

PITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting, held in Old School Pitminster on Thursday 15 December 2016

Present. Cllrs Morgan (in Chair), Whatmore (Vice Chair), Edmondson, Neale, Newcombe.

Mr R Tyzack (Clerk to the Parish Council)
G Clifford TDBC planning officer
Mrs J Hopcraft – prospective councillor

1. Apologies

Cllrs Christie (in London), Lee (injury), both accepted.

2. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24 November 2016 already distributed were approved and signed.

3. Declarations

None

4. Matters arising

None

5. Planning application to be resolved

- 30/16/0043 single storey extension to rear at Autumn Cottage Blagdon Hill.
Mr G Clifford outlined the proposal.
RESOLVED the application is granted.
REASON FOR GRANTING PERMISSION. The proposed extension has been designed to reflect the existing bungalow. There will be no adverse impact on the amenity of the adjacent neighbours given the projection and distance to the boundaries and in this regard the proposal is considered to be acceptable.

6. Planning applications for observations

- 30/16/0042 replacement of timber store with erection of an office building and a steel framed garage at land off 1 Red Lane Cottages, Fosgrove Lane, Pitminster.
RESOLVED to annotate the form with “No further comments”.
- 30/16/0039. Conversion of public House into 1 dwelling and erection of 1 dwelling adjacent to the inn as amended by email and new plans. RESOLVED to annotate the form with “No further comments”.
- 30/16/0047 erection of 2 single storey dwellings in the garden to the rear of Yonderdown and 3 Curdleigh Lane Blagdon Hill. To annotate form with “The proposal constitutes the overdevelopment of backland and the undesirable intensification of the existing settlement. and exiting Curdleigh Lane at a single point”.

7. To receive any planning enforcement items

None

8. Smart meters

Cllr Morgan welcomed Kate Thomas representing CSE to the meeting. She gave a most interesting talk regarding smart meters. Cllrs were given an opportunity to ask questions and it was agreed that the talk had been most beneficial. Cllr Morgan thanked Kate and she left the meeting.

9. Blagdon Hill 30 mph signs

Cllr Edmondson reported he had not heard from Highways. (next Agenda)

10. Heritage training

Cllr Morgan and Newcombe attended. Cllr Newcombe briefed council on a range of subjects to do with the matters of listing buildings and various procedures. Clerk was asked to forward the power point presentation to Cllrs.

11. Budget

The proposed draft of 2017/2018 Budget had been circulated to Cllrs following minor changes agreed at the last meeting.

Cllr Morgan asked Clerk to read through and explain the proposed budget figures.

RESOLVED to set the precept at £7973. An increase over last year of £23.

12. Meeting dates

The proposed draft of 2017/2018 meeting dates had been circulated to Cllrs following minor changes agreed at the last meeting. RESOLVED to accept the proposal.

13. Co option

A casual vacancy had been reported by the Monitoring Officer. RESOLVED Bee Hopcroft Co-opted onto the parish council.

14. Footpaths

Cllr Whatmore REPORTED that Sally Vickery will call to look at footpaths in the near future. Footpath from Quarry House up the hill is closed due to landslide. There are no resources available for repairs. Sally Vickery is keen on the use of kissing gates and they are cheaper to maintain.

15. Broadband update

Cllr Whatmore REPORTED he had contacted various companies asking for donations towards the broadband problem. Wessex Water was quick to offer £500. He briefed Cllrs on the latest proposals. Council thanked Cllr Whatmore for his efforts. Clerk was asked to establish the correct use of CiL funds.

16. Website update

Cllr Christie absent. (next Agenda).

17. Transparency fund payments

REPORTED the following payments to made to Clerk end March 2017.

- Website work (transparency fund compliancy) 2 hours per month for past two years. Loading all files and maintaining web site for two years. £593.76.

- Connection and monthly payment for internet for two years to comply with transparency fund. £432.00. Note, no connection charge as no separate line.

18. Agenda items for next meeting

Request for letter of support from parish council
Website update

19. Bank balance

Clerk REPORTED the balance £16661.40 as per the Agenda (same as last meeting). Since the date of the Agenda a new statement received showing the balance as £15816.40, This will be signed at next meeting.

20. Payment of accounts

RESOLVED the invoices as reported in the Agenda be paid.

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| • Laptop (transparency fund) | £399.00 |
| • Microsoft (word and Excel software) (transparency fund) | £69.00 |
| • TDBC planning officer attendance x 2 | £192.00 |
| • Cllr Whatmore round trip Tiverton see BT | £15.20 |
| • Magic Webs Ltd (hosting) | £60.00 |

21. Close meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2100

Signed

Date Thursday 19 January 2017