

**DRAFT minutes of the meeting of Pitton & Farley Parish Council held at 7.30pm on
28th May 2009 in Pitton Village Hall**

Present

Alan Shaw (Chairman)
Geoff Lowndes (Vice Chairman)
David Balfour
Lyn Fredericks
Allan Jenkins
Nigel Lilley
Steve Williams
Catherine Purves (The Clerk)

2 members of the public. Sgt Kerry Lawes sent her apologies – she was unable to attend due to operational demands.

John Ellis raised concerns about the high fees charged by a clamping company on behalf of Network Rail for parking on private ground adjacent to the Salisbury Sorting Office in Fisherton Street, and asked if a general warning to the public about this could be posted on the village website.

Chris Sankey asked if either of the prospective candidates for the Winterslow division of the Wiltshire Council were aware of the need for the Pitton siphon to be cleaned out regularly.

Two residents of The Green, Pitton had raised concerns about speeding and car parking at the junction, The Green, Pitton via e-mail.

AGENDA

Apologies

Mike Chant and David Goulden, both away on business.

37.09 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16th March 2009 were approved as a correct record (Prop Steve Williams, sec Nigel Lilley, all in favour).

38.09 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

39.09 To consider any matters raised by members of the public

a. Parking on private ground by Salisbury Sorting Office – although councillors were sympathetic, members did not reach any conclusion about whether a warning should be posted on the village website.

b. Pitton siphon – Members thought that the prospective Conservative candidate was aware of the need to keep the siphon clear, as were Wiltshire Council officials, but until the elections, there were no Wiltshire Councillors available to sanction budgets, and so nothing

had been done to date. However, the Parish Council would continue to press for this to be done as soon as possible.

c. Speeding along The Green – members thought that as there had been no serious accidents involving humans, it would be very unlikely that the speed limit would be reduced to 20mph along the road. However, the Clerk was asked to request the police to monitor the speed of vehicles by means of the two rubber strips placed across the carriageway and advise the Parish Council of results, and also to write to the Highways Department to request that white junction and stop lines be painted at White Hill/The Green junction.

d. Parking at the junction – The Clerk was asked to contact the police for clarification about parking on or near a road junction, and whether it might invalidate the owner's insurance, as if the car were hit, it would be part of the accident because it was forming an obstruction.

40.09 Matters arising

Although none had been identified from the previous meeting, Nigel Lilley was able to update members regarding the progress of the Coronation Playing Field Committee to upgrade and expand the small area in Farley for which it is responsible. The Committee had passed Stage 1 in its application for Big Lottery funding, and had been allocated £1500 to progress to a full application. In all some £125,000 was required, and Mr Lilley requested that the Committee give a presentation to the Parish Council, with a view to being allowed to use the entire amount of R2 funding presently at the Parish Council's disposal. Members agreed to this, and resolved to appoint Nigel Lilley as the Parish Council's representative to the Coronation Playing Field Committee.

41.09 To receive reports from:

a. The Wiltshire Council representative for Winterslow, Cllr. Bill Moss – none received.

b. The Council's representative on the Pitton Flood Action Group – none received, but the Clerk advised members that the latest Environment Agency briefing report stated that groundwater levels in the area were below average at the end of March, and were continuing to fall.

c. The Council's representative on the Pitton Village Hall Management Committee – Lyn Fredericks advised there was nothing to report.

d. Parish website representative – Mr Bossom had sent in a written report, advising that visitor traffic continues at similar levels to previous months, and the site is averaging 80 visits a week. The editors work hard to post events data to the recently enhanced Home page, but are finding it hard to persuade people to send in such information spontaneously. Very few people send in regular updates, and many others have to be chased several times. The editors would welcome any constructive feedback from the Parish Council, particularly in promoting the website to residents of both villages.

Members thought that the Council representatives to other bodies should promote the website, and Allan Jenkins suggested asking the owners of Pitton Shop to mention the website to those wishing to advertise their events in Pitton Shop window. Nigel Lilley advised that Farley Village Hall was now in a position to regularly update its information on the website, as a new booking clerk had been appointed, Mrs McCardle.

e. Chairman's report – Alan Shaw had nothing to report.

f. Parish Clerk's report – there is very little to report, pending the elections to the new Wiltshire Council on the 4th June. I have put my name down for a free workshop on VAT run

by HMRC in Cosham in July, and am waiting to hear if I am successful. I am gathering information regarding the handling of complaints against Parish Councillors by members of the public and employees under the Code of Conduct, which will appear as an agenda item in the future.

