

PITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Old School Pitminster on Thursday 21 November 2019.

Present

Cllr Burnett (Chair), Whatmore, Lee, Garland and Chapman

Mr. R Tyzack (Clerk to the Parish Council).

Jeremy Guise (Planning Officer).

Cllr Sarah Wakefield

1. Apologies

Cllrs Threlfall (meeting), Canniford (meeting) and Neale (prior engagement) accepted.

2. Declarations

None.

3. Planning applications to RESOLVED

30/19/0024 relocation of septic tank at Poundisford Farmhouse, Poundisford Road, Pitminster.

Jeremy Guise presented the application.

RESOLVED the application be approved

REASON FOR GRANTING PLANNING PERMISSION:

Whilst the relocation of the septic tank will be within the grounds of the listed building, the only external works that will be visible will be a cover that serves the tank. Due to the distance from the property and the cover being the only visible indication of the tank's position, there is not considered to be an impact on the setting of the listed building. By moving the tank, maintenance will become more accessible as it will be accommodated within the Applicant's land.

4. Planning applications for OBSERVATION

- 30/19/0035 Variation of Condition No's. 02 (approved plans to replace bat mitigation drawing) and 05 (to replace ecology mitigation report) of application 30/19/0003 at Brooklands, Curdleigh Lane, Blagdon Hill. RESOLVED no further observations.
- 30/19/0034 change of use of land to mixed use of domestic and commercial with erection of a garage for commercial purposes at Cornish Cottage Shoreditch. RESOLVED no further observations.

5. Minutes

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 17 October 2019, already distributed were approved and signed.

6. Matters arising

None

7. To receive any planning enforcement items

None.

8. To discuss Compostable Toilets for Pitminster Church and use of Cil

Cllr Whatmore reported the church heating had been completed. The next work was to remove a number of pews to facilitate using the church for more activities. Toilets will be required satisfy the increased demand for the use of the church as a meeting place and for other occasions. There is no mains drainage. Cllr Whatmore has contacted a company who will advise on a suitable wooden structure to house the toilets. It was RESOLVED an amount of Cil money could be awarded for this project.

9. To receive a report from the Pitminster and Angersleigh Playing Fields Association

Duncan Meikle apologised for being unable to attend the meeting. He had emailed Clerk and advised there was no change to the report from the previous meeting.

10. To consider the future of the Defib project

Cllr Whatmore reported a person had been found to carry out the monthly checks on the two Defibs. He went on to provide an overview of the position achieved by Liz Christie. He handed out to Cllrs a file with the maps and documentation within. Following a recent call for a Defib to an unwell Gentlemen, it was apparent that the area extending from where the Defib is located is a mere 200m. This is unsatisfactory, Cllr Whatmore will investigate.

11. Consider making a payment to Tony Cooper

Cllr Whatmore reported on the negative result of Either Tottle or Highways making good the depression in the carriageway that retains a large puddle after heavy rain which causes distress to the occupants living in that area of Sellicks green. Tony Cooper had finally taken it upon himself to purchase an amount of tarmacadam and had filled the depression which had sorted the problem. It was RESOLVED to make a S137 payment to Tony Cooper in the sum of £100 which is considered to be a payment that benefits a number of persons in the parish.

12. Mapping trees and hedges in the parish

An email had been received through the website from Clair Tucker who enquired as to what the council was proposing for establishing a database of all trees, hedgerows, copses etc: in the parish. The matter was discussed and as much as the pc would like to take this on, it was agreed that presently there was insufficient manpower. The Clerk will forward the email to two persons who may be interested in getting involved. Clerk will communicate with Clair Tucker.

13. SID hiring to parish councils

Cllr Whatmore had received a request for the hiring of a SID for periods of up to one month. He proposed, as he has the relevant qualification certificate, he would be responsible for initial erecting, then moving and erecting at a second site, downloading the data and charging the equipment. He proposed contacting their parish council and discussing the proposal. If they agree, they would need to obtain the requisite brackets to mount on the posts for attaching the SID to. He will report back at the next meeting.

14. Discuss proposed budget for next year

Clerk had tabled the proposed budget. It was resolved to make two changes and resolve at the next meeting.

15. Road safety

The email reporting the dangerous crossroads at top of Blagdon Hill and adjacent to The Holman Clavell pub, from Otterford parish was discussed. Corfe parish are consulting with Otterford and Churchstanton council. Resolved to await further communication.

16. Meeting dates for next year

The meeting dates for next year were tabled and resolved. It was resolved to have the December meeting on Thursday 19th December if required for Delegated Planning. It should be noted that the meeting dates are to be found on the Parish Website.

17. Snow Warden

The email from SCC had been reviewed and it was resolved unnecessary to nominate a Snow Warden.

18. Cats Eyes

Resolved no further action.

19. AOR

Cllr Chapman nil to report.

Cllr Garland nil report.

Cllr Whatmore reported on Pitminster Charity. There is less income to hand out. He would be writing to past recipients to enquire if there were any changes in their circumstances.

Cllr Lee handed out event leaflets.

Cllr Burnett reported the Youth Club was moving from strength to strength.

20. Agenda items for next meeting

Defib, Graveyards, Icy roads/ gritting, SID.

21. Bank balance

Clerk REPORTED the balance £37486.05. Chair signed the statement.

22. Resolve payments

The payments as reported in Agenda were resolved.

23. Close meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2130

Signed

Date Thursday 19 December 2019