

PITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

To Cllrs: Cordier (Chair), Whatmore (Vice Chair), Chapman, Garland, Neale, Threlfall, Burnett and Reisner.

Dear Councillors,

You are summoned to attend the next meeting of Pitminster Parish Council in Angersleigh Village Room on Thursday 23rd Jan 2025 commencing at 7pm for the purpose of transacting the following business:

Richard Tyzack

Clerk to Pitminster Parish Council

Wednesday 15 January 2025

Cllr Wakefield, Henley, please send any reports to Clerk for sending to councillors.

Meetings and the public

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend any of the Council's Full Council or Committee meetings and listen to the debate. All agendas, reports and minutes can be viewed on the Council's website

www.pitminsterparishcouncil.org.uk Before the meeting, the Chair may allow a public session to enable people to ask questions of the Council and make comments, in accordance with Standing Orders 1c. Questions are directed to Council and should be restricted to matters on the agenda. Members of the public are not to verbally abuse or harass a member of the Council. Questions not answered at this meeting will be answered in writing to the person asking the question or may appear as an agenda item for the next meeting. Members of the public are asked to restrict their comments, and/or questions to three minutes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive and approve apologies for absence including reasons given (Local Government Act 1972 s85 (1)) - please can Members give any apologies by email or telephone by 5pm of the day of the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR ANY DISPENSATIONS

For Members to declare any interests they may have on items on the agenda and agree any dispensations to stay (Pitminster Standing Orders 2012).

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR OBSERVATIONS

- 30/24/0034 erection of a single storey extension to the rear and construction of first floor at Woodpecker, Howleigh Lane, Pitminster.

4. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

To receive any items.

5. PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

To receive the minutes of the November and January Council meetings, as a correct record and signed by the Chair (Local Government Act 1972 Sch 12).

6. PRECEPT

To receive the budget for 2024 to 2025. Resolve the precept to be sent to Somerset Council.

7. PITMINSTER BURIAL GROUND

Reported at November meeting, a large pile of redundant items requires sorting. To remove rubbish to recycling centre. Remove quantity of sub soil to earmarked area. Demolish dilapidated shed and recycle. Then restore area for wildlife. There may be a cost involved. To Resolve the plan.

8. PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

Reported it is not yet law that Parish Councils are required to have Gov email addresses. It is recommended. Reported the cost to supply and manage Council Gov email addresses would be circa £350 per year. Discuss and resolve.

9. NALC SALARY INCREASE 2024

The National salary increases have been received (always about a year in arrears). Resolve Clerk increase £306.28 per year. Suggest take effect from April 2025. Back pay will be £306.28 paid in April 2025.

10. REMEMBRANCE POPPY EMAIL

To resolve any council involvement in this event. See attached email.

11. LOCAL PLAN RESIDENTIAL LAND ALLOCATION PROPOSALS

To resolve reply to Somerset Council.

12. BURIAL GRANTS

Somerset Council has ceased awarding grants due funding issues. The Precept was increased this fiscal year to allow for any items the council may like to fund.

It would be possible to make a grant to Pitminster and Angersleigh Church to help towards their management of the burial grounds. Suggested amounts for one year only:

Pitminster £240

Angersleigh £120

13. DONATIONS TO CHARITY

Resolved that the council in accordance with its powers under Section 137 and 139 of the LGA should incur an expenditure of £30 each to The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and The Citizens Advice Bureau, which in the opinion of the council is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

14. HEDGES

Reported various hedges are growing higher than most hedges in the parish. To resolve whether to take any action.

15. GRASS CUTTING

To receive report from Cllr Garland regarding grass cutting cost at Pitminster Burial Ground.

16. BANKING

Reported Lloyds Bank will change the Treasurers account to a community account on 14th Jan 2025. Will begin charging £4.25 per month for the account. I have looked at other Banks however my advice is to stay with Lloyds. I have allowed for this in 2025 precept. Resolve.

17. BLAGDON HILL PITMINSTER FOSGROVE 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT

Reported there could be a problem once the Orchard Grove development reaches Trull. Traffic will exit the site near the shop in village and may use different roads as rat runs. To resolve any issues.

18. LITTER PICK

To resolve date.

19. LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK (LCN)

To receive any items of interest.

20. AOR (AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY)

To receive Cllrs reports.

21. NEXT AGENDA

To receive any items for the next Agenda.

22. FINANCE

To receive the bank statement and reconciliation. £17922.67

To receive, resolve and authorise Clerk make the following payments online from the Lloyds Bank Account.

- Angersleigh Village Room hire 10th January £10.00
- Angersleigh Village Room hire 23rd January £20.00
- Clerk Salary 3 months July Aug September £1945.12
- Clerk Expenses 3 months £54.50

• Clerk Room Use 2024	£104.00
• HP Ink 3 months	£11.97
• BT Broadband/landline 3 months	£122.98
• SALC Cllr training March 2024	£25.00
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• Citizens Advice	£30.00
• Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance	£30.00
• Pitminster Church Burial Ground	£240.00
• Angersleigh Church Burial Ground	£120.00
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23. Close of meeting and confirm date of next Council meeting as Thursday 23 February 2025