42.09 Finance

a. Schedule of accounts – a schedule of accounts in the sum of £1323.73 was approved and authorised for payment.

b. To note the updated 2009/2010 Budget Monitoring form – this needs checking and will be redistributed.

c. To nominate one further bank account signatory – David Balfour was proposed by Nigel Lilley and seconded by Geoff Lowndes – all in favour.

d. To complete the Annual Governance statement – queries were raised which will be clarified and the Statement will be completed at a subsequent meeting to be arranged before the 30th June 2009.

e. To approve the 2008/2009 Statement of Accounts – queries were raised which will be clarified and the Statement will be approved at a subsequent meeting to be arranged before the 30th June 2009.

43.09 Planning

A list of applications received and decisions notified was noted by members.

Applications Received only – no Decision Notified received

S/2009/0326/FULL

Proposal: Full Application – erection of a garden room/store.

Location: Beecroft, Parsonage Hill, Farley.

The Parish Council **does not object** in principle to the development, but asks if the applicant would consider re-siting the garden room/shed alongside the west boundary to avoid disturbance to the amenity of The Old Parsonage and to avoid root plate damage to an existing mature tree.

S/2009/0498/FULL

Proposal: Full Application – front porch.

Location: Coldharbour Barn, High Street, Pitton.

Members **support** this application.

S/2009/0503/FULL

S/2009/0504/LBC

Proposal: Full Application - the erection of a rear extension.

Location: The Old School, White Way, Pitton.

Members **support** this application.

S/2009/0534/FULL

Proposal: Full Application – erection of a two storey side and rear extension together with additional single storey side extension.

Location: Bells Farm House, Church Road, Farley.

Members **support** this application

S/2009/0569/FULL

Proposal: Extensions to dwelling.

Location: Manor Farm, Pitton Road, Pitton.

Members **support** this application

S/2009/0643/FULL

Proposal: Full Application – lean-to extension to existing farm building.

Location: Parsonage Farm, Pitton Road, Farley.

Opinion awaited

S/2009/0699/FULL

Proposal: Full Application – new detached dwelling in parking area of Springfield Cottage, demolition of existing garage and outbuildings and alterations of vehicular access to Springfield Cottage.

Location: Springfield Cottage, Church Road, Farley.

Opinion awaited.

44.09 Highway/Parish Steward matters

a. Date of next visit – 11th June.

b. Work to be done – members requested that the hedge at the bottom of the footpath past Hillside Cottage where it meets the road needs cutting back. Foliage around the bus stop at the High Street end of The Close in Pitton needs cutting back. The Clerk was asked to follow up the request to level and tarmac this area.

The Clerk was also asked to contact Wessex Water about the leaking hydrant on the Pitton/Winterslow road just outside Roundbarrow Farm, as concern was raised that this was forcing traffic into the middle of the road, dangerous on a blind bend.

45.09 Ongoing matters

a. Parish Plan review – previous minutes regarding noxious weeds are to be sent to Lyn Fredericks, otherwise the Parish Council should continue to action the tasks allocated to it as highlighted. Councillors resolved to request that Community Service undertake litter picking exercises throughout the parish, particularly along road verges, and to write to the Wilts and Dorset Bus Company regarding the provision of a bus service between Pitton and Farley. The Clerk was asked to action these.

b. Council equipment – the Clerk reported that a fire resistant filing cabinet had been bought, and having consulted with Mr Bossom, she recommended that the Council consider buying an additional hard drive, rather than a laptop to hold Council records electronically.

c. Pitton pump – Geoff Lowndes advised that planning permission had been received, and that the electrical supply box was scheduled to be installed the week beginning the 19th June.

d. Public noticeboard - planning permission had been applied for, and response should be received by mid/end of July.

46.09 Dates of next meetings

Special Parish Council meeting – Monday 15th June at 7.30pm in Farley Village Hall

Ordinary Parish Council meeting – Thursday 2nd July at 7.30pm in Farley Village Hall.

Ordinary Parish Council meeting – Thursday 3rd September at 7.30pm in Pitton Village Hall.

47.09 To close the meeting

Meeting ended at 9.10pm