

# PITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting, held in Angersleigh Village Room on Thursday 28 September 2017.

**Present.** Cllrs Newcombe (Chair), Whatmore, Neale, Edmondson, Christie and Lee.  
Mr R Tyzack (Clerk to the Parish Council)  
Denise Grandfield TDBC Planning.  
Cllrs Thorne, Henley  
3 members of public

## 1. Apologies

None.

## 2. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24 August 2017 as distributed were approved after substituting in full a new minute 9. They would be signed at the October meeting.

## 3. Declarations

None.

## 4. Matters arising

- 9a - Sports Pavilion discussion to be added to the September Agenda - Closed
- 9c - Next PC Newsletter to ask for volunteers for Speed Watch - Topic included onto the Newsletter list of topics - Closed
- 9e - Clerk to write to Highways to report the requirement to cut the hedges in Howleigh Lane - Reported and hedges cut - Closed.

## 5. Planning applications to resolve

- None

## 6. Planning applications for observation

- 30/17/0030 change of use of land for siting of mobile home on land at Little Poundisford Farm, Taunton. (retention of works already undertaken).  
RESOLVED annotate the form with. Objects. No justification for development. Proposed development in countryside. Inaccurate application. Contravenes policy DM2 and H1b.

## 7. To receive any planning enforcement items

REPORTED there are still major works being carried out at number 15 Tottle development at Sellicks Green. RESOLVED Clerk consult with TDBC as to whether a planning application has been received.

## 8. Finger Posts

Cllr Edmondson REPORTED, there was nothing to report as the gentleman concerned who was going to carry out an exercise had been away for two and one-half weeks. This item will be on next agenda.

## 9. Village Hall

Cllr Newcombe REPORTED that Pitminster and Angersleigh Playing Fields Association are proceeding with a Sports Pavilion only. There had been a strong feeling shown in the Parish Plan review for a Parish Hall. He had asked Cllrs to come forward with ideas for taking the plan forward. He went on to report that Duncan Mickle would shortly announce a revised plan their considered options to meet the needs of a replacement Pavilion. Proposed by Chair to inform the PFA that council would give their full support to the project. This was RESOLVED.

## 10. Small improvement scheme

Clerk had circulated an email from Cllr Thorne asking for any suggestions for any small improvements for the parish. RESOLVED Clerk email Cllr Thorne with a suggestion of a SID and help with a Defibrillator and the training of suitable persons.

## 11. Topics for News letter

Many were put forward. Chair added these to his huge list of topics. Cllr Christie will write an article on Defibrillator to be included.

## 12. Best value

Clerk advised Cllrs that any sum of money spent should always be scrutinized. Cllrs stated that most important to keep the precept as low as possible. RESOLVED all present agreed that council are obtaining good value for money.

## 13. Areas of Responsibility

The Chair asked Cllrs to report on their AOR.

- a) **Defibrillator.** Cllr Christie REPORTED the fund set up by Taunton Deane to provide grants for the purchase of defibrillators has opened and applications must be in by 30 September. A grant of up to £1000 may be awarded. The PC agreed that as the project would cost £2260, the PC would fund the £1260 remainder of the cost. After the meeting, the application has been submitted and results are expected by the end of October. There is a limited amount in the fund and I suspect that the fact that we already have a defibrillator in the Parish may count against us. The plan would be to site the 2nd defibrillator in the second most populous part of the Parish, at the Queens Arms in Pitminster.

I have started on the map of the Parish to be provided to the volunteer group who will help residents if the defibrillator is deployed. Once the map is complete, a meeting of the volunteers will be called to agree what areas of the Parish can be covered, following which information about how to contact the volunteers will be distributed to residents. She was commended for the huge amount of work she had undertaken.

**Website.** REPORTED changes to reflect Bee Hopcraft and Richard Morgan no longer on the parish council. Aattempted to update Councillor Newcombe's photograph on the website to match the others, but have been unsuccessful.

- b) **Footpaths.** Cllr Whatmore REPORTED to Sally Vickery a broken rail at North end of Pitminster Green, poor state of style adjacent to Priors Lodge Curdleigh Lane, poor state of style opposite Gatchels on Angersleigh Road.

**Speed watch.** He suggested that request to be placed in the Newsletter.

- c) **Blackdown Hills.** Cllr Lee REPORTED that Blackdown Hills were seeking volunteers to

help with fencing.

- d) **PFA.** Cllr Newcombe REPORTED on an email he had sent to PFA. The PFA are intending to paint and refurbish the kitchen in the Pavilion.

**Halloween** would be held on The Green at Blagdon Hill Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 1800.

**MUGA.** He reported on the possible replacement of the fencing at the playing fields to include a MUGA. The PFA hoped that there might be a sum of money forthcoming from the Parish Council. MUGA will be on the October agenda.

**Environmental Health** He went on to report an unannounced visit of two persons from the Bee Keeping Society to the house next to Mr and Mrs Gouge. This is part of an ongoing process.

**Dogs** barking problem had now been identified as a reportable nuisance and action will be taken.

**Co Option** He went on to report on applications. RESOLVED Clerk book Angersleigh Village Room for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7 PM for interviewing the three candidates. Clerk send out invitations. Interview will be conducted by Cllrs Newcombe, Edmondson and Lee.

#### **14. Agenda items for next meeting**

Bus, CiL.

#### **15. Bank balance**

Clerk REPORTED the balance £24774.21. Cllr Newcombe signed the bank statement.

#### **16. Payment of accounts**

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

- Grant Thornton Audit £120.00
- Peter Barton ground works £45.00

#### **17. Close meeting**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2130

**Signed**

**Date** Thursday 23 November 2017