

PITTON & FARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES for of the Pitton and Farley Parish Council Meeting held on February 21st 2024 in Pitton Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Sarah Ackrill (Chairman)
Cllr Steve Williams
Cllr Christopher Devine
Cllr Mark Shepherd
Cllr Jonathan Peel

Also present: Cllr Britton

Four members of the public

Report from Cllr Britton: There was not much to report locally. The local casework involved an insurance claim against the council regarding Potholes. It was asked what members of the public should do in the case of car damage due to potholes and these are to be reported. The more reports, the more likely it is, that they will be addressed. The Precept was approved from the Council budget.

The Neighbourhood Police Officer was not present

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| 30.24 | Acceptance of apologies for absence |
| | Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record to be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Parish Clerk as it is usual for the grounds upon which apologies are tendered also to be recorded. Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are accepted. Apologies were received from Cllr Fredericks due to holiday. |
| 31.24 | Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests |
| | a. To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers. b. To consider any Dispensation Requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered. (Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e)) No declarations of interest of dispensation requests were received |
| 32.24 | Business Raised During Public Question Time |
| | To resolve to refer to any business raised by the public in public discussion, and any other matters or items of information from councillors or to resolve to agree on any other action. |

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| | <p>The flooded area on Lucewood Lane was mentioned and it has been reported to the steward. Action required: report to Highways that the culverts seem to have been blocked by the recent logging work and this ought to be rectified by the landowner</p> |
| 33.24 | Minutes – previously circulated |
| | <p>To resolve to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 24th January 2024 (Previously circulated) The council resolved to approve the minutes</p> |
| 34.24 | Planning and tree works applications |
| | <p>a. Council is asked to consider a response to the following applications notified at the time the agenda was issued:</p> <p>PL/2024/01375: Plum Tree Cottage, Church Road, Farley, Salisbury, SP5 1AH : Application type: Lawful Development: Existing Use> Consultation – Proposal: Existing use of land as Residential Garden Land, Ancillary to the Enjoyment of the Dwellinghouse. The council discussed the application and resolved to recommend a condition that the land was not raised and kept flat to prevent flooding of the nearby properties and highways.</p> |
| | <p>b. Council is asked to note planning decisions made by Wiltshire Council since the last meeting:</p> <p>Application Ref PL/2023/11031 - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area Address: CHURCH HOUSE, CHURCH LANE, PITTON, SALISBURY, SP5 1DJ Proposal: T1 - Hawthorn tree - fell. G1 - group of Apple and Cherry trees - formative prune; 20% thin and remove 0.75m from tops and sides to north. G2 - group of Apple trees in churchyard - cut back to boundary Applicant Name: Mrs Jenny Mosseri-Marlio Case Officer: Sue Morgan Decision Date: 22-01-2024 Decision: No Objection Then council resolved to note this.</p> |
| 35.24 | Playground Inspections |
| | <p>a) The discuss Inspections carried out by Cllr Fredericks and Cllr Peel and resolve on actions to be taken The council resolved that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the monkey bars needed to be fixed and that 3 quotes ought to be sought in order to make a decision on the next course of action ii) the bark mulch was shallow in places and needed to be thicker but this could possibly be achieved by moving the mulch present iii) 6 fence uprights were a little loose and these needed to be monitored and will require replacement if they deteriorate iv) Notices needed to be replaced. Cllr Peel to liaise with Cllr Williams (who has laminator) to replace these v) the foothold which was loose of the climbing wall has been removed. <p>It was resolved that a working party ought to be created after the next council meeting to have a ‘Spring Clean’ of the playground.</p> <p>b) To resolve whether we want to order the same company to do the inspection for the same time next year (awaiting quotes). It was resolved to discuss this at the next meeting once quotes had been received.</p> |

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| | <p>c) To note the bench installation in process. Council resolved to the note that the bench installation was in process and should be finished at the end of the week.</p> |
| 36.24 | Dun Valley Magazine |
| | <p>Council to resolve to identify items any additional items to be included in the next edition of the DVM. The council resolved to add a summary of the minutes of the meeting. Cllr Shephard to create an article on the History of the Farley Fox and send directly to editor of DVM. Sarah Davies to add some information about eh defibrillators and a possible date for training in Farley and in Pitton</p> <p>Council to note that a new editor has been found and will be liaising with Rod on the first few issues. The council resolved to note that Jane Cooksey will become the new editor of the DVM and will liaise with Rod for the first few issues that she is in charge.</p> |
| 37.24 | <p>Traffic Calming and Speeding Matters: Update from Ken Littlewood (Speeding Group)</p> <p>Council resolved to note the report from Ken Littlewood on Speeding:</p> <p>a) Community Speedwatch(CSW): The CSW team have the device 2 weeks a month (shared with Alderbury) and this seems to be effective. They are reporting any cars which are travelling at 36mph an above. There are a percentage of cars which are travelling between 30 and 36mph but these seems to be slowed by the presence of the CSW team.</p> <p>b) Village Gates will be installed in Lucewood Lane and on White Hill. Council will need to look at an application for gates on the other roads into the Village in this funding year. Council resolved to add this to the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>c) Speed Indicators Devices (SIDs) – these were previously being looked into and Ken is going to get an update from Paul Shaddock on the funding for these and latest progress</p> <p>d) Horse signs – these were being investigated as the Parish Council will need to fund the posts for these signs. This will again be added to the next agenda</p> <p>e) Reducing Speed from 60 to 40mph on the road between Pitton and Farley. An independant speed survey was carried out which proed that the average speed was between 30 and 40mph so in order to reduce the speed limit the funds would need to be provided by the PC and this would be very costly and could not reduce the speed limit to anything lower than 40mph. It was resolved to leave this at the present time and possibly revisit at a later date.</p> <p>f) Another Independent speed survey was to be requested on Lucewood Lane to assess the need for CSW in this area.</p> <p>Village Gates: Ref 13-23-04 and the report is that design work is underway and we will be notified when it is completed.</p> |
| 38.24 | <p>Flood Action Group</p> <p>Council resolved to note that : At present flooding does not seem imminent</p> <p>The Flood Warden reported that over the county 250 houses had been flooded. Pitton was still vulnerable but the flood level had reduced by 6m down to 91m at Lopcombe Borehole.</p> <p>There ws a question about why Southern Water were still active in the pumping station but it seems they are trying to fix a new pump</p> <p>Council resolved to note an informal complaint from member of public. Council resolved to contact the Environment Agency to come and inspect the area.</p> |

