

PITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Angersleigh Village Room on Thursday 07 December 2023 at 1900 (7PM).

Present

Cllrs Cordier (Chair), Whatmore, Chapman, Neale and Reisner

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

Cllr Wakefield

Members of public: 1

Councillor and Public participation

Cllrs Wakefield gave a good verbal update.

1. Apologies

Cllr Threlfall, (wife unwell), Burnett (unwell), Garland (meeting), all accepted.

2. Declarations

Cllr Cordier declared an interest in planning application 30/23/0025.

3. Planning applications for OBSERVATION

- 30/23/0025 erection of extension to agricultural barn over concrete yard at Pitminster Farm. Resolved NO FURTHER OBSERVATIONS.
- 30/23/0026 erection of a pavilion /clubhouse and formation of carpark area at the playing fields Blagdon Hill. Resolved the following observations.
Council supports the application but have the following observations.
The plan shows disabled parking however the inner space is blocked by the outer space.
The plan shows additional parking where the existing pavilion is situated however the application states that the building is to be retained.
The application states no loss of playing area however cricket nets and basketball area are replaced by new car parking.
Green credentials are lacking. For example, no solar panels. EV connections.
Grey water collection for use with toilets and watering the cricket pitch.
What about connection to main sewer?
Preplanning advice states non-intrusive foundations should be used however application shows subterranean foundations.

4. Enforcement

None reported.

5. Council Minutes Thursday 19 October 2023

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

6. Precept

It was resolved to set the precept at £10600.00.

7. Village Gates

Due to the cost-of-living crisis it was resolved to shelve this item for the present time.

8. Lengths man

The idea was discussed. It is dependent on several parish councils joining forces to make the idea cost effective. Resolved to await outcome of next LCN Meeting.

9. SID

Cllr Wakefield had spoken with Highways, and they advised no traffic calming without streetlights.

10. Bus Shelter at Blagdon Hill

Cllr Cordier, with help from his daughter had cleaned the shelter. It now required a coat of protective. He had reported the tarmac edge in front of the shelter deteriorating to Highways. Clerks obtain quote for maintenance,

11. Council email

Clerk explained the new email (Clerk@pitminsterparish.org.uk), to be used for council. Cllr Cordier requested the Clerk obtain a quote for raising .org emails for the councilors.

12. Emergency Plan

Various alterations are required to the plan. Suggestions put forward to Cllr Chapman who would bring up to date and forward completed copy to Clerk for place on website.

13. AOR

Footpaths. Cllr Neale reported a recent problem with sheep and an electric fence, The matter had been sorted.

Cllr Cordier reported a problem with parking on the playing fields for football matches and he had placed cones where needed. He had again raised with Highways the problem with visibility when cars are parked on the grass verge.

Cllr Whatmore reported Defib training had gone well.

Cllr Cordier asked Cllr Wakefield to obtain from Highways the definitive map showing Highways places of interest. She was also asked to enquire what are the criteria for hedges being managed. Is it Highways or farmers who own the fields?

14. Next Agenda

Future services.

15. Finance

The clerk reported the balance of £19941.85. The chair signed the statement and bank reconciliation.

Resolved Clerk to pay the invoices by online banking as stated in the agenda. Two Cllrs signed the cheques.

16. Close meeting

Meeting closed 2030. Next meeting in Angersleigh Village Room on Thursday 18 January 2024.

Signed

Date Thursday 18 Jan 2024