

PITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Old School Pitminster on Thursday May 23rd May 2024 at 1900 (7PM).

Present

Cllrs Cordier (Chair), Threlfall, Whatmore, Garland, Chapman, Reisner and Neale.

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

Cllr Wakefield.

Members of public: 7

1. Election of Chair

Cllr Cordier called for nominations. Cllr Whatmore proposed Cllr Cordier. Cllr Neal seconded Peter Cordier and following a unanimous vote he was elected Chair.

2. Election of Vice Chair

Cllr Cordier called for nominations for Vice Chair. Cllr Neale proposed Cllr Whatmore. Seconded by Cllr Reisner. This followed a unanimous vote. Cllr Whatmore was elected Vice Chair.

3. Apologies

Cllr Burnett (unwell), accepted.

4. Declarations

Cllr Threlfall reported a conflict with 30/224/0018

Councillor and Public participation

Cllr Wakefield gave a very helpful update on Adult Social Care at Somerset Council. Peter Arscott reported on Flyboat Farm road that has the potential to flood. This to do with application 30/24/0018.

Stephan Lehner reported on the Repair Café. Requested a donation to help towards costs of premises. Meeting this coming Saturday at Hemyock. The summer Fete in Blagdon Hill 2nd June.

Agent for application 30/24/0014 plumbers Store outlined the change of use.

5. Planning applications for OBSERVATION

- 30/24/0013/T application to fell one Eucalyptus Tree included in TDBC (Pitminster No 1) Tree Preservation Order 1987 at The Bakehouse Blagdon Hill Road Pitminster. RESOLVED support the application. Observation wait for nesting birds to complete.
- 30/24/0018 outline application with all matters reserved except for access for the erection of up to 2 dwellings at Flyboat Farm Pitminster Road Pitminster. RESOLVED support the application. Observations visual aspect satisfactory Barn Owls for survey. National landscape area.

- 30/24/0014 change of use of part of building from plumbers store and office into a separate office unit (Class E) at Holts Barn Fosgrove Lane. RESOLVED support the application. Observation the hedge to be planted. This was a planning enforcement item.

6. Enforcement

None.

7. Council Minutes Thursday 18 April 2024 and Annual Parish Meeting minutes 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

8. Risk Assessment

There were no issues with the review of the Risk Assessment. Cllrs were satisfied that the requirements of The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, were being carried out.

9. Internal Audit

To receive the Annual Internal Audit Report.

10. Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) 2023/ 2024

Cllrs approved the Annual Governance Statement.

11. Accounting Statements to be considered

Cllrs had considered the Accounting Statements provided to them before the meeting.

12. Accounting Statements to be approved

Cllrs approved the Accounting Statements

13. Signatures

The Chair and Clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements.

14. Exercise of Public Rights

The notice of public rights has been displayed on the noticeboards and is on the website.

15. SID upgrade

Cllr Whatmore presented the case for an upgrade to Solar for the SID. There have been savings made on the SID that was upgraded. RESOLVED to use CiL money for the upgrade. Cllr Whatmore will deal with the return of the SID.

16. Residents Charter

Cllrs had seen the Residents Charter and after further discussion it was established that the charter was to be reviewed each year and agreed by the Parish Council. It was RESOLVED to accept the Charter. The Chair noted that it is unlikely that the Pavilion will be built this year so further discussion regarding the Charter can be had at the annual review.

17. ALMS HOUSES

Cllr Cordier gave an update on the Alms Houses provided by John Harrison. There is a conversation ongoing regarding the possibility of building two small dwellings in the garden of the houses. John is actively seeking further members to join the charity. Cllr Whatmore was requested to advertise this on the Pitminster email.

18. Rights of Way

It was RESOLVED that the handrail of bridge on path 21/56 would be completed shortly.

19. LCN

Cllr Cordier reported he had been unable to attend the last meeting. The next meeting is in Corfe village hall on 3rd July 2024.

20. Devolution

Cllrs had studied the devolution document however there were only a few items on the list that could be undertaken by a small parish such as Pitminster. Cllrs were asked to re visit the document and this would be an agenda item in June.

21. Neighbourhood Watch

Reported there is no formal procedure in Blagdon Hill or Pitminster. Any item worthy of reporting together with Police reports are distributed by the parish email system. The Clerk was requested to put the police reports on the website.

22. AOR

No reports.

23. Next Agenda

Alms Houses
Devolution
Neighbourhood Watch

24. Finance

Clerk reported the balance of £26442.31. Precept of £10500 paid into account. Chair signed the bank statement. Resolved Clerk to pay the invoices by online banking as stated in the agenda. One extra account of £206.08 to Zurich Insurance.

25. Close meeting

Meeting closed 8.15PM. Next meeting in Angersleigh Village Room on Thursday 20 June 2024.

Signed**Date** Thursday 22 June 2023