

PITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Angersleigh Village Room on Thursday 29 September 2022 at 1900 (7PM).

Present

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

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

Cllr Wakefield and Johnson tended apologies.

Mr M Hicks. Planning Officer.

Members of public: Mr Bamford, Mr. and Mrs Mounsey.

1. Apologies

Cllrs Garland (prior engagement), Cordier (work related) and Neale (farming) all accepted.

2. Declarations

Cllr Lee reported an interest in application 30/22/0027/LEW.

3. Delegated planning applications to be RESOLVED

30/22/0018 erection of a single storey extension to the side with extension to dormers to provide additional ancillary first floor accommodation at Underwood Blagdon Hill Road Blagdon Hill. Mike Hicks (Planning Officer) presented the application.

RESOLVED the application be approved.

REASON for granting permission.

The extensions 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

- 30/22/0027/LEW application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing siting of a caravan for use as seasonal agricultural workers accommodation/welfare unit at Leigh Hill Farm Blackdown Hill Road Culmhead. Resolved council annotate form with No further comments.
- 30/22/0026/LB replacement of windows on the south of 1 to 5 Church Row Cottages Pitminster. Resolved council annotate form with supports application. These should be replaced with double glazed units to enable less heat loss thereby reducing the energy used to create the heat at source.
- 30/22/0029 conversion of barn into family room with installation of first floor for guest suite and associated works at Old Orchard Curdleigh Lane Blagdon Hill. Resubmission of 30/21/0016. Resolved council annotate form with supports application.

5. Enforcement

Resolved council report Mr Adams has not progressed further with the work on the wall adjacent the road as required by SWAT enforcement.

6. Matters arising

None.

7. Public participation

Mr Bamford addressed council with regard to his application 30/22/0029.

Mr and Mrs Mounsey addressed council with regard to their application 30/22/0028.

8. Minutes

Minutes of Annual Council Meeting held on Thursday 21 July 2022 already distributed were approved and signed.

9. SWAT and LCN

To re-visit when further details are known.

10. Completion of Audit

The Clerk reported that the audit had been completed with a full sign off. He went on to explain that council can continue with present supplier or elect to change. Council has an option to cease having an external audit or continue. It was Resolved to continue with external audit and remain with the present supplier.

11. Planting wildflowers at north and south approach to Blagdon Hill

Resolved to communicate with the Green and wilding team who will be present at next meeting.

12. Lamb and Flag public house

If Lamb and Flag is placed on market it was resolved to apply to make it a community Asset

13. Youth Council

Councillor Cordier proposal for a youth council. As he was absent to place on the next Agenda.

14. Emergency planning

Cllr Chapman had communicated with those in team, and all agreed to remain. He would check all the details on the website.

15. Church Row Cottages

It was resolved that John Wakefield apply for planning application under the Parish Council in order save costs.

16. Provision of Section 137

There was proposal to make a payment to support the Ukrainian families living in the parish. Following a discussion, it was resolved to ask Clerk to look at the budget and see what could be afforded.

17. Chairmans Awards

There were no proposals.

18. Pavilion

Mark bond was away. Will place on next Agenda.

19. Greener and Wilder

Resolved the team would attend next meeting.

20. Website

Clerk reported on the website. Following the retirement of Robert Edwards, the website has been transferred to a new provider. They have reported to Clerk by email and provided future costings. Clerk will table these for the next meeting.

21. AOR

Cllr Lee reported on a forthcoming Blackdown Hills meeting.

Cllr Chapman reported on footpaths.

22. Agenda item for next meeting

LCN

Pavilion

Wildflowers

Youth Council

S137

Website

23. Bank Balance

Clerk reported the balance of £29969.88.

24. Payments

Resolved to pay the accounts as set in the agenda. Added for payment Audit fee (£240) and SWAT planning x 2 (£250).

The SWAT account can no longer be paid by cheque. This will be paid by the Clerk authorized card payment. Clerk went on to advise Cllrs that at present he has viewing facilities only with the council online banking. As more providers turn to online banking it might be prudent for council to use online payment facilities. This would of course, require one or two Cllrs to attend Clerk house to make payments. It was proposed by Cllr Threlfall seconded by Cllr Whatmore that the Clerk be provided with full online facilities. This was RESOLVED.

25. Close meeting

Meeting closed at 2020.

Signed

Date Thursday 20 October 2022