

**Minutes of the Pitton & Farley Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6th
September 2017 at 7.30pm in Pitton Village Hall**

Present:

Cllr Rod Coppock (Chairman)
Cllr Jamie Latham (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Nigel Lilley
Cllr Geoff Lowndes
Cllr Stuart Mariner
Cllr Debbie McIsaac

In attendance: Mrs Catherine Purves (Parish Clerk)

Also present: One Pitton resident, two representatives from the Hazel Hill Trust and Wiltshire Councillor Chris Devine

Public Session

Marcos Frangos, the General Manager of the Hazel Hill Trust - advised that as a result of the recommendations received from a recent fire safety inspection, the Trust would shortly be submitting a planning application to build a new accommodation block. This was also required to comply with health & safety, safeguarding, and gender separation issues which had also been highlighted. There was no intention to increase the current occupancy which would remain at 120 days of educational use, and 40 days of conservation use. The new building would be sustainable, built of wood, with a low carbon footprint

Chris Sankey, Flood Warden – advised that he was unable to attend the next Wiltshire Council Working Flood Operations Group meeting, and requested an update on matters.

Chris Devine, Wiltshire Councillor – advised the following:

- Sale of land at the end of Above Hedges – he reassured those present that this was a site separate from the community land directly at the end of Above Hedges
- Neighbourhood Plan – he strongly encouraged the Parish Council and community to reconsider compiling one of these.
- Wiltshire Council's Business Plan – this had been published, and the Council needed to save a further £45m over the next three financial years. Special Needs Education had suffered major issues, which were being addressed.
- Police matters – Alderbury station will close in the future, and be sold off. He had met Insp Sparrow and had pressed again for a regular police patrol of all villages, which he was assured will be done when operational commitments allow.
- Roads – Parsonage Hill in Farley had been extensively patched and re-lined, and he was pressing for White Hill in Pitton to be done as well.
- Bus transport – he noted that no further cuts were planned.

AGENDA

91.17 To receive apologies

Resolved: to note none required

92.17 Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 26th July 2017

Resolved: to approve and sign the minutes as a correct record without amendment

93.17 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.

Cllr Lilley declared a pecuniary interest in 17/07722/FUL to be discussed at item 97.17aii

Resolved: to note

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

Resolved: to note none received

94.17 To consider any urgent matters raised in the public session, and any other urgent matters or items of information from councillors.

a. *Hazel Hill Trust* – councillors thanked Mr Frangos for his presentation, and would wait for the planning application to be submitted before commenting further.

b. *Flooding matters* – this would be considered at the appropriate agenda item

95.17 To receive reports from:-

a. *The Council's representative on the Pitton Village Hall Management Committee* – Mrs Purves advised that the new boiler has been installed. The hire charges have been reviewed, and will remain the same for 2018. The next meeting will be held at the end of November.

b. *The Council's representative on the Farley Village Hall Management Committee* – Cllr Latham advised that BT were currently installing wi-fi to the hall. The AGM will be held on Wednesday 4th October.

c. *Chairman's report* – Cllr Coppock confirmed he had written a piece for the Dun Valley News concerning the state of the parish's roads, and had already received two positive responses. He noted that a large amount of fly tipping at the top of Pitton Hill had been removed promptly by the local landowners.

d. *Parish Clerk's report* – Mrs Purves advised the following:

- She had attended Planning Training in early August.
- *Mobile Library consultation* – Wiltshire Council is consulting on its mobile library service from 4th September to 4th November. Details have been forwarded to the website and Dunn Valley News.
- *The Close, Pitton* – the annual play area inspection will take place later in September. Greg Gent has been contacted about the trees, and he intends to visit later this month.

e. *The Council's representative to the Southern Wiltshire Area Board* – Mrs Purves advised that the next scheduled meeting is on Thursday 28th September at Trafalgar School, Downton.

