

Background Report for the Pitton & Farley Parish Council meeting July 2014

67.14 Reports

b. Pitton Flood Action Group – covered under item 68.14 Flooding.

c. Pitton Village Hall Management committee – various maintenance works and projects have 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 meeting is on 3rd September.

g. Parish Clerk's report

- It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of a former Pitton ward councillor, David Balfour. 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, making an invaluable contribution in the analysis of the various electricity supply quotations, and identifying the best value contract in the light of possible use or not. I recommend that a letter of condolence be sent from the Parish Council to his widow, and that a minute's silence be kept as a mark of respect before the meeting begins.
- I attended the most recent meeting of the South Wiltshire Flood Operational Working Group held at Wilton. Cllr Mariner will update the meeting regarding Pitton matters.
- 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 I 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.

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

71.14 Highway/Parish Steward/Footpath matters

a. Possible verge cutting contract – I have raised this with Wiltshire Council officials, who have hurriedly referred this further up the line. However, I have not received a refusal to consider this. I will continue to press for a response.

b. Area Board issues – 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" sign for The Close – ordered and received, yet to be displayed.

d. "No Through Road" sign in Farley – 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 CATG do look at this, parish Council representatives will need to attend the meeting to support the proposal.

72.14 Ongoing matters.

a. Car parking around Pitton school – Cllrs Latham and Mariner attended a meeting with Mike Holyoke, the Pitton school headmaster, Mark Jonas, owner of Clarendon Estate, his manager, and also Pitton resident Mrs Nightingale, a neighbour of the school. A robust exchange of views took place, and a letter has subsequently been received from Mr & Mrs Nightingale detailing their objections to the proposed scheme of a car park behind their property, with access at the far northern western end. (Copy of letter enclosed). However, I understand that if this scheme is withdrawn, then Mr & Mrs Nightingale might be able to offer a compromise solution to the problem.

b. Installation of a parish map – referred on from the previous meeting. Cllr Lilley has volunteered to undertake the design work, the Council just needs to find a supplier to print and mount it, x 2. Locations for display also need to be decided.