Pitcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Pitcombe Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs M Groom, R Shylan and J Wyatt

In attendance: Mrs Tuck, clerk

Cllr Groom took the Chair and opened the meeting at 7.30pm

2026.61 Apologies Cllrs J Duffy, M Hutton, N Hartnell, E Sandeman, Somerset Councillors Tom Power and Lucie Trimnell

2026.62 Declaration of Interest – None

2026.63 Minutes of the last meeting A few typos were reported in the minutes which will be updated and presented for signature at the next meeting.

2026.63 Matters Arising The Village Hall sign over the finger post is faded – Cllrs decided this was the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee. A note had been received from Cllr Duffy to advise the ACV on The Bruton School for Girls site had been declined by Somerset Council, the Community Interest Company had been established. Councillors decided that as a Council they would keep an eye on how the Company goes. Mr Ed Hobhouse who moved away a year ago is sanding down as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. We will put an article about this in the Parish News to see if anyone will take this position on.

Cllr Wyatt is keen to let Parishioners know what our provisions are and what we do with our money.

2026.64 To receive reports: Cllr Power's report was forwarded to Councillors.

2026.65 Planning applications, footpaths and road closures

i. To consider new planning applications

26/01904/FUL	Installation of walls and roof to existing portal frame barn for secure agricultural storage -	Pitcombe Farm Pitcombe Hill Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA10 0PF **respond by 17.9.26**

The Council support the above application.

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

Ref. No: Installation of walls and roof to existing portal frame barn for secure agricultural storage - Pitcombe Farm Pitcombe Hill Pitcombe Bruton Somerset BA10 0PF **Awaiting Decision**

26/01431/DOC1 Shatwell Yard, Shatwell Lane, Yarlington Discharge of condition no 3 & no4 **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

Ref. No: 26/01316/S73 S73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) to amend the roof covering of annexe to standing seam metal roof, in relation to planning permission 25/02215/FUL for Removal of non historic late C20th outbuilding, erection of single-storey, two-bedroom annexe for elderly relative and carer on existing footprint, erection of outbuildings to accommodate machinery and store, re-instatement of lost historic gates and removal of concrete yard covering. - Hadspen Valley House Lime Kiln Lane Hadspen Castle Cary Somerset BA7 7LX **Application permitted with conditions**

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v. Temporary Road Closures: None Advised

vi. **Highways** Grit bins to be checked – NH to do. Cllr Shylan updated us on the state of the water leak across the road in Cole. The work he had undertaken, tests he had done and what he had found. In the last minutes the Councillors had agreed to let Cllr Shylan investigate this for us to sort it out as it had gone on for long enough. There was an email trail with Wessex Water about the water which they said had not come from a water main, though Cllr Shylan's tests did not agree with that. Mr Griffin had been promised stone in his gateway to allow Cllr Shylan to excavate in his field.

2026.65 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. There had been an email from Mr Watts about an unidentified plant, but the clerk was unable to find the email at the meeting.

2026.66 Finance

a. Cheques for approval, the clerk's salary and tax was agreed and signed by Cllr Groom, clerk will get Cllr Hartnell to sign as well. The cheque for Trebor (Cllr Shylan) was not signed as Cllr Groom was not at the previous meeting, didn't know what had been agreed as there was no figures in the minutes. He sent an email to Cllr Duffy and deferred this to the next meeting,

b. Financial report had been emailed but it was asked to be emailed on an excel spreadsheet.

2026.67 Council Matters –,

a) Flooding The River report from Lucie was positive.

b) Neighbourhood Plan is progressing.

c) Bruton School for Girls update The ACV has been turned down. The Community Interest Company (CIC) has been formed. The Councillors will keep an eye on what us happening.

2026.68 **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 13th October 2026 at 7.30pm at Hadspen Village Hall