

Pen Selwood Parish Council

Committee Meeting

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee meeting at the Village Hall on Wed 14th May 2014 7.30pm

Present Cllr Fitzgerald (Chairman) Cllrs Jenkins, Clark, Steadman, Ashman,

Vice Chairman Andrew Jenkins was Chairman for this meeting.

1 Public Open Forum- Ian Steadman thanked the PC for its handling of the Pear Ash Lane / Underhill improvement initiative over the winter months. Both were now looking in much better condition.

2 Apologies for absence- Cllrs Appleton and Young.

3 Minutes of meeting held 12th March 2014 Approved and signed .

4 Matters Arising – None.

5 Planning Activity- Andrew Jenkins gave details of application number 14/00978/lbc at Leigh Farm where permission had been granted.

6 Highway report-Tony Appleton was not present but Andre Jenkins confirmed that the blocked drain outside his house had been located and South Somerset Highways were aware of the problem.

7 Neighbourhood Plan –Update and Progress Jenny Steadman- Jenny confirmed village plan interpretation of “large development” and asked PC members to pass to her their e mail addresses to add to the Plan.

8 To approve accounts as prepared by Clerk and for 2013/2014 and complete governance Statement and sign bank reconciliation .- Clerk ran through the bank reconciliation and asked chairman to verify bank statement balances. Accounts had been circulated to PC members prior to the meeting. Clerk then read the Governance statement out loud and asked the chairman to sign the report.

9 Footpaths Update- Jane Ashman gave details of 4 repairs made to damaged stiles funding for which had been met by the grant received at the end of the previous financial year. Dog gates had been installed into the new stiles.

10- PC Planning document ,revised draft-Covered in item 7

11 Agree wording for thank you letter to Pear Ash Lane and Underhill residents. Peter Fitzgerald had amended the letter and would forward to the Clerk to circulate.

12 AOB – Jane had some archive material for the PC .This was the splendid work of Richard Place to whom the Parish Council wished to record a vote of thanks for this valuable gift.. Peter would ask Richard if he had a more condensed version of the historic record for the PC to store. Peter mentioned the activity in the fields behind the Church Yard which had caused a stir in the village recently. He asked if the problem was within the mandate of the Parish Council. The general view was that it probably wasn't within the normal role of the Council but if the matter was raised by parishioners it was appropriate for the Council to inform itself and comment. The RSPCA had been alerted and had visited the village .The Agents for the land had also been contacted and solicitors were involved. Peter would check progress with RSPCA and Andrew would check progress with Land Agents and DEFRA.

Chairman.....Date..... Next meeting wed 9th July 2014 meeting ended 8.12pm