96.17 Enhanced Flood Amelioration scheme in Pitton

a. *To note the latest information regarding this project* – Cllr Mariner advised that as requested by the Parish Council, the Flood Action Group had met, and had agreed to contact Such Salinger, the hydrologists who had designed the original siphon, to request a quote for their fee to look at the scheme and advise on any adaptations that might be considered that would have a positive and meaningful impact on the siphon's ability to draw the flood waters through the village. An officer and engineer from the Environment Agency's Romsey office had also inspected the siphon etc during the summer, and had indicated they were hopeful something could be done. It was hoped a further report would be available for the next meeting.

Resolved: to note. **Action:** The Clerk

b. *To note progress in updating the existing Flood Plan* – The Clerk advised she had begun work on this.

97.17 Planning

a. To determine a response to the following planning applications received:

i. **17/07323/FUL** – proposed rear and side extensions at Bryndell, Parsonage Hill, Farley

Resolved: to support this application

Cllr Lilley left the room

ii. **17/07722/FUL** – single storey rear extension to lobby at Perron Wood, Church Road, Farley

Resolved: to support this application

Cllr Lilley re-entered the room

17/08266/TCA – remove evergreen close to house at Coppers, 7 Davids Garden, Pitton

Resolved: to support this application

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

i. **17/05322/FUL** – replacement timber garden summerhouse to rear garden of The Coach House, Church Road, Farley. **Approved 28th July 2017**

ii. **17/05964/FUL** – proposed garage annex at Brockway, The Green, Pitton. **Approved 10th August 2017**

Resolved: to note

Cllr Mrs Mclsaac raised the issue of a response to the Housing Policy Boundary consultation, and following a short discussion, during which it was noted that the proposals seemed unclear concerning the parcel of land in the centre of Pitton village

Resolved: to submit a response to the effect that unless and until the flooding/drainage issue in the village remains unresolved, the current HPB should remain around the land in the centre of the village, so that it technically remains open country.

Action: The Clerk and Cllr Coppock.

98.17 To consider any Highways matters, including tasks for the parish steward

a. *Street name signs* - Mrs Purves advised she was obtaining quotes to replace the Ben Lane, Farley street name sign

b. White lining - the white lining of junctions in both villages has been done, plus the SLOW signs – except on Pitton Hill.

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c. Tasks for the parish steward – the next visit is scheduled for mid-September. It was agreed to ask him to weed the kerbs in oak close Farley and Beeches Close in Pitton.

d. Dunstable crossroads - The chairman of Firsdown PC has suggested a meeting with Pitton & Farley and Winterslow representatives about the Dunstable crossroads junction. Cllr Coppock and Mrs Purves agreed to attend. **Action:** The Clerk

99.17 Finance

a. To note the bank balance as at 31st August 2017 **Resolved:** to note this stood at £20605.63

b. To approve for payment a schedule of accounts in the sum of £687.60 **Resolved:** to approve said schedule for payment

c. To note the updated 2017/2018 Budget Monitoring form. **Resolved:** to note
It was also noted that the Parish Council laptop plus Microsoft and security software has been purchased for £7.00 less than budgeted.

100.17 To review and note other ongoing matters

a. Provision of a defibrillator in Farley – nothing further to report

b. Accidents at the bottom of Pitton Hill – these have been reported to Wiltshire Council, with a request that the matter be considered by the Community Area Transport Group. The next CATG meeting will be in November, and it should be included on the agenda then.

c. Community Memorial Woodland – Mrs Purves advised that she had sent the Parish Council's expression of interest in this project to the Area Board.

101.17 To note the date of the next meetings

a. Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council – Wednesday 18th October 2017 at 7.30pm in Farley Village Hall. It was noted that the Clerk, Mrs Purves, will be absent, but her colleague, Mrs Jane Tier, Clerk to Winterslow and Firsdown Parish Councils has agreed to clerk the meeting.

b. Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council – Wednesday 6th December at 7.30pm in Pitton Village Hall.

102.17 To close the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Members of the Council must consider the foregoing matters in consideration of their duties: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime and Disorder; Health and Safety, and Human Rights

