

Minutes of the Pitton & Farley Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th July 2014 at 7.30pm in Pitton Village Hall

Present:

Cllr J Latham (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs T Froud (Vice Chairman)
Cllr T Ashworth
Cllr R Coppock
Cllr G Lowndes
Cllr S Mariner
Cllr S Williams

In attendance: Mrs C Purves (Parish Clerk)

Also present: Wiltshire Councillor Chris Devine, three members of the public

Public questions

Brian Cudby raised objections to the possibility of a car park for the school behind one of the neighbours' houses. The road side school car parking did not, it seemed to him and other residents, be a major problem for the village, and it was felt that a car park would blight the home of a long standing village resident.

Sarah Nightingale requested that the background report displayed on the parish website be removed, as she felt it portrayed an inaccurate reflection of the meeting between herself, parish councillors, representatives of Clarendon Estate and of Pitton School.

Wiltshire Councillor Chris Devine advised that the Wiltshire Council owned land at the end of Above Hedges now had great value as a possible site for future social/council housing, and so was no longer available for consideration as an alternative school car parking area.

AGENDA

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr C Hewitt, who was indisposed, and Cllr N Lilley, who had a previous engagement.

Resolved: to accept these apologies and the reasons for them.

64.14 Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th May 2014.

Resolved: to approve as a correct record without amendment.

65.14 Declarations of Interest

a. To receive any **Declarations of Interest** in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of councillors, and in accordance with the Local Government act 1972 in respect of officers.

None declared

Resolved: to note

b. To consider any **Dispensation Requests** received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

None received

Resolved: to note

66.14 Matters raised in public session

As the matter of the school parking was a later agenda item, discussion of this issue was deferred.

67.14 To receive reports from:

a. Wiltshire Councillor Chris Devine:

- The far end of Slate Way has been repaired, and other highway repair work around the parish has been scheduled.
- Sight lines at road junctions will be cut as and when necessary for safety reasons. The verges will only be cut once a year for reasons of economy and environmental friendliness.
- Fibre optic cabling is being installed in Farley at present.
- A reminder that Area Board grants are available.
- Fire authority – he is now the chairman of the Fire Authority committee. Finances are presently sound and robust, as the FA has been implementing cuts over the last four years as the central government grant funding has decreased but the problem will come in two years when the funding will cease altogether. The FA is not allowed to raise its precept by more than 2%, so only pennies can be raised to save pounds. A public consultation will begin on 21st July, looking at all possible options including a possible merger with Dorset FA.

In response to questions:

- He will investigate the whereabouts of the hot tarmacking machine, and its impact on the pothole repair schedule.
- He will ensure plenty of notice is given if and when the Winterslow Road is closed for repairs.

b. Pitton Flood Action Group

See Item 68.14 below.

c. Pitton Village Hall Management Committee

Mrs Purves reported that various maintenance works and projects had been carried out, the most obvious of which have been the tarmacking of the roadway to, and of the car park, and the removal of the hedge around the tennis courts. Funds remain healthy, and the hire fees have been reviewed, but these will not affect the Parish Council. The hire agreements and risk assessment documents have also been reviewed. Insurance for the trustees was also included at the recent insurance renewal. The next trustee meeting is on 3rd September.

d. Farley Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Latham advised that there was nothing to report.

e. Website editor

Mr Bossom had nothing of moment to report, but noted that information about and photos of Farley events is sadly lacking on the website. He asks that organisers of all parish events remember the website when considering their advertising options.

f. Chairman's Report

- Cllr Latham had attended Farley fete, which had suffered badly from the awful weather and split site arrangement. However, there were some welcome fresh ideas, which the organisers will no doubt build upon successfully in future years.
- He understood Pitton fete had been well attended.
- The Farley church bell and clock will be working soon.

g. Parish Clerk's report

- It is with great sadness that the death of a former Pitton ward councillor, David Balfour must be reported. David was a member of the council from May 2009 to June 2010, and carried out his duties as a councillor with diligence and good humour. Resolved: to send a letter of condolence to Mrs Balfour. **Action:** the Clerk
- The Clerk had attended the most recent meeting of the South Wiltshire Flood Operational Working Group held at Wilton. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th August at 10.00am in Amesbury Fire Station
- Wiltshire Council is holding an event to commemorate the First World War at 10.00am on Wednesday 30th July in Tidworth Military Cemetery. All councillors are invited.
- The Chairman and Clerk will be attending the first Parish Council collaboration meeting held by the Area Board to explore ways of working better together on Monday 14th July.
- Spatial Planning will be holding a meeting on Tuesday 29th July at 6.00pm in the Guildhall, Salisbury on settlement boundaries. The Clerk and Cllr Lilley will attend.
- The Parish Council needs a new noticeboard in Farley. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting in August.

h. Southern Wiltshire Area Board – nothing to report, other than the next meeting is on 31st July at 6.30pm for 7.00pm in Winterslow Village Hall

68.14 Flooding matters

Cllr Mariner reported on his attendance at the most recent South Wiltshire Flood Operation Working Group meeting at the Diocesan Centre in Wilton.

- The meeting provided general updates on all flood affected communities in the area.
- The written report of Wiltshire Council's contractor, WS Atkins, should be available by the end of July. The general thinking is to put in a bigger version of the system that is already there
- Wiltshire Council's drainage engineer Danny Everett will notify Cllr Mariner once the report has been received, but the contents will only become public once the project is costed, quotes obtained and the work scheduled.
- Cllr Mariner noted that the siphon needs a thorough clean before next winter, as if the village doesn't have a new scheme because of the expense, then the existing system must be in peak working order.