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| | <p>Council resolved to create a central record of all the flooding information that can be accessed by the Council, Flood Action Group and public so that information is readily available at all times to anyone who has a need. Cllr Williams to collate this information after liaising with the Flood Action Group.</p> |
| 39.24 | <p>Defibrillators</p> <p>Pitton: The council noted the report from Sarah Davies. Council noted that: the fuse has been replaced in the phone box. The council resolved to create a notice for the defibrillator that if there are any concerns to contact the clerk and if no reply the Community Heartbeat Trust in order to prevent independent persons damaging the defibrillator.</p> <p>Council resolved to note that the defibrillator present at eh Village Hall does not have the green light working due to a problem with the transformer. The defibrillator is in full working order.</p> <p>Farley: The council noted that a doctor living in Farley (Jessica Peebles) has taken over the running of the defibrillator. She has ensured that the Ambulance Service are aware of its presence and checked the battery and fuses so that it is in full working order. It is at present in the house of Jessica peebles because the casing of the machine was damaged when it was attempted to be used. The Community Heartbeat Trust are going to replace the box. Cllr Shephard to liaise with Jessica in order to clear the area of ivy and clean up the place where the box is.</p> <p>Sarah Davies and Jessica peebles to liaise with Cllr Ackrill to create another training meeting in Pitton and in Farley in May and June. This should raise much needed charity funds for upkeep of the defibrillators and possibly new defib at Farley Village Hall.</p> |
| 40.24 | <p>Parish Steward Council to identify areas to be covered by the Parish Steward and Cllr Williams to communicate these to the Steward. Cllr Williams to contact Highways regarding the humps on Pitton Road which are becoming larger with the increased rainfall.</p> |
| 41.24 | <p>Finance</p> <p>Payments to be approved – Council approved all the payments below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Pitton Village Hall: £25.80 per meeting (November 1st, January 3rd and February 21st): £77.40 b) Farley Village Hall: £18 per meeting (May/July and November 2023 and Jan 24th 2024): £72 c) Council noted that : HMRC update: Cllr Ackrill had written to request change of details. Cllr Ackrill to meet accountant next week to discuss PAYE and ensure payments made were all correct. |
| | <p>Council recorded the bank balance as £27,405.80 as of 15th February 2024 in the Unity Trust Account.</p> |
| 42.24 | <p>Matters raised in correspondence and updates</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Permissive Path – update and decision on next action. The Council noted that there was a footpath (PIFA33) which was not accessible near to where the permissive path was requested. Cllr Ackrill to contact the landowner to |

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| | ask about the permissive path and the footpath prior to contacting RightsofWay if needed |
| | b) Bridge on White Way – council noted the communication about possible damage to the bridge and that this had been reported to Highways |
| | C)Shop Group communication – council to note communication about grant Council noted that the Community Shop Group had contact the Council about adding £10000 to the Precept for the shop. The council noted that there was money in the budget for projects but that no grants could be granted to speculative projects at the present time as it was not in the interests of the entire Parish. |
| | d)Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Council noted the communication about this initiative and Cllr Fredericks (in absence) was to attend a meeting on this subject – forwarded to Pitton Nature Trust (meeting was 20 th February 2024) |
| | e)Bus stop books – Council noted communication from numerous members of the public about who manages the books in the Bus Stop as all of the children’s books and DVDs had been removed more than once. A note has now been placed in the Hub to try and prevent this happening f)Oak Close Farley – council noted a communication from the public about Oak Close. They asked again about the litter bins which would not close and the pruning of the cherry tree. Cllr Shaphard to assess all the litter bins in Farley and create an action plan for their mendng if required. Cllr Williams to report the pruning to the Steward and if not too late in the season this to be carried out. It was noted that this could have to be in the Autumn if it had already started to bud. g) The council resolved to add AOB from councillors to the agenda for the next meeting so that any questions of queries could be brought up at this time. |
| 43.24 | To close the public meeting and note the date of the next meeting |
| | The council resolved to note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday March 27 th 2024 at 7.30 in Farley Village Hall. |