrs Mark Groom, Rob Shylan, Somerset Councillor Tom Power

2024.85 Declaration of Interest – Cllr Hobhouse declared that her husband is on the board of Governors of Kings Bruton and Bruton School for Girls.

2024.86 Minutes of the last meeting: Were missing Cllr Cragie's apologies, other than that were correct – clerk to update for next month.

2024.87 Matters Arising: Question from Cllr Craigie, asking if matters that involved people attending the meeting could be brought to the front of the agenda so they could leave once their item was over, SALC training course on Code of Conduct for Councillors Cllr Cragie and Cllr Hobhouse are interested in attending on Monday 25th November its an online course, find out if Cllr Shylan would like to do it - there's a discount if more Councillors sign up.

Local Plan to go on the December Agenda.

Register on the Keir website for more info on how highways costings will work

2024.88 To receive reports: Cllr Power has sent his report via email which as forwarded to Councillors earlier. Somerset Parishes conference is tomorrow in Bridgwater, it's a full day conference, Lucy is not attending as she attended the Somerset Prepared conference last week but will get feedback from other Councillors. Lucie Reader was announced as the winner of an award, Cllr Waller had submitted a nomination for her work to do with The Pitcombe Flooding and she won the award. Well Done Lucie. SA Community Flood action group meets on 10th December.

The Council are expecting an inspection for the Probation Service Youth Justice Team Services.

The Local plan response has been extended by County. Dimmer Waste Disposal Site- no news on its future as yet. Keir Contract some Parishes are recruiting their own contractors as the daily rate is very expensive, S19 plan – 2/3 Councillors to form a sub committee to respond to this before the deadline.

2024.89 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

The application no 24/007121/FUL Has been amended and we received notification yesterday with 14 days to respond. This is revised plans for a smaller agriculture workers dwelling submitted by Mr Garrett for Land East or Ridge Lane, Castle Cary BA7 7LW. A lot of discussion followed about this

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

iv. Footpaths Peter Hobly has sent responsibilities of rights of way team maintenance of footpaths. Mrs Fone felt it was important that Councillors attend the LCN meetings re rights of way, its important the public understand how the countryside works and what their responsibilities to farmers are and farmers responsibilities to the walkers. Eve Wynn from Somerset Council has had her area expanded and it is becoming increasingly down to parishes to pull together to keep down the growth. The Chairman said we would attend some of the LCN's when we can.

v. Temporary Road Closures None

2024.90 Correspondence Somerset Day 10th/11th May 2025.

2024.91 Finance

- a. Cheques for approval were agreed.
- b. Financial report was given and approved

2024.92 Council Matters –

- a) Flooding – section 19 report to consider, Lucie and Annette are collating responses. Lucie was nominated for a Somerset Prepared award by the Council for her work with Flooding and won the award which will be presented at a later date. Well done Lucie.
- b) A371 some work has been done but the surface of road not addressed – Cllr Hutton will send another email.
- c) Rodbers Barn, the swings and toilet has gone, bought by someone from Bruton.
- d) Parish On line, Cllr Hutton not started the trial there is a cost involved - £72 annually to join now or £64 to trial it then decide.
- e) Request for alterations to highway (traffic calming between BSG and Sunnyhill and problems at Hadspen Cottage, Responses received from Council was that it would cost us a lot to put a 20 mph zone in and we are unlikely to qualify for it. Clerk to write to person who sent letter to Council. Cllr Hartnell stated the pavement is reduced in places from 4ft to 2 ft with overgrown hedges and weeds. Response re Hadspen on the bend by Hadspen Cottage chevron is facing the wrong way and slow signs to be painted on the road but not in this financial year.

2024.93 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 10th December 2024 at 7.30pm at Hadspen Village Hall