

# Pen Selwood Parish Council

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## Committee Meeting

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### Minutes of the Committee meeting held at the Village Hall on Wed 10th September 2014

**Present** Cllr Fitzgerald (Chairman) Cllrs Jenkins, Young, Appleton, Steadman, Ashman.

Members of the Public- Anna Groskop, Chris Worrall, Hazel Baker and Tony Harrison.

**1 Public Open Forum-** No comments were forthcoming but Chairman invited contributions during meeting.

**2 Apologies for absence** – County Cllr Mike Beech.

**3 Notices of Interest-** None

**4 Approve Minutes of the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014-** Signed as a true record.

**5 Matters Arising-** A preliminary hearing of the Court had been held concerning Mr Young's possible eviction from the Church owned fields. Jenny Steadman said that no progress had been made in organizing Defibrillator training. Hazel Baker suggested copies of previous minutes be left on chairs for interested parishioners, Clerk to arrange. Brian Young said that he disagreed with the revised policy for minute distribution and following a discussion it was agreed that Councilors would be able to suggest amendments prior to signing, distribution to the public would now be after the next meeting unless all Councilors agreed a revised draft.

**6 To note deadline for Draft Housing Strategy feedback of 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014** – Data from the SSDC housing register suggested that there was no one waiting for housing in Pen Selwood (PSW) and that it was thought there would be little pressure to build houses in PSW because of the rural nature of the settlement. The results of the housing survey carried out for the Parish Plan were contradictory and it was decided to look at the possibility of seeking clarification via another questionnaire at the next Parish Council meeting. Anna Groskop said that Tim Cook would be able to help with the wording of a new questionnaire were it needed. It was agreed that no response was needed to the Draft Housing Strategy at present. Bryan Young wished it to be noted that he was opposed to the building of houses on prime agricultural land on a national basis.

**7 Planning Activity-**Andrew Jenkins gave details of two application(14/02592 and 14/02253) for The Hunters Lodge which had been approved, one retrospectively. A further application (14/03105) for a Wind Turbine at Bruton/Brewham had been opposed and our objection had been referenced in a national newspaper.

**8 Discuss any action required following SSDC Neospora awareness campaign.** – Following clarification of how the disease was spread it was agreed that an item should be included on the notice boards and in the Pen Paper to raise public awareness. Jenny Steadman agreed to place these items.

**9 Discuss possible nominations for Chairman's Award for Service to the Community.-** Peter FitzGerald proposed Cliff Clark and will make the nomination, seconded by Andrew Jenkins.

**10 Highways report** - Tony Appleton reported roads were in fair condition but that some tarmac had cracked where tractors and lorries turn regularly .This had been reported to Highways along with the blocked drain at the junction of Pear Ash Land and Bleak Street and the missing white lines at Higher Depty. The potholes at

Underhill had been filled but there were others just off the road surface that were becoming dangerous, the locations had been noted to pass to Highways.

The Sign for A303 at Encie Farm had been replaced at long last and it was agreed that verge cutting would be requested for the end of June next year. Major resurfacing works scheduled for the A303 would cause disruption to PSW and Tony would be posting details on the web site whilst at the same time request that a “quiet” road surface be used.

**11 Discuss and vote on applications for Co-Option to the Parish Council .-** One application had been received from Belinda Heale and it was voted unanimously to accept Belinda on the PC- The Clerk would pass on the decision to Belinda and make her aware of elections next May.

**12 Footpaths report-** Jane Ashman reported no action over the summer but reported that Hester would be moving from the village and Chris Worrall would take over. Peter thanked Chris for stepping forward.

**13 Neighborhood Plan Update-** Jenny Steadman reported that copies had been sent to all SSDC officials with an interest and that copies of the document would be left in the village hall for interested parties.

**14 AOB -** Jane had agreed to update web site aspirations and PC details and had made progress with this but asked PC to look at the site and check their own personal details were correct. Tony Harrison (a new resident to PSW) said that upon his arrival he had received a letter from the PC and a welcome pack and had been very impressed with the gesture.

Meeting ended 8.35pm

Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Signed as a true record**

**Chairman.....Date.....**

**Kevin Stow, Clerk to the Council**

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