

Minutes of the Pitton & Farley Parish Council meeting held on September 12th 2012 in Pitton Village Hall

Present

Geoff Lowndes (Chairman)
Alan Shaw (Vice Chairman)
Tony Ashworth
Lyn Fredericks
Chris Hewitt
Nigel Lilley
Sarah Strong
Steve Williams
Catherine Purves (Clerk)

In attendance: Wiltshire Councillor Chris Devine and the website editor, Doric Bossom

Public questions: There were none.

AGENDA

Apologies

Apologies were received from Jaime Latham, who was away on holiday.

81.12 Minutes

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st August as a true and accurate record.

82.12 Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

83.12 To receive reports from

a. Wilts Councillor Chris Devine:

- Wiltshire Council is taking over some NHS services, and he confirmed that the funding would follow this.
- Planning – conflicting and confusing policies are emanating from Government at the moment, seeming to be completely opposite to localism.
- Fire Authority – the threat of strikes was receding as employees were accepting the changes and underlying need for them.
- Southern Flood Group – this is still in existence, headed by Mike Hewitt.
- Roads – the parish stewards are concentrating on patching. He hopes that the resurfacing work needed at the two sites in Farley are on the capital list for action in the next financial year. The assessment of the C321 for a 30mph speed limit will be carried out this autumn, and he will attend.

b. Representative on the Flood Action Group – the Clerk has contacted the Flood Warden with a view to updating the Flood Action Plan this autumn, and has also ordered two gel sacs from Wilts Council to show residents exactly what they are. It is suggested they are kept at the shop for people to look at if they wish, prior to affected residents ordering their

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own supplies, if they wish. The siphon is due to be cleaned in November.

c. Representative on Pitton Village Hall Management Committee – Lyn Fredericks advised that following a meeting in August, hire charges would not be increased at this time, but the use of heating oil would be monitored.

d. Representative of the Farley Village Hall Management Committee - in Jaime Latham's absence, Nigel Lilley reported that the hire charges had been revised, and the information was now on the parish website.

e. Parish website – Doric Bossom advised that good progress had been made in upgrading the website, and the work was nearly complete. Alan Shaw sought assurance that the financing of this project had been specifically agreed rather than inferred. **Action: The Clerk**

f. Chairman's report – Geoff Lowndes advised there was little to report, other than Farley Cricket Club had not yet applied to the Area Board for funding.

g. Parish Clerk's report:

- Paper recycling bins are to be moved from Pitton school and the plastic bottle and cardboard recycling bins are to be moved from the Hook & Glove mini recycling centre on 1st October.
- The Clarendon Marathon is to be held again this year on Sunday 7th October.
- Wiltshire Council is holding a Flooding Seminar in Warminster on Wednesday 17th October at 10.00am in Warminster Civic Centre
- The next Area Board meeting will be held on Thursday 27th September in Pitton Village Hall at 7.00pm
- The Wiltshire Involvement Network is holding a meeting on Friday 19th October at 10.20am to 2.00pm in the City Hall regarding Carers and Services that enable people to remain in their own homes.

It was resolved to note these reports.

84.12 To discuss matters raised by the public

There were none.

85.12 Finance

a. It was resolved to authorise for payment a financial schedule in the sum of £323.15

b. It was resolved to note the updated Budget Monitoring Report

c. It was noted that the first quarter's bank reconciliation had been undertaken by Alan Shaw

d. It was resolved not to make any contribution towards the Area Board footpath initiative in the light of the expenditure already allocated to the website project.

86.12 Highways/Parish Stewards/footpaths

a. Parish Stewards - It was noted that the Parish Steward had been digging the ditches on Church Road, and that vegetation around the road signs needed cutting back. **Action: The Clerk.**

b. Highways issues – there was nothing to add to Wilts Cllr Devine's report.

c. Area board footpath initiative – Alan Shaw's comprehensive report was noted, and that no kissing gates were required for the parish footpaths.

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87.12 Planning

It was noted that planning permission had been given to the following applications:

S/2012/0809 – to demolish the existing garage and erect a 3 bedroomed dwelling on land adjacent to Woodside, The Street, Farley.

S/2012/0857 – a proposed rear conservatory at 6 Davids Garden, Pitton.

88.12 Community Police Liaison member

With Nigel Lilley's agreement, it was resolved to nominate Nigel Lilley to this role. The Clerk will advise the Community Area Manager. **Action: The Clerk**

89.12 Ongoing matters

a. *Aymers Pond* – yet more quotes need to be sought, and the Clerk is meeting more contractors shortly.

b. *Satellite dish at Pitton Post Office* – this has been removed, and the lottery terminal will be served by a telephone line.

c. *The Close* - the search for someone to cut the grass is ongoing, but Pitton Village Hall has suggested employing the same contractor to save on costs. It is recommended that Salisbury City Council be approached with the Village Hall's agreement. Chris Hewitt advised that the sick Horse Chestnut would recover by next year, but Greg Gent will need to be requested for a quote to remove the branches across the play area. It was noted that a patch of Japanese Knotweed is growing by the footpath near the swings – Alan Shaw volunteered to give it a regular dousing with weedkiller. **Action: The Clerk and Alan Shaw**

d. *Pitton bus shelter* – The Clerk has asked for this work to be done as soon as possible, and will chase the contractor.

e. *Litter bin in Farley* – The Clerk has asked for this to be removed by Wiltshire Council.

90.12 Date of next meeting.

Meeting of the Parish Council – Wednesday 24th October 2012 at 7.30pm in Farley Village Hall.

91.12 To close the meeting

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

