

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Pitton and Farley Parish Council meeting

held on Wednesday 24th March 2021 at 7.30pm on Zoom conference platform.

Present:

Cllr Debbie McIsaac (Chairman)
Cllr Clive Gutteridge (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Sarah Ackrill
Cllr David Ball
Cllr James Boswell
Cllr Camilla Johnson-Hill
Cllr Geoff Lowndes

In attendance: Nadine Fortune, Parish Clerk

Also present: Wiltshire Councillors: Cllr Richard Britton and Cllr Christopher Devine; 2 members of the public

Public session

Chris Sankey- Environment Agency report is awaited and is expected in April.

Wiltshire Councillor Chris Devine gave his report

- This is to be Cllr Devine's second to last meeting as Wiltshire Councillor for Pitton and Farley.
- Prior to May elections Council activity is quiet
- Next full council will be in May (after the elections)
- Expecting an enforcement report on Dunstable Road static caravan and car sites.
- Antisocial behaviour issues are being noted.
- Highway engineers have been working to fill potholes. It was explained that there are two methods of repairs.
- Southern Area Planning Committee meetings are continuing. A question was asked as to whether New Manor Farm is to become a solar farm. Before a decision could be made certain factors, i.e whether the land is low or high grade would be taken into account.
- Preparation for Parish Council elections is ongoing. Candidates need to hand application forms in by 29th March.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

52.21 To receive apologies - None

53.21 To receive any Declarations of Interest and decide upon any Requests for Dispensations - None

54.21 To consider any urgent matters raised in the public session, and any other urgent matters or items of information from councillors (For discussions only, no decision can be taken) – None

55.21 Exclusion of the Press & Public. To agree to any items on the agenda that are to be dealt with following exclusion of the press & public - Public area at Coldharbour Barn as item 70.21

56.21 Minutes of the meeting of 24th February 2021

A change to 38.21 of the previous minutes was requested so as to read 'Between 2016-2036 an additional 25 dwellings are needed (Wiltshire Council estimate of local needs for Pitton). This number does not include Farley which is included in the wider Wiltshire statistics.'

Resolved. With this change and sign the minutes.

57.21 Appointment – Nadine Fortune, newly-appointed Parish Clerk, was introduced.

58.21 Planning matters

Planning Applications

a. Application Reference: 21/01903/FUL

Application for Full Planning:

Proposal: Demolition of rear single storey extension and construction of new single storey

Site Address: Sidney Cottage The Street **Farley** SP5 1AB

Resolved: Support

Planning Decisions

21/01575/PNCOU

Application for Prior Notification on change of use under Class Q for One Agricultural Building to be Converted into a Residential Dwelling (Use Class C3). Knightwood Farm, Lucewood Lane, **Farley**, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 1AX

Resolved: Refused

59.21 Local Plan and Affordable Housing

A response had been made in relation to the local plan consultation (copy attached to these minutes.)

There was a discussion on the public meeting with Wiltshire Council Community First/Homes for all meeting which had been held on 11th March 2021 and was attended by approximately 35-40 people. The following points were raised:

- the addition of 25 homes between 2016-2036 is not set in stone and that efforts should be focused on the land and how to best develop it.
- various approaches were mentioned e.g. was a development wanted and/or deliverable and if so by whom?

- is the land is suitable for housing due to flood concerns?
- concerns regarding access to the area were raised as it is currently busy especially with school traffic.
- it was suggested that further steps should be taken to determine local demand for affordable housing.

Action: The Clerk to determine whether and how the actual number of people meeting the criteria for affordable housing could be determined.

It was proposed that papers and other information relating to the proposed development at the end of Above Hedges would be available to the public via a folder on the Parish Council website.

Action for Clerk.

60.21 Flooding and Flood Amelioration

A report from Environment Agency is expected in April.

61.21 Assets of Community Value

There was a brief discussion during which the following points were raised :

- Are the two pubs and shop in Pitton and Farley assets of community value?
- If they were up for sale would they have to be offered to the village for buy out initially?
- Would they need to be shown as profitable organisations?
- A commercial group may be put off purchasing if they are designated ACVs.
- Benefits and possible detriments of designating as ACVs were summarised, for example protecting the businesses in the future.

Cllr Britton recommended referring to 'Pub is to Hub' for guidance

Resolved: The matter would be discussed at a future meeting of the Parish Council no later than September 2021

Action: The Clerk to provide a preliminary report on ACV

62.21 Traffic Calming

There was nothing to report.

63.21 Highways/Parish Steward/CATG/Footpath Issues

b. The Ramblers had responded quickly regarding 'deliberately blocked and inaccessible stiles' on a public footpath on privately owned land identified on OS map 131 Explorer Romsey, Andover and Test Valley square 24-25, 28-29 which runs below Keepers Cottage in Bentley Wood.

64.21 Matters raised in correspondence.

- a. Letter from Trethrowans. Not public matter
- b. Email received regarding Coldharbour Barn.
- c. Email received regarding Play Area

The meeting discussed the condition of the play area.

- The annual inspection of the play area is due shortly.
- Should a separate area near the village hall be considered?.
- Long term plan for the play area/s to be discussed.

Action: Cllr Ackerill to consider provision for young and older children over next three years and whether a sinking fund is needed. A notice will be posted on the playground gate/fence asking people to email the clerk with suggestions and ideas.

- the meeting was provided with information on grants. At Firsdown, a £5k grant was given by the Southern Area Board, and in Farley Fox a Lottery grant was received.
- Outcome of research and proposals to be factored into January 2022 budget.

65.21 Finance

- To note the bank balance as at 1 March 2021 - £26,385.49
Income (March inclusive) £13,900.00
- Bank has confirmed that Cllr Gutteridge is now a bank signatory.
- Expenses - £26.94 for G Suite, £11.67 for electric pump
- Payments Pending - Colin Brown (agricultural contractor), invoice outstanding.
Action: The Clerk to chase the contractor for invoice
- Approval requested for £150 for work done in close. All in support
- New laptop for Clerk on hold. Cllr Boswell has arranged a memory upgrade which can be plugged in to other laptop for use with G Suite.

66.21 Appointments – adjourned to a future meeting in light of upcoming elections.

67.21 Wiltshire Council and Parish Council elections – to note

68.21. Chairman's Report – Cllr Mclsaac gave a brief report.

69.21 To note dates of the next ordinary meetings

Wednesday 28 April 2021 at 7.30pm on the Zoom conference platform

Wednesday 26 May 2021 at 7.30pm on the Zoom conference platform

70.21. Press & Public excluded during the discussion of Confidential Items

To resolve under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media to be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted:

71.21 Close of meeting – the meeting closed at 21.40

Members of the Council must consider the following matters in consideration of their public duties:

Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability),
Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety, Human Rights.

