

Minutes of the Pitton & Farley Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 26th October 2016 at 7.30pm in Farley Village Hall

Present

Cllr Rod Coppock (Chairman)
Cllr Tony Ashworth
Cllr Nigel Lilley
Cllr Geoff Lowndes
Cllr Stuart Mariner
Cllr Mrs Sarah Strong

In attendance

Catherine Purves (Clerk)

Also present

Wiltshire Councillor Chris Devine, and three members of the public.

Public session

One Pitton resident spoke strongly against the proposed planning application 16/09446/FUL

Wiltshire Councillor Chris Devine gave his report:

- At the recent Council meeting, the proposal to turn all Wiltshire secondary education schools into selective grammar schools was not well received.
- Baroness Scott's suggestion that the newly formed joint Fire Authority should be split and the Wiltshire element linked with the police was also not well received. He advised that there were no major issues, everything was working as it should, and the new Chief fire officer was the current assistant Chief, Ben Ansell, who would take up the post on 1st January.
- *Roads* – Lucewood Lane would not be repaired during this financial year, and he understood the proposed repairs would now take place in 2017/2018. he had asked for Lucewood Lane to be closed, pending emergency repairs, but was aware that there were huge pressures on the Highways budget.
- *Broadband* – he has been asking Cllr Thompson, the Cabinet member responsible for the broadband project where the government funding is to roll out broadband to the remote areas of the parish, eg Stockbottom.
- *Planning* – the InExcess application had been withdrawn as it was not going to be approved. The applicants must submit another, more comprehensive application as soon as possible, or enforcement action will begin.
- *Through traffic* – this had increased noticeably during the works on the London road, and the police had responded to his request for an increased presence to help slow the vehicles' speed.
- *White lines in Farley* – he will try to get the "Stop" white lines repainted.
- *Parish Steward* – he visited the parish last week. He will investigate why the Steward would not attend Oak Close in Farley.

Cllr Nigel Lilley also spoke on the recent Nightwood Farm/In Excess application, which had now been withdrawn, as the quality of the application was not good. He understood that an application would shortly be submitted to convert the remaining three units from agricultural to B8 storage/distribution use, and the owner would arrange meetings with the Wiltshire Councillors and objectors. He further understood that owner would be happy for negotiated controls/restrictions/conditions to be applied in respect of vehicles and traffic movements to and from the site.

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AGENDA

116.16 To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Jamie Latham, who was indisposed.

Resolved: to accept these apologies and the reason for them

117.16 Minutes

a. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 7th September 2016. **Resolved:** to approve as a correct record without amendment.

b. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the extra ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 6th October 2016. **Resolved:** to approve as a correct record without amendment.

118.16 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 personal interest in application 16/07963/TCA, being a friend of the applicant.

Cllr Mariner declared a personal interest in item 121.16, as he lived in the affected area of Pitton

Cllr Mrs Strong declared a personal interest in application 16/09446/FUL, as she lived opposite the application site.

Resolved: to note

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

Resolved: to note none received.

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

Resolved: to note there were none

120.16 To receive reports from:-

a. *The Council's representative on the Pitton Village Hall Management Committee* – Mrs Purves advised that there was nothing to report, other than the committee meets next on Wednesday 2nd November.

b. *The Council's representative on the Farley Village Hall Management Committee* – no report received

c. *Parish Website representative* – see item 131.16d below.

d. *Chairman's report* – Cllr Coppock advised that one defibrillator had already been installed in Pitton, in the former phone box on slate Way. Training was being arranged, and it was thought appropriate to write to Mrs Davis and Mrs Bossom for leading the community effort on this project. He also reported on the Wiltshire Council Budget consultation meeting he had attended at the end of September, where Wiltshire Councillors advised that they would be increasing Wiltshire Council's part of the Council tax by a total of 4% per year, for the next four financial years, 2% to go towards Wiltshire Council's responsibilities towards the vulnerable elderly and young in the county, 2% towards other expenditure on leisure centres, libraries, waste, bus subsidies and highways which was under huge pressure.

Councillors were considering entering into a 4 year settlement on income with the Government, to provide certainty of income, but were aware that savings of £45m were required over that period.

