

Background Report Parish Council meeting March 2019

Public session and Item 35.19 Boundary Commission recommendations re review of Wiltshire Council

Cllr Richard Clewer will be present to answer questions about the Boundary Commission's proposals, and Wiltshire Council's response, which was agreed at an extraordinary Full Council meeting on Monday. Essentially, as I understand it, Wiltshire Council proposes that Pitton & Farley civil parish remains in the Southern Area Board area, and becomes part of a new Alderbury & Winterslow ward - in other words, no connection at all with Laverstock & Ford civil parish, nor with the Salisbury Area Board area.

Go here: <https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/documents/s159613/01AppendixA260319.pdf>

For the WC paper - scroll to page 19, and onto page 24 in particular.

36.19 Highways matters

- a. *Tasks for the Parish Steward/additional funding* - I have circulated a list of tasks that Wiltshire Council is happy to undertake, now that it has additional government funding available to it.
- b. *Metro data* - I have sent e-mails requesting the underlying statistics, and have telephoned with no response - I will now undertake an FOI request.
- c. *Speeding public meeting* - this has been organised by Cllr Fry for Wednesday 10th April at 7.00pm in Pitton VH.

Please note that the CATG meeting scheduled for Wednesday 3rd April has been cancelled due to lack of sufficient business. The next one is scheduled for Wednesday 19th June at 6.30pm at Bourne Hill.

WC Highways hold its annual meeting in Salisbury on Wednesday 8th May at 7.pm, venue t.b.c.

Wiltshire Council has resurfaced White Hill in Pitton almost from top to bottom, which should enable the red rubble strips to be installed in the next financial year. The C321 Between the two villages has been extensively patched in places, as has Parsonage Hill in Farley.

38.19 Parish Council Governance

These three documents need reviewing each year. As far as I'm aware. No amendments are required, other than those suggested in the System of Internal Control document.

The internal audit for 2018/2019 will take place on Friday 31st May.

39.19 Planning

- The Housing Needs Surveys have been received and distributed.
- I have received a planning application for consent to fell 1 x laurel at 10 David's Garden (it's in the conservation area). Deadline for comments is 18th April. I have loaded the documents into the meetings folder, as they are not yet available online.

40.19 Reports

- *Pitton VH Management Committee* - nothing to report. The next meeting is on Wednesday 22nd May.
- *Parish Clerk's report* - I have asked for two additional quotes for the replacement bus shelters from two local shed companies. These will be available for consideration at the next meeting.
- *Area Board report* - I attended the recent meeting held in Alderbury with Cllr Lilley. There was a discussion around affordable housing and the criteria that should be used to establish where and what should be built and for whom, plus a presentation on the Highways maintenance programme for 2019/2020. The next meeting is on Wednesday May 1st at Whiteparish Memorial Hall.

41.19 Flood Amelioration scheme

- *Updates* - the amendments and corrections to the draft SSP report have been sent to SSP, and I am awaiting the final report. SSP has so far been sent cheques totalling half the sum quoted for the work
- *WC Operational Flood Working Group* - the next meeting takes place on Wednesday 17th April at 9.30pm in Chitterne Village Hall.
- *Clarification re status of Aymers Pond* - I have contacted WALC about this, and am awaiting its response.

42.19 Ongoing matters

- a. *RoSPA report* - the play area enclosure boards need repairing. I will ask George Manston if he can do this.
- b. *Banking* - additional signatories and internet banking - the variation to the mandate has been sent to Lloyds, and I am awaiting confirmation of the additional signatories. Once that is received, I will apply for internet banking. Do all signatories - Geoff, Nigel, Jamie, Rod, Debbie wish to be authorisers?
- c. *New parish council website* - Ged will update.
- d. *Farley phone box* - Ged has chased this. The date of 31st March by which the box would be moved was a provisional one, and subject to change. I suspect the Council will need to keep up the pressure.