Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Pitcombe Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Duffy, N Hartnell, R Shylan and J Wyatt

In attendance: Cllr Trimnell, Somerset Council and Mrs Tuck, clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm

2026.52 Apologies Cllr M Groom, Cllr M Hutton Cllr Sandeman, Somerset Councillor Tom Power, Lucie Reader Flood Warden

2026.53 Declaration of Interest – None

2026.54 Matters Arising The Village Hall sign over the finger post is faded – can it be replaced? Financial Docs to go on website.

2026.55 To receive reports: Cllr Power's report was forwarded to Councillors.

2026.56 Planning applications, footpaths and road closures.

i **To consider new Planning applications**

Application number	Proposal	Location
26/01476/S73A	**S73 application to vary conditions 4 (Bat Licence), 5 (Bat Protection) and 6 (External Lighting) of approval 23/01786/FUL for Change of use of land to residential, joining of existing 2 dwellings to form a single dwelling; erection of 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.**	Sunnyhill Villas, Sunnyhill, Bruton BA10 0NR

ii. Update on Planning applications currently under consideration by Local Planning

26/01431/DOC1 Shatwell Yard, Shatwell Lane, Yarlington Discharge of condition no 9 **Awaiting Decision**

26/01432/DOC1 Shatwell Yard, Shatwell Lane, Yarlington Discharge of Condition No. 6 (Materials) of Planning Application **Awaiting Decision**

iii. Outcome of Planning applications

25/02215/FUL & 25/02216/LBC to amend the roof covering and glazing style of the annex - Hadspen Valley House Lime Kiln Lane Hadspen Castle Cary Somerset BA7 7LX **Application withdrawn**

A late application had come through which was dealt with as we do not meet again until September Cllr Duffy abstained as he knows the applicants there were no objection.

Iv Foot paths nothing to report

v Temporary Road Closures – None advised

vi. **Highways** Grit bins to be checked – NH to do.

2026.57 Correspondence All had been forwarded to Councillors Somerset Bus Franchising no routes in our Parishes, Bus stops in BSG car park, we have lost the no 1 Bus, Frome Bus stops there at 4pm.

2026.58 Finance

a. Cheques for approval were agreed.

b. Financial report was given.

2026.59 Council Matters –,

a) Flooding Nothing of note. A special resolution was voted upon and passed by all councillors to authorise Cllr Shylan to undertake an exploratory dig to try and find the cause of the flooding at Cole. Cllr Shylan, stated the road is dry he had dug the other side of the barn and had spoken to Mr J Griffin and Mr Spratling. He dug out to expose the water main. This created a vacuum and pulled the spring through under the road. He will put dye in the water in the spring to see where it goes, where he had dug beside the hole it had filled up with water but it was blocked the way it was going. He will do further work this coming weekend. Cllr Duffy thanked Cllr Shylan for what he had done and asked him to proceed with the work to get it sorted out.

b) Neighbourhood Plan update: The Survey had gone out with the Parish Magazines and are already

being returned, JD will Collate info for Somerset Council, a report has been sent to Somerset Council for S14 assessment if Ok a referendum needs 51% of the population to say yes.
c) Bruton School for Girls update. The ACV has gone in and has been acknowledged, the purpose of which is to create the time to get the bid together. The Community Interest Company (CIC) has been formed. There is a meeting at the Chapel on Wednesday at 7pm to start the fundraising of £100,000 to enable funding of £5million. The ACV on the astro turf means that it cannot be sold until after November 26th. Mr Tuson wishes to sell the site as one lot.

2026.60 **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.
Mr Ed Hobhouse is standing down as Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator and advert for his successor will be in the Parish News in September.
Cllr Shylan to look at Nettlecombe Lane
Cllr Wyatt is keen that Parishioners know what the Councils priorities are what are we spending our precept on..
The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 7.30pm at Hadspen Village Hall