

PITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting, held in Angersleigh Village Room on Thursday 22 February 2018.

Present. Cllrs Newcombe (Chair), Neale, Edmondson, Whatmore; Christie (Vice Chair), Lee and Burnett.

Mr R Tyzack (Clerk to the Parish Council)
Cllr Thorne

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations

Cllr Whatmore declared an interest in planning application 30/18/0002.

3. Planning applications to resolve

- None.

4. Planning applications for observation

- 30/18/0001 outline application with all matters reserved, except for means of access, for erection of two dwellings on land to the rear of Nutbeam Farmhouse Blagdon Hill Road Blagdon Hill.
REPORTED. Cllrs had viewed the application details on the TDBC site. The site adjoins the AONB and lies within the village envelope. RESOLVED. Annotate the form Objects. To be consistent with other applications that have been presented in similar situations on previous occasions the application should be refused as this is backland development.
- 30/18/0002 erection of a detached dwelling with associated works to include a change of use of part of the agricultural field to domestic garden on land to rear and side of The Stone House Selleck's Green Pitminster (amended scheme to 30/16/0029). RESOLVED annotate the form with Objects. The plan moves the house towards the agricultural field and out of line with the other houses. Should the line of the house remain as was there is no need to extend beyond the village curtilage into agricultural field. (this is contrary to Policy DM2 of the Taunton Deane Core Strategy).
The proposed size of the house is out of scale both for the plot and the village. It is out of keeping with the surrounding houses as the house does not use any natural or locally sourced materials. Windows and balcony overlooking adjacent houses need to be obscure glass.
The area of land behind the Stonehouse that has been identified to change agricultural land into domestic use extends the village curtilage for that house and should not be entertained (contrary to Policy DM2 of the Taunton Deane Core Strategy). NOTE the refusal of change of agricultural land to domestic curtilage on application 30/17/0022 (adjacent to Selleck's Green Farm).

5. Minutes

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 18 January 2018 already distributed were approved and signed.

6. Matters arising

Planning application 30/17/0036 installation of replacement gates at Higher Coombe Farm Ruggin West Buckland (works already undertaken). A member of public had at the last meeting raised an issue with this application reporting that there were outstanding Enforcement items.

Consultation with Enforcement, indicated there was no outstanding Enforcement case against Higher Coombe Farm.

Clerk sent an email to TDBC Planning and Environment to advise them that council had no further comments to make on this application. A copy of the email had been posted on the website.

7. To receive any planning enforcement items

No new reports.

8. Village agent

Sally Mitchell introduced herself and outlined her new post. She is covering the whole of Taunton Deane. Cllr Newcombe offered to put her in touch with Trudi Morgan the previous Village Agent.

9. Councillor training

New Cllrs aware of training on Thursday 22 March 2018.

10. Highways England

RESOLVED to send the following comment to Highways England. "Preferred option Pink but it should have a link to the orange route at roundabout "F".

Clerk to ask for a confirmation receipt. RECEIVED.

11. VETS

Second Defibrillator, VETS team cover both Defibrillator. Awaiting order to change name of Defibrillator sited in Blagdon Hill from Pitminster to Blagdon Hill so that the new one can be named Pitminster and sited in Pitminster. Will use Community Heart Beat Trust again.

Cllr Whatmore is in touch with BT. He is awaiting a letter of authority to use the electricity sited in the phone box.

12. Application for Section 106

Clerk REPORTED he had deposited the application for the S106 funding for the play equipment for Pitminster and Angersleigh Playing Fields at TDBC.

13. SIDS

Chair REPORTED he had been in email contact with Corfe Parish Council. The costs of SIDS were reported in the previous minutes. Corfe were not convinced that they required a speed device as there had been no accidents in their village. RESOLVED. Dave Grabham has arranged a meeting in Edgar Hall when he will explain the way forward with SIDS now that SCC are no longer financing them. Cllr Whatmore offered to attend the meeting.

14. Dog bin

REPORTED the bins are being used and emptied but it transpires no payments made. The bin in Howleigh Lane is under used. Could be relocated if required. A lot of mess is being left on the playing field surface. RESOLVED. Signs are to be made reminding walkers of dogs the danger of dog faeces and to remove them. A pink spray is to be trialed that reduces the potency of dog faeces. Following debate RESOLVED to purchase a new dog bin for Pitminster.

15. Data protection

REPORTED the issue of Data Protection has been raised by NALC. They advise waiting until proposals have been agreed.

16. Libraries

RESOLVED this council strongly objects SCC proposals to any reduction in Library services. It will promote Rural Isolation. Councils objection will be reported.

17. Risk assessment

RESOLVED Cllrs view the documents on website and inform Clerk of any changes to make. Clerk then update documents ready for next meeting.

18. AOR (areas of responsibility)

- Cllr Christie. REPORTED:
As above minute under VETS.
- Cllr Edmondson REPORTED:
Ruggin Road as being in a very bad state. Cllr Edmondson will report to Bob Brown. Finger Posts renovation is proceeding on a voluntary and ad hoc basis. The partnership meeting had concentrated on housing.
- Cllr Lee REPORTED:
Blackdown Hills Parish Network meeting. Two councils had paid in region of £25000 for a Parish Plan. The mini bus had had reached the end of life so a replacement was being sought. A person in Hemyock had produced some "No Lorry" signs and erected them on various lanes which had a dramatic effect in reducing lorries from causing a nuisance. The Repair Café are requesting money to help with the costs of running it. Two pubs in the area that had sought change of use to residential had been refused by Devon Planning Committee.
- Cllr Neale REPORTED:
None to report.
- Cllr Whatmore REPORTED:
Mrs Speiss has requested a stall at the Fete.

- Cllr Newcombe REPORTED:
A lady from Blagdon Hill hoping to re-start a WI club. PFA meeting there is £63000 in funds, proposal to have an outline plan produced of proposals for pavilion. Cost circa £1500. Newsletter next month will make comment regarding the dog poo on the field. A proposal to alter the rules to have dogs on a leash if people will not pick up poo. Next PFA meeting discuss the MUGA cost in the region of £12 to 25000. The wire mesh fencing will need replacing shortly.
- Cllr Burnett. REPORTED:
Emma King has a regular attendance of 18, mostly boys, to the youth group at Corfe Village Hall. Emma is thankful for the donation she receives. Cllr Whatmore offered to find out who gives the donation. The group has received a County award for Safe and Welcoming run well and safe.

19. Agenda items for next meeting

Defibrillator, SIDS, Parish Meeting, Risk Assessment.

20. Bank balance

Clerk REPORTED the balance £21752.03. Cllr Newcombe signed the statement.

21. Payment of accounts

RESOLVED to pay the following invoices:

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| • SALC Training Chair and Cllr | £85.00 |
| • Angersleigh Village Room (February) | £14.00 |
| • Angersleigh Village Room (February A358) | £14.00 |
| • Community Council subscription | £40.00 |
| • Roman Glass (Clerk – glass for noticeboard) | £25.00 |

22. Close meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2130

Signed

Date Thursday 22 March 2018