Resolved: to request Wiltshire Council to clean the siphon.

Action: the Clerk

69.14 Planning

a. To consider a response to planning applications received:

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i. **14/05571/FUL** – demolition of Dairy Farm buildings and rebuilding of former cowshed to form 1 x 2 bed dwelling, erect new 3 x bed dwelling with integral garage and Change of Use of land from agricultural to residential. Alterations to existing road access at Dairy Yard, Parsonage Farm, Church Road, Farley.

Resolved: to support

ii. **14/00649/FUL** demolition of existing agricultural buildings and erection of 4 dwellings, parking, access and landscaping at Parsonage Farm, Pitton Road, Farley – amended plans

Resolved: to support, noting the application is now for 3 dwellings, not 4

iii. **14/05959/FUL** 2 storey side and rear extension at Hillside, The Green Pitton

Resolved: to support

iv. **14/06043/TCA** – works to various trees at Cherry Tree Cottage, High Street, Pitton

Resolved: to support

v. **14/06059/TCA** – works to various trees at Willow Cottage, Townsend, Pitton

Resolved: to support

vi. **14/06064/TCA** – reduce 2 x Norway Spruces by 30% at 9 Davids Garden, Pitton

Resolved: to support

b. To note planning decisions made by Wiltshire Council since the last meeting:

i. **14/03623/FUL** – 2 storey rear extension with balcony. Repositioning of roof light on the north-west elevation at Brambles, The Green, Pitton **Approved 20th May 2014**

ii. **14/03730/FUL** – two storey extension and loft conversion with new dormer windows and roof lights. The removal of existing chimney, at 3 Elm Close Pitton. **Application withdrawn**

iii. **14/03663/FUL** – erection of 1 2 bed, and 1 x 3 dwellings and associated works at The Dairy Yard, Parsonage Farm, Church Road, Pitton **Refused 22nd May 2014**

iv. **14/04191/FUL** – replacement garage and porch on south side at Walnut Cottage, the Green, Pitton **Approved 25th June 2014**

Resolved: to note

70.14 Finance.

a. *To confirm and authorise a schedule of accounts in the sum of £694.66.*

Resolved: to authorise for payment.

b. *To note the 2014/2015 Budget Monitoring form.*

Resolved: to note

c. *To note the receipt of £512.46 VAT repayments for 2012/13 and 2013/14*

Resolved: to note

d. *To note the receipt of £150 overpayment from E.on in respect of the electricity supply for a possible flood pump, and the reduction in monthly payments to £7.00.*

Resolved: to note

Councillors also noted that £1812 of R2 funding was available to spend in Farley until the 11th May 2015, whilst £3624 of R2 funding was available to spend in Pitton until 19th August 2018. The funds must be spent on Outdoor Leisure. The Clerk was asked to bring quotes for a replacement two seated swing to the next meeting.

Action: the Clerk

71.14 Highway/Parish Steward/Footpath matters.

a. The possibility of clustering with neighbouring parish councils regarding verge cutting.
This is ongoing, and will be raised at the forthcoming Councils and Clerks collaboration meeting.

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b. Update on Area Board issues 3363 (Signage at Glebe Close, Pitton), 3395 (Sight lines at Dunstable Crossroads), 3428 (Gravel accumulations at Houndwood, Pitton/Farley road), 3429 (Flooding/culvert required at Church Road in Farley)

All are marked "in progress" at the moment, but updates may be posted prior to the Area Board meeting at the end of July.

c. "No Horses" signs for The Close, Pitton

Ordered and received, yet to be displayed. Cllr Williams kindly offered to undertake the work.

Action: The Clerk and Cllr Williams

d. To resolve to support a Farley resident's request for a "No Through road" sign to be displayed at the junction of Farley Farm road at its junction with Church Road, Farley

It was noted that requests for additional road signage need to be supported initially by the Parish Council, then raised as an Area Board issue requesting onward referral to the Community Area Transport Group for further consideration. If the CATG does look at this, Parish Council representatives will need to attend the CATG meeting to support the proposal.

Resolved: To support, but the Parish Council will not make a financial contribution.

Action: The Clerk

72.14 To review and note other ongoing matters – see enclosed report:

a. Car parking around Pitton Primary school.

Following on from the representations made in the public session, and the points raised by neighbours in their letter to the Parish Council opposing the possible proposed siting of a car park, councillors felt that the Parish Council had gone as far as it could in the matter at the moment. It should be noted that there were no formal plans, but the Parish Council had just been exploring the possibilities and options available to try and remedy the situation. This will no longer be an agenda item for the present.

Resolved: To write to the neighbour advising of the Parish Council's decision.

Action: The Clerk

b. Installation of parish maps

It was felt that the quote for the art work was too expensive, and it was noted that Cllr Lilley had offered to undertake this, which was gratefully accepted. The Clerk was also asked to help.

Action: The Clerk and Cllr Lilley

73.14 Date of next meetings.

To note the date of the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 20th August at 7.30pm in Farley Village Hall

Wednesday 1st October at 7.30pm in Pitton Farley Hall

74.14 To close the meeting.

The meeting finished at 9.20pm