Funding for schools, benefits and housing was ringfenced and protected. **Action:** The Clerk

e. *Parish Clerk's report* – Mrs Purves reported that she had attended the Wiltshire Council Budget Consultation meeting, the recent Area Board meeting and the Wiltshire Flood Ops Group meeting, and would be attending Planning training in early November. She advised that the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils will be holding its AGM on Thursday 10th November.

f. The Council's representative to the Southern Wiltshire Area Board – Mrs Purves reported that at the

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last meeting, those attending received the regular updates from Wiltshire Council and the Fire & Rescue Service, plus updates from Highways, the Community Area Transport Group and the Youth Service. The Police also gave a presentation about the new Community Policing model which has been introduced to our area from October 17th. A replacement Youth service enabler still has to be appointed. The Area Board decided to spend £3k on a mobile camera for sole use in the Area Board area to help prevent fly-tipping, following a comprehensive report from one of the enforcement managers. Four applications for grant funding were also considered. The next meeting is on Thursday 1st December at Alderbury Village Hall.

Resolved: to note these reports

121.16 Enhanced Flood Amelioration scheme in Pitton

Cllr Mariner reported that the plans for the proposed scheme had now been received, and also the revised costings, which were in the region of £435k to £460k. This compared favourably with the original costings given by WS Atkins of £807k. However, funding was now a problem, as apparently the scheme does not satisfy the Environment Agency's cost/benefit criteria even though the scheme will cost a little over half the originally predicted figure. However, mindful of the costs of deploying the two necessary pumps for the duration of any flood event, the scheme has been placed on the medium term capital expenditure budget for funding. The Flood Warden had raised the issue of the bridge foundations preventing the water from passing through as quickly as it could, but the Drainage Engineer Danny Everett felt that any remedial work would be more costly than the proposed scheme to implement. He had also raised concerns about possibly effluent arising from the Wiltshire Council farm on the Winterslow Road, but was assured that this was unlikely, as the farm would have a comprehensive effluent management plan in place.

Cllr Mariner recommended that the Environment Agency's calculations should be tested to ensure that they have used the correct basic data, and that Southern Water's responsibilities in the matter should be established.

The possibility of a public meeting to display the plans was suggested, but it was felt that the plans needed to be made less technical and more "user friendly" before this could happen, and Cllr Lilley offered to help with this. This will be an item for the next meeting to discuss. It was also noted that the bridge across the Clarendon footpath by the pumping station was badly silted up and covered in vegetation, and would need clearing in due course.

Resolved: to adapt the plans to a less technical format. **Action:** The Clerk & Cllrs Lilley & Mariner

123.16 Planning

a. To determine a response to planning applications received:

i. **16/09446/FUL** – proposed rear extension and raise roof to provide rooms with 10 roof lights at Mayfield, White Way, Pitton

Councillors felt that this application would result in the overdevelopment of the site, and the scale and proposed height resulting from the raised roof would lead to a large, overbearing structure, affecting the light and privacy to the neighbours to the east and north. The application took no account of the community's wishes as incorporated in the Parish Plan, which was much regretted.

Resolved: to object strongly to this application for the reasons given

ii. **16/09763/TCA** – fell and remove stump of 1 x Blue Atlas cedar tree at Ilchester Cottage, Church Road, Farley

Resolved: no objection

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

i. **16/06144/FUL** – proposed two and upper storey extension and alterations plus associated works at Green Hills Cottage, The Green, Pitton. **Approved 6th September 2016**

ii. **16/06840/FUL** – remove existing stables, change of use of land and erection of log style cabin to form new holiday let at 4 Forestry Cottages, Farley. **Refused 7th September 2016 – not linked to any**

specific countryside attraction, no suitable alternative buildings available for conversion first, unsustainable location, unjustifiable intrusion into open countryside.

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iii. **16/07340/FUL** – removal of spoil bund and construction of single storey building to accommodate facilities to support stable yard, offices and storage (For A2/ B8 and B1A use) at Bentleigh Farm, Dunstable Road, Pitton. **Approved 28th September 2016 with conditions** – “Permission attaches to the existing equine related enterprise (known as Bentleigh Farm), or for purposes ancillary and incidental to the residential use of the main dwelling, known as Bentleigh Farmhouse (which includes the use of the building as a home office) and it shall remain within the same planning unit as the main dwelling.”

iv. **16/07575/FUL** – two storey extension and alterations at Bells Cottage, Church Road, Farley. **Refused 19th September 2016 – significant alteration to the character and scale of existing, proposed fenestration on the south side would result in overlooking and loss of privacy to neighbouring property.**

v. **16/07742/FUL** – demolition of conservatory and porch, construction of rear lobby with porch. Kitchen extension to accommodate doors at Hillcroft, Pennys Lane, Farley. **Approved 16th September 2016**

vi. **16/07765/CLE** – certificate of lawfulness for single storey extension at Hillcroft, Pennys Lane, Farley. **Approved 26th September 2016**

124.16 To consider drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved: to defer this item for discussion at the next meeting

125.16 Highways matters

The Clerk advised that in the most recent newsletter, Parish & Town Councils are asked to remind landowners about the need to cut back and keep hedges and trees in trim so that they don't block sight lines or overhang the highway.

