

PITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting, held in Old School Pitminster on Thursday 24 November 2016

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

Mr R Tyzack (Clerk to the Parish Council)

1. Apologies

Cllrs Neale (birthday), Lee (injury), both accepted.

2. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 October 2016 already distributed were approved and signed.

3. Declarations

None

4. Matters arising

None

5. Planning application to be resolved

- None

6. Planning applications for PC observations

- 30/16/0042 replacement of timber store with erection of an office building and a steel frame garage at land off 1 Red Lane Cottages, Red Lane Pitminster. Site visit.
- 30/16/0045T Fell one Maple at Pitminster House Pitminster. Site visit.

7. Planning applications for site visits

See above.

8. To receive any planning enforcement items

None

9. Purchase of litter pick gear

Resolved Clerk to order 12 litter pickers and 12 yellow safety jackets through DLO.

10. Speed limit signs

Cllr Edmondson reported he had spoken with Highways. They advised that the chosen sign could not be re-sited to the north of the present 30 mph sign. Following a short discussion, he was asked to enquire why the sign situated to the south of Blagdon Hill is allowed to be farther south than the 30mph signs.

11. Planning Training on Heritage matters

Cllrs Morgan and Newcombe will attend.

12. Budget

The budget was discussed and a number of suggestions and alterations made ready for resolving at December meeting.

13. Smart Meter talk

Resolved invite Karen Smith to December meeting.

14. Meeting Dates 2017

Dates were discussed and some alterations made ready for resolving at December meeting.

15. Co option

There had been no applications for election. However a member of public had expressed interest to a Cllr for co option.

16. Footpaths

Cllr Whatmore will speak with Sally Vickery.

17. Broadband

Cllr Whatmore gave a full update.

18. Website

Cllr Christie reported that she had been informed by Mike Hunter daughter that sadly Mike had died. The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with Robert Edwards friend of Mike who would keep the web site running for the time being. Cllr Christie and Clerk will meet and compile the information that Robert needs.

19. Pop up Post Office

This is now open once a week on Tuesdays from 1300 to 1500.

20. Transparency Fund

Clerk had sent details to councillors indicating the various amounts that were awarded in the grant. Parts of the grant are to compensate the Clerk for providing internet powerful enough to carry out the uploads to the website and for the work involved over two years to load the required files onto the website to comply with the transparency requirements. Resolved the Clerk purchase a laptop and software in line with the Government agreement in the fund. He would place on the December Agenda the sums to paid out.

21. Agenda items next meeting

Main drainage problems.

22. Bank balance

Clerk REPORTED the balance £16661.40 as per the Agenda. Cllr Morgan signed the bank statement.

23. Payment of accounts

RESOLVED the invoices as reported in the Agenda be paid.

24. Close meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2130

Signed

Date Thursday 15 December 2016