Approved minutes of the meeting of Pitchcombe Parish Council

in the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th December 2021

starting at 7.30 pm

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|  |  | Attendance recorded Parish Councillors Phillipa James (chair), Jamie Cross, Beverley Gorton and County Councillor Williams. No members of the public attended  District Councillor Job did not attend |
|  |  | Council recorded apologies for absence received from Parish Councillors Richard Pearson Nigel Shaw |
|  |  | Declaration of Interests in items on this agenda were invited in accordance -none |
|  |  | Public Session: Public session none |
|  |  | Council approved the Minutes of the meetings held on September 16th 2021 |
|  |  | Matters arising which are not on this agenda – for information purposes only (where matters are outstanding, there is a separate agenda item to allow for decisions to be made) |
|  |  | Reports from District Councillors -none available |
|  |  | Report from County Councillor Williams as distributed -highlighted the Build Back Better grant funding scheme  Meeting with Highways Manager regarding speeding issues and the dangerous junction (followed up with the Lead County Councillor). Issues with concealed entrances (no signs). This has also been followed up in writing to the Lead County Councillor for safety. A meeting with the Police Commissioner will be taking place on 11th December 2021. Other points raised including lowering speed limits which will help the environment and this matter has been going on for 20 years and matter has not moved forward. Parish Councillors felt that the different gradients, parked cars and bus stop causes difficulties for drivers. GCC have a map of accidents on display in their offices seen by County Councillor Williams, which shows clusters of accidents have increased since the junction has been completed and has been documented. Cllr Williams has offered to pay for a TRO from her individual 2022/23 budget.  It was confirmed that cars parked on footpaths are a police enforcement matter and should be reported under safety concerns.  Some wheelie bin stickers are available from County Councillor Williams. Some of her County Council budget will be used for PROW’s in 2022/23. Footpaths are also being described as overgrown along the A46. The No-Mow May initiative had a knock-on effect last summer |
|  |  | Council agreed its Precept/budget for 2022/23 in the sum of **£3640** |
|  |  | Council agreed the Finance reports and payment list as attached |
|  |  | Council agreed it wishes to instruct the **Clerk to increase the value for each bus shelter to £6k** |
|  |  | Council agreed it does not wish to support the “20 is plenty campaign” as it would not be practical at the present time. |
|  |  | Council agreed it does not wish to appoint a member / representative onto the Village Hall Committee under the terms of the Pitchcombe Village Hall Deed of Trust at the present time. The Council would be happy to receive a report to be submitted to the Parish Council |
|  |  | Council noted update on the Telephone box- It has been painted and fitted out with shelves. The grand opening is to take place on Sunday 12th December. A successful crowd-funding scheme and private donations have been received for funding so far. The Parish Council recorded its thanks to the Organisers. |
|  |  | Council noted update on the dangerous junction from Cllr James as per the County Councillor report |
|  |  | Council considered update on “Challenges for the future wellbeing of the Pitchcombe community” from Councillor Shaw -report received as distributed -cfwd to next meeting |
|  |  | Lurks Lane repair/maintenance email correspondence was considered namely a request has come from resident that the Parish Council to formally take charge of this. **Clerk to respond to resident stating that unfortunately due to budget constraints the Parish Council cannot facilitate this at the present time.**  Residents asked if broken lines could be put across the crossroads at Lurks Lane and Half way Pitch. Clerk to refer to Glos Highways as it reported as becoming dangerous when drivers do not recognise the crossroads. |
|  |  | Council noted that following email correspondence a request to have a grit bin at the junction of Halfway Pitch and Lurks Lane re-filled, has been logged on Ref 11341130 and assigned to the Area Highways Representative |
|  |  | Council agreed future meeting date on 24th March 2022 |
|  |  | Any other business for information purposes only -none |
|  |  | Close of meeting at 20.22 |