

PITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Angersleigh Village Room on Thursday 19 February 2026 at 1900 (7PM).

Present

Cllrs Chapman (Chair), Threlfall (Vice Chair), Garland, Neale, Ford and Lewis.

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

Members of public: Mrs Judith Snell

Cllr Wakefield.

Public participation. Mrs Judith Snell reported the awful amount of litter blighting our roads, lanes, villages and landscape. She asked Council if more could be done to remove the litter. A lively debate examined the present situation.

The parish council support a litter pick in the Spring with volunteers meeting at the playing fields where equipment is available.

In the past Highways did regular litter picks.

Suggestions:

In some areas residents sort their own road/ lane, or area. But they are reticent to tackle the main roads.

There are tools on the Somerset Council website where the public can report items that need sorting out.

The Chair suggested that residents report excessive litter on the Somerset Council website under Fly tipping.

A notice will be placed in the next Newsletter.

An email will be sent on the parish email advertising the date and time of the pick.

1. Apologies

Cllr Riesner(holiday) accepted.

2. Declarations

There were no declarations.

3. Somerset Councillor Reports

Cllr Wakefield had sent a report which was circulated to Cllrs. She reported on the awful flooding in the county however house flooding had been kept in check. The quantity of rain over the past month has caused more potholes which were now having to be attended to. She went on to outline how the Council Tax rise had been decided. The difficulties of becoming a Unitary Council. How the Government 90% rebate for the SEND debt will help.

4. Planning applications for OBSERVATION

None. However, an application has been received after the agenda production. Cllrs were asked to send their observations to Clerk for sending to Somerset Council.

5. Planning Enforcement

No new sites.

6. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for January 2025, were signed as a correct record.

7. Tree Protection Order

David Galley to be alerted if there is any knowledge of removal of the trees in Angersleigh Road.

8. Councillor tasks

The list will be placed on the website.

9. Grit Bins

Resolved to purchase two grit bins one for and one to replace the bin at The Lamb and Flag.

10. Adopt a drain

Council debated the email from Roz Meikle. Cllr Lewis will send out an email on the Parish Email asking residents to report the matter of a blocked or overflowing drain direct to the Somerset Council website page. There is a map and a pointer to accurately position the drain, also facilities to attach a picture and information. If more residents carried out this simple task then Highway's will be able to resolve the matter. There is a similar page for reporting pot holes.

11. Meeting in July

Resolved to change the July meeting date to Thursday 23 July 2026.

12. Blackdown Hills Parish Partnership

Resolved that council in accordance with its powers under Section 137 and 139 of the LGA should incur expenditure of £25 to Blackdown Hills Parish Partnership which in the opinion of council is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

13. Parish Housing Details

Under review.

14. Angersleigh village signs

Cllr Threlfall is waiting for Somerset Highways to deliver signs.

15. Next Agenda

16. Finance

The bank statement and reconciliation were noted and signed.
It was resolved the invoices stated in the agenda be paid by the Clerk.

17. Close meeting

The meeting closed at 2120. The next meeting is on Thursday 19 March 2026.

Signed

Date Thursday 19 March 2026