

# PITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, held in Old School Pitminster on Thursday 25 May 2017

**Present.** Cllrs Morgan (Chair), Newcombe, Whatmore, Neale, Edmondson and Lee.

Mr R Tyzack (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Mr D Addicott and Denise Grandfield TDBC Planning.

Cllr R Henley

Cllr J Thorne

## 1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Morgan had given notice of his standing down due to ill health. He asked for nominations. Proposed Cllr Newcombe. Resolved Cllr Newcombe elected Chair and took his position, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Newcombe began by thanking Cllr Morgan for his hard work during the past two years. Cllrs responded in the traditional way. He then asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Cllr Whatmore reported Cllr Christie, although absent willing to stand. Resolved Cllr Christie elected Vice Chair.

## 2. Apologies

Cllrs Hopcraft (unwell) and Christie (holiday), both accepted.

## 3. Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Council Meeting held on Thursday 20 April 2017 as distributed were approved and signed.

## 4. Declarations

None.

## 5. Matters arising

None

## 6. Planning application to be resolved

- 30/17/0013 this application report not ready. Will be presented at June meeting.
- 30/17/0011 erection of a stable block on land at Pitminster grid reference ST 22014 19497. Denise Grandfield (TDBC) outlined the proposal.

### **RESOLVED the application be approved**

#### REASON FOR GRANTING PLANNING PERMISSION:

The main consideration is impact on the landscape character of the area and visual amenity.

The building is well related to the existing buildings and is partially screened by some trees, hedges and the mounding to the east. Though the buildings may be visible at certain points, the siting of the building is considered a suitable location.

The stables are proposed to be constructed in timber and is not considered excessive in height and size, given the scale of the nearby buildings and the location to the west of the mound. As such, any impact on the wider landscape would be minimal. The impact of the building on views from outside the site would be minimal.

It is considered that the use would not exacerbate flood risks and no alterations are proposed to the access.

The application is considered to comply with the relevant policies.

## 7. Planning applications for observation

None.

## **8. To receive any planning enforcement items**

None.

## **9. Mobile Home Corfe Road**

Resolved the above has been removed.

## **10. Verges**

Chair REPORTED there had been reports of the verges in Green Lane being driven over. It was a result of HGV using the lane to transport spoil to a bund at Poundisford. Previously this had been reported to Highways. Cllr Ross Henley asked for Clerk to email him with details and he would engage with Highways.

## **11. Litter**

REPORTED litter being deposited throughout the parish thought to be either from the waste collection lorry, blown out during its transit of the area or in general terms by passers-by thrown out of vehicle windows. PROPOSED place suitable "please take your rubbish home" notices in strategic positions. RESOLVED Clerk requested to speak with the authority and ask if they had any suitable notices.

## **12. Quote for work**

RESOLVED accept the quote for £235.00 for work to be done by Pete Barton.

## **13. Insurance**

Clerk presented two quotes for Insurance one with the present insurer Came and Company (£282.80), and another from Zurich (£206.08). Clerk had examined the two and recommended the Zurich quote as suitable for "the smaller Parish Council". The indemnity covers were on par with Came and Company. RESOLVED accept the Zurich quote.

## **14. Election of Cllrs to specific duties and present charity members**

Playing fields Committee – Cllr Edmondson

Footpaths – Cllr Whatmore Mark Barnes

Pitminster Charity – Bryan Thomas, Pamela Hankey, Christine Robinson, Toby Snell and Peter Sparkes.

Trustees for the Trull and Pitminster Aid in Sickness Charity - Mr J Harrison (Chair), Mr J Crocket (Nominative Trustee).

## **15. Defibrillator report**

Cllr Christie absent. Next Agenda. REPORTED the monthly check is very simple.

## **16. Website report**

Cllr Christie absent. Next Agenda.

## **17. Resolve current account at Lloyds**

Clerk reported that the current account balance had risen due to the latest CiL money deposited by TDBC.

The matter of deposit account had been debated in the past and due to very low interest rate it was decided to leave as is. However, Clerk was asked to enquire as to interest rates at Building Society.

Clerk reminded Cllrs that the CiL money has a time limit. If not spent within the limit, then the money will be returned to TDBC.

Council also has an amount of "Solar Money" which could be used for any project.

One or two ideas were put forward for CiL money but most probably not allowed under the CiL rules.

Cllr Lee REPORTED she had recently attended a meeting together with Cllr Edmondson where the subject of County Finger Posts was discussed. There are presently about one

thousand eight hundred in Somerset, mostly in a rundown condition, since SCC opted out of maintaining them. SCC is keen to give guidance on maintenance but no money towards cost. There is interest from a few persons within the parish to help restore them. A pilot project is under way on Exmoor and it is hoped to arrange a maximum of three persons from each parish to attend a training course. It was resolved to await the result of the pilot project before making any decision. There is a website [fingerposts@somerest.co.uk](mailto:fingerposts@somerest.co.uk) where information is held. Clerk will contact Jo Sharpe.

**18. Agenda items next meeting**

Those mentioned above and change of use of a Howleigh Lane Front garden to business use.

**19. Bank balance**

Clerk REPORTED the balance £27278.68 as per the Agenda. Cllr Newcombe signed the bank statement.

**20. Payment of accounts**

RESOLVED the invoices as reported in the Agenda to be paid.

- Council Insurance Zurich £206.08
- Internal Audit (AC Mole Charitable Trust) £35.00

**21. Close meeting**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2100

**Signed**

**Date** Thursday 22 June 2017