

PITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Old School Pitminster on Thursday 24 June 2021 at 1900 (7PM).

Present

Cllr Burnett (Chair), Whatmore, Lee, Neale, Threlfall, Garland, Chapman and Newcombe.

Mr. R Tyzack (Clerk to the Parish Council).

Cllr Wakefield,

Gareth Clifford Planning Officer Somerset West and Taunton Planning

Members of public 7

Cllr Johnson apologised

Cllr Thorne apologised

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declarations

Cllr Whatmore declared an interest in application 30/21/0022

Cllr Threlfall declared an interest in application 30/21/0026

3. Delegated planning applications to be RESOLVED

- 30/21/0026 erection of implement shed at Orchard Court Blagdon Hill Road Blagdon Hill (resubmission of 30/20/0042).

Gareth Clifford reported the application advising Cllrs it was recommended for refusal. Cllrs commented on the application. Mr Trevor Spurway addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED the application be refused.

Reason for refusal. The proposed development has not demonstrated a proven need for such a building and would be sited on land outside of the settlement boundary of Blagdon Hill. The building by reason of its size and siting within this sensitive village edge location would be and harmful to local landscape character and Blackdown Hills Area Outstanding Natural Beauty and is contrary to local plan policies CP8 (Environment) and DM1 of the Taunton Deane Core Strategy and policy D5 of the Taunton Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and National Planning Policy Framework.

4. Planning applications for OBSERVATION

- 30/21/0027 Erection of an extension to cover livestock handling area and erection of an additional general purpose, agricultural building at Knights Cross, Budleigh, West Buckland.
RESOLVED. Council supports the application.
- 30/21/0022 Erection of No.1 detached bungalow with detached double garage on land adjacent to Mathews Farm, Blagdon Hill Road, Blagdon Hill. The proposal was discussed. Mr Andy Lehner addressed the meeting and answered Cllrs questions. Reported additional information had been placed on the SWAT website. RESOLVED

a further meeting to be held on Tuesday 13th July at 7PM in Pitminster Old School to finalise observations to be sent to SWAT.

- 30/21/0029 and 0030LB Erection of extension to the side of Murlinch End Pitminster Road, Pitminster. RESOLVED Council supports the application.
- 30/21/0004. Erection of a split utility block with change of use of land to gypsy residential site at Fosgrove Paddock Fosgrove Lane Pitminster. Amendments to application. RESOLVED. Although a revised plan has been added to the website and a small scale is shown, Cllrs are of the opinion that the plan drawing is not to scale. Therefore, Council is unable to make observations on that part of the planning application. Council objects to the Change of Agricultural land to residential use. No need has been shown and ample room is available for the extra home within the residential curtilage.

5. Enforcement

None

6. Matters arising

None.

7. Minutes

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 20th May 2021 already distributed were approved and signed.

8. Blackdown Youth Club report

Chair reported fully on Blackdown Youth Club following its closure. She went on to explain her perceived problems with the running of a club. The enormous responsibility, the accountability for other people's children. Due to the above issues, she was not personally prepared to take the matter further.

Cllr Whatmore reported he had emailed, as requested at last meeting, for volunteers and received four expressions of interest from Rev Fallon, Liz Palmer, Jayne Hares and Sheena Jacobs.

Cllr Whatmore expressed disappointment that a liaison meeting had not been facilitated by the Chair, in her role as AOR for the youth club. Cllr Burnett replied she had facilitated a meeting between three of the mentioned above, but with a nil response. Cllr Whatmore felt that PC had a responsibility to enable the reforming of the club to support the youth of the parish. He confirmed that all parties were still interested in moving forward Liz Palmer and at this stage the next move was to arrange a meeting where Emma King could be introduced to the interested parties to get the project underway. Chair then reiterated that she was not prepared to facilitate a meeting.

Having reached an impasse Cllr Newcombe then offered to bring all interested parties together and arrange a meeting. Cllr Whatmore agreed to provide Cllr Newcombe with all the necessary contact details.

The funds are at present with Emma King. A quantity of equipment is in safe keeping with Cllr Neale.

9. Forward Planning

Following discussion with Cllr Wakefield, Council should wait until Clerk is sent a request from SWAT Planning.

10. Park Lodge

REPORTED. Following discovery of a planning notice at Park Lodge. Clerk had replied to Historic England reporting the observations previously given to SWAT Planning.

11. SID

REPORTED the purchase a new SID now displaying in Blagdon Hill. Proposed to move it up one pole. This was Resolved. Cllr Whatmore suggested the sale of the redundant SID for £995.00. RESOLVED Cllr Whatmore would contact Corfe Chair. Clerk would contact SALC and ask if they would send an email to all parish councils in Somerset. A suggestion was made to position the old SID elsewhere in village. However, it was thought too many SID's would turn people off.

12. Zoom

REPORTED now meetings are held face to face was it the wish of Cllrs to renew the Zoom subscription. The matter was discussed. RESOLVED not to renew the subscription.

13. Delegated Planning

This matter discussed. Cllr Threlfall reported favorable feedback from residents. Cllr Neale reported it made the subject of planning more interesting. RESOLVED to continue with Delegated Planning.

14. AOR

Cllr Lee reported on Discovering the Culm. Invasive weeds, Balsam and Japanese Nott Weed. She went on to say that Buddahfeild festival will be held at Westcombe.

Cllr Whatmore reported on Broadband. It is going well around Pitminster however not so well at Angersleigh.

Cllr Neale reported on the ditch full of soil which would be actioned shortly.

Cllr Newcome reported on Speed watch between dates 4 to 23 June, with the following data:

5 x 30-minute sessions 525 cars,

18 vehicles recorded speeding ranging between 36 to 45 MPH

Estimate 83% vehicles at 30 to 36MPH.

Leaving only 13.6% doing the speed limit.

15. Agenda items next meeting

Planning observations for application 30/21/0022.

16. Bank balance and reconciliation

Clerk REPORTED the balance £32264.33. Bank Reconciliation. Chair signed the statement after the meeting.

17. Resolve payments

RESOLVED to pay Pete Barton for 2 grass cuts.

£90.00

18. Close meeting

Prior to closing meeting, it was reported by Cllr Newcome that at the previous meeting whilst Mr. Paul James addressed council, he made a comment that Pitminster Council are against Tottle Builders. This Council refutes that allegation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2115

Signed

Date Thursday 19th August 2021

Cllr Wakefield addressed the meeting and answered Cllrs questions.

Mr Mark Bond (Chair PFA) addressed Council outlining future events in the parish including weeklong celebrations by PFA.