

PITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Old School Pitminster on Thursday 17 October 2019.

Present. Cllr Burnett (Chair) Lee, Garland, Neale, Whatmore, Canniford and Chapman.

Also, in attendance

Richard Tyzack Clerk

Cllr John Thorne

Cllr Martin Hill

Tony Knight PFA

Anna Galliot Somerset West and Taunton Deane Council Planning Officer

1. Apologies

Cllr Threlfall (unwell), accepted.

2. Declarations

None.

3. Planning applications to RESOLVE

30/19/0023A

Denise Grandfield presented the application.

RESOLVED the application be approved

REASON FOR GRANTING PLANNING PERMISSION:

The adopted Taunton Deane Advertisement Control Policy Document states that for petrol filling stations, including car showrooms, *"the display of internally illuminated box fascia signs with background illumination will be resisted."*

The proposed fascia signage will replace existing illuminated signage located above the showroom windows. The changes in design from the original are very subtle with the addition of a red stripe along the bottom of the fascia. The agent has confirmed that only the lettering and logos will be illuminated. The background fascia panel will not be illuminated and therefore accords with Policy D3 and the Council's advert guidance. The proposed hours of illumination will be 0830 - 1800 hrs Mon to Fri; 0900 - 1700 hrs Sat; and 1100 - 1600 hrs Sun. This can be controlled by condition to protect the amenity of neighbouring residents.

With regard to concerns about the light pollution from the showroom itself, this goes beyond the scope of planning control. In addition, the existing floodlights fixed to the building do not require planning permission.

The proposal is considered to be acceptable and accords with planning policy D3 and CP8. It will not detract from the visual amenity of the street scene or wider area.

Furthermore, it is considered that the proposed signage will have no material impact upon public safety, and is unlikely to be distracting or hazardous to people within the vicinity of the site.

For the reasons given above, it is considered that advertising consent be granted for the signage.

In preparing this report the planning officer has considered fully the implications and requirements of the Human Rights Act 1998.

4. Planning applications for OBSERVATION

- 30/19/0030 partial demolition and alterations to 1 No agricultural building on land at Leigh Farm Lowton Road Angersleigh. RESOLVED to annotate the form with No further observations.

5. Minutes

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 19 September 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

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. There is no mains drainage so It is hopeful a compostable style toilet be installed in a wooden building. It may be possible to use CiL money for this project.

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

Tony Knight reported on the above and introduced the new website. A discussion took place on progress with either enlarging or rebuilding the present pavilion. Fundraising continues and council is hopeful that some money may be donated from CiL funds. A cheque for £900 was handed to Tony to help towards the PFA expenses.

10. To receive update on Newsletter

Duncan Meikle was thanked for printing the newsletter and the quality of the paper. Cllr Burnett distributed the requisite number of letters to Cllrs ready for distribution.

11. Consider the mail received from SCC Highways regarding the use of SID

Cllr Whatmore reported he complies with the requirements as set out in SCC letter. He is qualified to work on the highway and has a certificate. Cllr Canniford requested SID to be displayed in the middle of the village. However, Cllr Whatmore explained that SID may only be displayed at authorised sites. The main road is out of limits.

12. Consider response from Skanska with regards to traffic calming

Clerk reported he had conversation with Skanska explaining the situation in Blagdon Hill. However, Skanska cannot take any action unless SCC have authorised the project.

13. AOR

Cllr Canniford reported he had fixed 3 stiles. Clerk will supply a footpath map.

Cllr Chapman reported he had been unsuccessful to stand on the Blackdown Hills Council. The contingency plan is up to date.

Cllr Garland reported condition of some stiles.

Cllr Whatmore reported he has been appointed as Chair of The Pitminster Charity. At his first meeting he had raised a cheque for £300 to be given to the Youth Club. Broadband was

progressing well. There was a question of Legal Entity. He would consult Cllr Wakefield on this matter.

14. Agenda items for next meeting

- Snow Warden
- Cats Eyes (dog poo).

15. Bank balance

Clerk REPORTED the balance £40477.10. A later statement had been received after the date of the Agenda of £39917.30. Chair signed the statement.

16. Resolve payments

The following payments were resolved to be paid.

• SALC Training	£25.00
• Angersleigh Village Room (October)	£14.00
• Clerk Salary (July Aug Sept)	£1582.65
• Clerk expenses (miles, postage etc.;	£47.07
• Clerk line rental (3 months)	£46.50
• Clerk Broadband (3 months)	£86.07
• HP Ink (3 months) (April may June) (not paid in July)	£10.48
• HP Ink (3 months) (July Aug Sept)	£10.48

17. Close meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2130

Signed

Date Thursday 21 November 2019