

# 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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012

**Present** Cllr Fitzgerald (Chairman) Cllrs Jenkins, Rossiter, Appleton, Clark and Steadman

- 1 Public Open Forum.** No comments from public
- 2 Apologies for absence.** Cllr Young, Groskop and Beech
- 3 Notices of Interest** None
- 4 Minutes of last meeting** Approved and signed for 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012.
- 5 Matters Arising** Fence at Leigh Common still not resolved, Chairman to follow up with SSCC.  
Instructions for handling defibrillator to be placed on web site and in Pen Paper, 25 people have now been through training course **SR and JS**. Chairman proposed one minutes silence for Peter Llewellyn who had died recently (minutes silence followed) Regarding railings at Coombe Street (Peter Fitzgerald declared an interest in this item) Sharon had looked into obtaining grants from AONB and issued copies of proposed correspondence to all Councillors to vet before sending. Sharon had also obtained an estimate for the repair work the details of which were described to the council members. The total cost may be in the region of £4000 which we hope to have covered by grants.
- 6 Parish Plan Progress-Jane Ashman-** Jane gave details of the consultation process which was well underway and described the difficulty in obtaining the views of the young people of the village. Local issues have been grouped for the purpose of compiling the Questionnaire which the group hope to issue in April/May with analysis of the results thereafter. A draft Parish Plan will hopefully be available in November 2012. Chairman thanked Jane for her report.
- 7 Planning activity** -Andrew Jenkins gave details of planning applications at number 12/606/ful for Penstemons, Chapel Lane which had been supported with recommendations concerning building line and care of trees with TPO's attached to them. Council had also supported application number 12/194/ful which was for the creation of a pond at Moldram's Ground. Jenny and Peter had attended Draft Core Strategy meeting on that day held in Wincanton. The meeting was lengthy with housing plans for the area discussed in detail. The plan for 15590 new houses for South Somerset had been revised down by 2300 and the figure for building new houses in rural areas of the East of Somerset was set at 2400. At the meeting Mike Beech specifically asked if Pen Selwood could opt to have no development and he was advised that this was our prerogative.
- 8 Footpaths and Highways Update- Sharon Rossiter and Tony Appleton.** Sharon has had the footpath booklet printed and has distributed it to footpath maintenance volunteers seven of whom met at Sharon's house to discuss the contents. Details of volunteers will be forwarded to Eve Wyn and all but one have signed the forms to give them Insurance cover whilst undertaking the work. Sharon to set up a footpath section on the web site for villagers. **SR. Highways** Tony advised that all potholes notified at the last meeting had been repaired and that the ditch at Pear Ash had been cleared out blocking the drain in the

process. Tony would report this to Highways. A speeding survey was to be carried out on the road close to the Hunters Lodge and the results will be passed to us when it is complete. HGV sign at Long Lane will be in place soon and a road cleaning vehicle was seen in the village recently.

- 9 Silton Wind Farm - Jenny Steadman-**Jenny had attended recent public consultation meeting and had spoken on behalf of the village outlining our concerns and objections to the project. A further Public consultation was to be held at Sturminster Newton on 18<sup>th</sup> September.
  
- 10 Moorhays Enquiry-Jenny Steadman .** Jenny had also attended this public enquiry on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March where the plans for two wind turbines were discussed. The main objections came from Wincanton Racecourse but Jenny also voiced the concerns of the PSW villagers. Result expected in 6 to 8 weeks..
- 11 Review of “cut your speed” and clean up verges initiative in Pen Paper-** Cliff Clark said several parishioners had expressed their agreement with the 'keep your speed down' plea in The Pen Paper and with the observation that some of the younger offenders may be horse owners from outside the village. Two people [one a resident horse rider] had suggested that Somerset Care workers were culpable. **JS and CC to monitor**
- 12 Jubilee Update and PC Contribution.-** Andrew Jenkins reported that a tent and tables were ordered, food arranged and commemorative mugs had been organised for the village children. Also entertainment had been booked and Charles Buckler will light the Beacon. The PC has budgeted for £200 to spend on commemorative item for the village. Tony Appleton will get together costings for a clock. A final decision on how to spend the £200 will be made at the next meeting.
- 13 AOB-**Clerk asked if he may attend a “preparing for audit” course at West Camel on 30<sup>th</sup> March at a cost of £20, council supported this.

**Meeting ended 9.19pm date for next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

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