

PITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Angersleigh Village Room on Thursday 17 November 2022 at 1900 (7PM).

Present

Cllrs Burnett (Chair), Cordier (Vice Chair), Lee, Threlfall, Neale and Garland.

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

Cllr Wakefield.

Mr M Hicks SWAT Planning Officer

Apologies from Cllr Johnson.

Members of public: Mr Arscott, Mr T Spurway

Public participation

A member of the public wished to comment on the excess growth of certain hedges within the parish namely the LHS of the road up Blagdon Hill and opposite Wayside. He went on to explain that in his parish when hedges become overgrown the council write to the land owner asking them to cut back the hedge. He offered to forward a copy of a letter that the council use to give notice to the landowner.

1. Apologies

Cllr Whatmore (holiday), accepted.

2. Declarations

No Declarations.

3. Delegated planning applications to be RESOLVED

- 30/22/0031 Removal of shop front and installation of window, conversion of garage into ancillary accommodation with internal alterations to roof to the side of The Old Post Office Blagdon Hill Road, Blagdon Hill.

Mr Hicks presented the application. Cllrs voted. The application approved.

REASON FOR GRANTING PERMISSION.

The installation and conversions are in keeping with the character of the building and there is no adverse harm to residential amenity.

In preparing this report the planning officer has considered fully the implications and requirements of the Human Rights Act 1998.

4. Planning applications for OBSERVATION

- 30/22/0038/LB installation of 2 No. roof lights to the rear of Ivy Cottage Pitminster Road Pitminster. Resolved to annotate the form with No further observations.
- 30/22/0037 conversion of agricultural barn into 1 No dwelling with associated car port garden and access drive at Duddlestone House Duddlestone Lane, Duddlestone. Resolved to support the application.

5. Enforcement

None

6. Council Minutes Thursday 20 October 2022

Resolved. It was proposed and agreed to adopt the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Chair duly signed the minutes.

7. Asset of Community Value

Resolved to submit the application for Lamb and Flag Blagdon Hill.

8. Greener and Wilder

Council awaits the submission of plan with costs for the Green.

9. Wildflowers

This matter to be resolved when the above item has been submitted to Council.

10. Pavilion

There was no further update, however, Cllr Garland noted that there was a feeling of anxiety within some parts of the parish regarding the proposed siting of a village hall. Cllr Neale thought that Mark Bond had explained very well the proposals regarding style and siting of the proposed village hall at the general meeting held in the annex of the Queens Arms. He had also had printed a full explanation in Community Matters, the reasons for not siting the proposed hall in the far NW of the playing fields. The parish council should remain neutral on this matter.

11. Local Community Network (LCN)

Cllr Burnett had informed Clerk she would be agreeable to attend meetings however she asked if there were others who might attend. After discussion there were no volunteers.

12. Ukranian support

Resolved to establish the time scale for when these persons may leave the village.

13. Youth Council

Councillor Cordier outlined his idea of a junior council with young members between ages of 11 to 18. They could bring ideas to the main council for consideration. This could benefit the parish. He would continue to seek any potential candidates. Cllrs present supported his ideas.

14. Parish maps

Cllr Whatmore was away but the item would be raised at the next Agenda.

15. Repair Cafe

Following a email from Stephan Lehner, the Clerk was asked to contact Stephan and enquire of him what sort of help he needed.

16. Budget

Clerk had presented a forward budget for 2023/2024. This showed that the precept required was £9618.00. This was an increase of about 7%. The Clerk explained that many of the budgeted figures have risen. It might be helpful at this time to use some of the reserve figure in order to keep the increase to 3%.

17. AOR

No reports.

18. Agenda item for next meeting

Greener and wilder
Wildflowers
LCN.
Ukrainian support.
Parish maps.

19. Finance

Clerk reported the balance of £27647.93. Chair signed the statement and the Bank reconciliation.

Resolved to sign one cheque for British Legion and for the Clerk to pay the remaining items as stated in Agenda by online banking.

20. Close meeting

Meeting closed at 2030. Next meeting in Angersleigh Village Room on Thursday 15th December 2022

Signed

Date Thursday 15 December 2022