Please advise the Clerk of any tasks for the parish steward as possible.

A Farley resident has offered to improve the ditch and pipework outside his property in Church Road

Resolved: to note these reports.

126.16 Finance

a. *To note the bank balance as at 30th September 2016*

Resolved: to note this stood at £20649.98. This included the second tranche of the annual precept.

b. *To approve for payment a schedule of accounts in the sum of £1687.94*

Resolved: to approve for payment

c. *To note the updated 2016/2017 Budget Monitoring form*

Resolved: to note

d. *To note the half year bank reconciliation as at 30th September 2016*

Resolved: to note

e. *To consider estimates for a replacement an upgraded Parish Council laptop*

Resolved: to note the matter is ongoing.

f. *To note the external auditor's report for 2015/2016*

Resolved: to note no concerns raised, other than the observation that Box 9 on section 2 is incorrectly stated as £6133. This should read £9684, as the variance figure between the two years, rather than the total figure, was stated in error. The Parish Council will receive an invoice for £100.00 in due course.

127.16 To note the findings of the annual RoSPA inspection report of the play area in The Close

Resolved: to note the report, and undertake the recommendations. **Action:** The Clerk

128.16 To approve the Clerk's attendance at the SLCC Practitioners' Conference at Kenilworth in February 2017

Resolved: to approve, noting that costs would be shared 50:50 with Wilton Town Council, as before

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129.16 To respond to the Government's consultation on the possible introduction of the capping of town and parish council precepts

Resolved: to object strongly to this, as the parish council is a totally independent organisation, and does not rely on Government funding for any of its income.

Action: The Clerk to complete the survey.

130.16 To consider financing the training of two volunteers in the use of a strimmer on parish rights of way

It was noted that the Area Board is willing to provide the training for two volunteers in the parish in the correct way to use a strimmer on parish rights of way, if the Parish Council will pay the cost of £110 per person, thus costing a total of £220.00. The Clerk advised that there will be nothing left in the footpath maintenance budget for this year, once the materials are bought for the stepping of the Pitton/Farley footpath at the Pitton end, but there is £1400 available in the training budget (£1224 if the Clerk's training is agreed), and so £220.00 could be transferred to the footpath budget to cover the cost. The volunteers would be covered by the Parish Council's insurance.

Resolved: to pay for the training, and to transfer £220 from the training cost centre to the footpath cost centre to cover the expenditure.

131.16 To review and note other ongoing matters

a. Actions from Internal audit report – yet to reclaim the eon VAT

b. Registering title – nothing further to report.

c. Replacement toddler swing – the R2 funding of £986.00 has been approved, the toddler swing ordered at a slightly increased total price of £1873.50, and an initial site visit arranged for Thursday 27th October.

d. Replacement website editor – Sean McCarney, a Pitton resident has agreed to take on the editorship of the parish website from Doric in January, has received training and is currently shadowing Doric.

e. Pitton ward vacancy – Wilts Council electoral Services have confirmed that there was no request for an election, and so the Parish Council is free to co-opt a new member. Noting that local elections would take place next May, it was agreed not to fill the vacancy for the time being.

f. Proposed "Ring of Salisbury" parishes – no further news.

g. Litter & grit bins – these have been ordered and delivered. Cllr Lilley offered to contact Mr Parsons to request his help to install these items. **Action:** The Clerk and Cllr Lilley

h. Path Improvement Scheme Grant – no further news.

i. Various quotes – additional quotes for fencing, tree work, bark and grass matting in The Close are awaited.

j. Defibrillator in Farley – Cllr Lilley advised that a fund raising event would take place in the New Year, a number of residents were keen to help, and a few fund raising ideas had been discussed.

132.16 Dates of meetings

The dates of the next meetings are:

Wednesday 7th December 2016 in Pitton

Wednesday 25th January 2017 in Farley

Wednesday 15th March in Pitton (also Annual Parish Meeting)

Wednesday 10th May in Farley (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)

Wednesday 14th June in Pitton

Wednesday 26th July in Farley

Wednesday 6th September in Pitton
Wednesday October 18th in Farley
Wednesday 6th December in Pitton

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131.16 To note the dates of the next two ordinary meetings and those for 2017

- a Wednesday 7th December at 7.30pm in Pitton Village Hall
- b. Wednesday 25th January 2017 at 7.30pm in Farley Village Hall

132.16 To close the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

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.

