

PITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting, held in Angersleigh Village Room on Thursday 23 February 2017.

Present. Cllrs Morgan (in Chair), Whatmore (Vice Chair), Neale, Hopcraft, Lee, Christie.
Mr R Tyzack (Clerk to the Parish Council)

1. Apologies

Cllrs Edmondson (holiday), Newcombe (London) both accepted.

2. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th January 2017 already distributed were approved and signed.

3. Declarations

Cllr Hopcraft declared an interest in application 30/17/0003.

4. Matters arising

7a of January minutes. Clerk had spoken with Mr. B Spiller who confirmed that the hard surface entrance at land south of Fulwood Pumping Station had not yet been finalised. He would speak with his brother.

7b. With the lack of enforcement officer there will be delay in a result.

5. Planning application to be resolved

- 30/16/0048 replacement single storey rear extension with a two-storey extension and replacement of the pitched roof to the side with flat roof level with eaves at Long Meadow, Blagdon Hill Road, Blagdon Hill.

Mr. G Clifford outlined the proposal.

RESOLVED the application be approved

REASON FOR GRANTING PLANNING PERMISSION:

The proposed extension has been designed to reflect the existing house and year it was built. 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 acceptable

- 30/17/0002 conversion of and extension to garage to form studio and pottery at Parkfields Pitminster.

Mr. G Clifford outlined the proposal.

RESOLVED the application be approved

REASON FOR GRANTING PLANNING PERMISSION:

The proposed extension has been designed to reflect the existing house. There are no near neighbours and given the projection and distance to the boundaries the proposal is considered acceptable

6. Planning applications for OBSERVATION.

- 30/17/0001LB repairs to floor joist of cellar of Blagdon House Blagdon Hill Road. Form annotated with support the application.
- 30/17/0005 erection of dwelling on land north of orchard cottage. Form annotated with support the application.
- 30/17/0003 formation of outdoor equestrian manege for private use at Quarry House Quarry Lane Blagdon Hill. Form annotated with support the application.

Clerk reported two planning applications had been received since publication of the Agenda. Site visit arranged for Saturday 4th March 2017 0930. Arrangements would be sent to Cllrs by Clerk.

7. To receive any planning enforcement items

Clerk reported on the following matter.

- a) Several vehicles thought to belong to Mr. Tottle were parked in a field situated behind the bungalows opposite the Lamb and Flag public house.

8. To resolve what to do with the redundant council laptop

Clerk will contact Bryan Thomas who provided the laptop.

9. Possible development land south of the playing fields

Cllr Morgan welcomed the 27 members of the parish attending the council meeting.

He outlined the possibility of development which if accepted in principle might make it possible to secure land to enable a parish hall to be built.

After a lengthy discussion the majority of those in attendance felt that the provision of land to build a hall did not outweigh the unwanted residential development of the adjoining land. Cllr Morgan would relay the feeling back to the representatives of the owners of the land.

TDBC planning officer Mr Clifford was at the meeting to discuss existing planning applications. His opinion was that although there is no planning application yet made for the land to the south of the playing fields, so he could make no official comment, he did note the following points.

Assuming an application were to be made for, let's say, 12 houses.

The land lies outside the village envelope and is not designated for development in the Deane's current development plan. The village has no school or shop – which are some of the reasons for the designation. Thus, a planning application of this sort would be unlikely to gain approval.

10. Questionnaire of proposed new council including TDBC and West Somerset.

Cllrs wished to answer the questionnaire. Each question was read by the Clerk. The answer was a unanimous no to question 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 9. Not applicable to Q 6 and 7. Rates increase to Q8. Clerk would send this in.

11. Request for letter of support.

Cllr Morgan had contacted Richard Holt, however, had not received a reply. The matter is closed.

12. Donation to charities

RESOLVED that the council in accordance with its powers under Section 137 and 139 of the LGA should incur expenditure of £60 which in the opinion of council is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure. Citizens Advice (£30), Air Ambulance (£30).

13. Defibrillator checks

Cllr Christie reported she will carry out the next scheduled checks alternating with Cllr Whatmore and Newcombe. Also, she was waiting for training to instigate the helpline.

14. Appointment of Cllr to PFA

Cllr Morgan reported Cllr Newcombe as representative.

15. Footpaths report

Cllr Whatmore reported all quiet. Sally Vickery was proceeding to install a kissing gate at the noted footpath.

16. To receive update on Broadband

Cllr Whatmore advised council that the next allocation of government funding had been awarded to Gigaclear.

17. To receive report on Website

Cllr Christie reported she had the last photograph available and would now progress the website.

The Clerk is continuing to add the minutes and Agendas relating to the years as far back as 2012. He will be placing all the planning applications on the site with a link to the TDBC website. Once that is achieved he is hopeful of some more general improvements.

18. Agenda items for next meeting

Please advise Clerk of any items for the Agenda.

19. Bank balance

Clerk REPORTED the balance £13472.21 as per the Agenda. Cllr Morgan signed the bank statement.

20. Payment of accounts

RESOLVED the invoices as reported in the Agenda be paid.

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| • Clerk Room use 2016 | £104.00 |
| • Community Council membership fee | £40.00 |
| • Angersleigh Village Room (Jan and Feb) | £28.00 |
| • Curry's HP Printer (Clerk Payment) | £59.00 |

21. Close meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2100

Signed

Date Thursday 23 March 2017