

Minutes of the Pitton & Farley Parish Council meeting held on 4th January 2012
at 7.30pm in Farley Village Hall

Present

Geoff Lowndes (Chairman)
Alan Shaw (Vice Chairman)
Tony Ashworth
Lyn Fredericks
Chris Hewitt
Jamie Latham
Sarah Strong
Steve Williams
Catherine Purves (Clerk)

No members of the public.

AGENDA

Apologies

None received

1.12 Minutes

- a. The minutes of the parish Council meeting held on 23rd November were approved as a correct record without amendment (*prop AS, sec JL, a.i.f.*).
- b. The minutes of the Budget & precept meeting held on 30th November 2012 were approved as a correct record without amendment (*prop AS, sec JL, a.i.f.*).

2.12 Declarations of Interest

Geoff Lowndes declared personal interest in the planning application S/2011/1899, being a trustee of the body submitting the application.

3.12 To receive reports from:

- a. Wiltshire councillor Chris Devine:
 - *South Wilts Core Strategy* – this will be considered for approval by the Cabinet on 17th January and forwarded to Full Council for endorsement and adoption on 7th February. Pitton & Farley civil parish is considered a sustainable area, but it is not earmarked for mass development. The Housing Policy Boundaries have been removed for this very reason, ie to prevent mass development on the edges of the villages, but incremental development eg social housing or bungalows for the elderly may be allowed, if the whole community approves.
 - *The Planning Committee* hasn't met for a number of weeks, as plans have not been referred, but if any plans causes concern, please contact Cllr Devine, and he will call it in.

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- *There is plenty of grit* available for adverse weather conditions.
- *Fire & Rescue service* – no threats to front line service, and there will be no increase in its precept for 2012/13.
- *The Joint Strategic Assessment* containing information and statistics about a wide range of social and economic topics is available to view on Wiltshire Council's website.
- *Neighbourhood Plans* – the existing Parish Plan could be updated.
- *Ware Farm* – enforcement action does not appear to be needed as the greenhouse has been removed.
- *Rubbish* – fortnightly collections will be introduced soon. Recycling is vital as the landfill taxes otherwise imposed would be unaffordable.
- *Wood waste* – Wiltshire Council is looking into this. Meanwhile commercial waste should be taken to the depot at Churchfields.

b. *Pitton Flood Action Group* – nothing to report.

c. *Pitton Village Hall* – Lyn Fredericks reported that the AGM will be held at the end of February. The new caretaker scheme is working successfully, and various alternative configurations are being considered for the kitchen lay out.

d. *Chairman's Report* – Geoff Lowndes:

- The issues concerning the caravan at Knightwood Kennels continue despite enforcement action, and the Greyhound Racing Board has been invited to give its ruling.
- 150 30mph stickers have been distributed in Farley. Only 5% have been utilised.
- The Pitt Rivers flooding report contained useful ideas and tips to mitigate the effects of flooding.

e. *Parish Clerk's report*:

- *The next Area Board meeting* will be held on Thursday 2nd February at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start in Winterslow Village Hall.
- *Wiltshire Council will be holding a Budget Planning meeting* on Thursday 2nd February at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start in the Guildhall Salisbury. [date subsequently altered]
- *Wiltshire Council's most recent Emergency Planning* newsletter issued in December, circulated previously.
- *Wiltshire Council has issued a CD* with tips and advice to attract members of the public to stand as councillors.
- *WALC will be increasing its subscriptions* this year, as its funding has been cut, but has undertaken to improve its service and give better value for money.
- *WALC will be holding a Planning Seminar* in Devizes on Tuesday 21st

February from 5.30pm to 8.45pm, venue to be confirmed, when the implications of the Localism Act and the draft National Planning Framework will be discussed.

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- *Code of Conduct* – The Monitoring Officer has issued guidance regarding this. Highlights include the need to Parish Council's to formulate and adopt their own Code of Conduct by July 2012, councillors to complete a re-formulated Register of Interests which should be displayed on the Parish Council's website, a councillor not declaring a personal and prejudicial interest will have committed a criminal act and Parish Councils will be able to apply their own sanctions to councillors found in breach of the Code, although the Monitoring Officer will still be responsible for investigating any reports of a breach. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting, when further information will be available for discussion. **Action: The Clerk**

4.12 Matters raised by the public

There were none.

5.12 Finance

- A schedule of accounts* in the sum of £437.41 was authorised for payment (prop GL, sec LF, a.i.f.).
- The updated Budget Monitoring form* for 2011/12 was noted.
- The availability of £3272.04 of R2 funding* was noted, all derived from developments in Farley.

6.12 Highways/Parish Steward/Footpath Matters.

- The parish steward now visits and when jobs need doing.* Highways have at last mended the drain and soakaway outside Parsonage Farm in Pitton, and white verge posts have been installed.
- The December report of jobs done* has not yet been received, but the grips need clearing, potholes outside the Post office and Pipers on the High Street in Pitton need filling. The road is breaking up outside the Smokery, and the ditches need clearing out along Ben Lane.
- Concern was expressed* about the state of the roads in the parish, and particularly at the junction of Church Road/Parsonage Hill/Pitton Road in Farley. The Clerk advised that the job is on the list of work to be undertaken, but Highways had suffered £600k cut in its budget during this financial year. Nevertheless, the Clerk was asked again to chase this outstanding matter. **Action: The Clerk**

7.12 Planning

a. *Councillors considered Application S/2011/1899/TCA* – to undertake various works to trees at the Wardenry, Church road Farley. **No objections** were raised.

Action: The Clerk

b. *Knightwood Kennels* – this item was covered in Chairman's report earlier.

c. *South Wiltshire Core Strategy* – councillors had noted Wiltshire Councillor Chris Devine's comments earlier, and decided not to make further comment or representations.

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8.12 Dog Control Orders

Councillors noted and welcomed the fact that Wiltshire Council proposes to introduce county wide Dog Control Orders in May 2012. The Clerk was asked to research appropriate signage at that time. **Action: The Clerk**

9.12 Review of other Ongoing Matters

a. *Aymers Pond* – the Clerk was asked to obtain quotes from local businesses to undertake the work, to investigate local waste removers and report back to the next meeting. **Action: The Clerk**

b. *Farley noticeboards* – the board at Farley Crossroads just needs new backing material. Nigel Lilley will be asked to update members at the next meeting about the board outside the Village Hall. **Action: Nigel Lilley**

c. *General maintenance* – in the Close – the Clerk was asked to contact the tree surgeon for a date as to when the work will be undertaken, and to write to David Parsons regarding the work required to the bus shelter in Pitton etc. **Action: The Clerk**

d. 30mph wheelie bin stickers have been distributed in Pitton.

10.12 Dates of next meetings

Wednesday 22nd February 2012 at 7.30pm in Pitton Village Hall

Wednesday 28th March at 7.30pm in Pitton Village Hall

End of meeting 8.55pm

