

PITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting, held in The Old School Pitminster on Monday 14 March 2016

Present. Cllrs Morgan (Chair), Neale (Vice Chair) Whatmore, Sanders, Edmondson, Lee and Wakefield

Mr R Tyzack (Clerk to the Parish Council). Cllr Edwards tendered her apologies

1. Apologies

Cllr Christie (holiday) accepted.

2. Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18 February 2016 already distributed were approved and signed.

3. Declarations

Cllr Whatmore reported an interest in application 30/16/0008

4. Matters arising

Nil

5. Planning applications to be resolved

- 30/16/0002 Mr D Addicott reported this application not ready. It will be ready for the next meeting.
- 30/16/0006 erection of a single storey extension to the front of Minster Edge, Pitminster. Mr D Addicott reported the application.

RESOLVED the application to be approved.

Reason for granting planning permission. The proposed extension is single storey and has been designed with a hipped roof, which reflects that of the former garage extension and being set in from the side appears subservient to the main dwelling. In addition it will lie alongside the garage which protrudes forward and is not therefore considered to appear dominating to the property.

The extension will be largely screened from the west by a fence and planting between the dwelling and Littleham House, and from the east by the existing garage. As such it will not appear prominent in the street scene or to have an adverse effect on the neighbour..

6. Planning applications for PC Observations

- 30/16/0007T Withdrawn
- 30/16/0008 erection of a detached dwelling with associated works to incorporate a change of use of part of the agricultural field to domestic garden on land to rear and side of the Stonehouse Sellicks Green Blagdon Hill.

Cllr Morgan asked Cllr Whatmore to read his statement. Followed by Clerk who read statement from Cllr Christie who was absent from meeting. **Cllr Whatmore left the room.**

Cllr Morgan asked those members of public who wished to speak on this application to do so.

RESOLVED the form to be annotated with Parish Council objects to the granting of planning permission for the following reasons:

- Overdevelopment of the site
- Height of the proposed dwelling compared to adjacent properties
- The siting of the dwelling would require a change of use of agricultural land outside of the village envelope.

7. To receive any planning enforcement items

REPORTED Clerk had re-written to Enforcement Officer with the correct name of the suspected infringement

8. Cllr Wakefield resignation

Cllr Morgan apologised for not reading the letter at the previous meeting. He praised Cllr Wakefield for her long service to the council including a period as Chairman. He went on to say how hard she had worked for the people of Pitminster He then asked the Clerk to read Cllr Wakefield's letter.

Cllrs thanked Cllr Wakefield and responded in the traditional manner.

9. To RESOLVE the Transparency Fund Application

Clerk reported, due to Government limited timeframe for submitting application forms they had given indication that a further time interval for receipt of application forms. SALC will inform Clerks when required.

10. Website

Cllr Christie absent. Cllr Morgan asked for this item on next Agenda.

11. Arrangements for Annual Parish Council Meeting

Cllr Morgan REPORTED he would be writing to the organisations and charities reported in the minutes of last meeting.

Coffee Tea and biscuits will be available.

12. Finger posts road signs

REPORTED due to the status of Exmoor region as AONB, it is hoped to apply for Lottery funding. Dismantling finger posts is not an easy task. They are heavy and some are badly corroded. There is also the matter of risk and insurance. Clerk had written to SCC seeking further advice.

13. Queen's Birthday

RESOLVED due to insurance demands there will be no bonfire party organised by the parish council. There may be a local bonfire party on 20th April, on the hills where it was held on the last occasion.

A street party will be held on 30th May outside the Queens Arms Public House, and all are welcome. Those attending are asked to be imaginative with the food they bring to share as many cheese sandwiches are not what are required.

Forward planning, the Blagdon Hill Fete will be held on 11th June.

14. Agenda items for next meeting

Trustee for Trull and Pitminster aid in sickness charity.

Defibrillator

15. Bank balance

Clerk REPORTED the balance £11586.75 as per the latest statement. This same, there was no requirement for Chair to sign.

16. Payment of accounts

RESOLVED to pay the following accounts. Cheques signed by two Cllrs.

Citizens Advice Bureau	£30.00
Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance	£30.00
TDBC Delegated Planning	£96.00
SALC Training for Clerk	£25.00

17. Close meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2130

Signed
Chairman

Date Thursday 28 April 2016