

The Monthly Meeting of the Pilton Parish Council  
was held in the Pilton Village Hall  
on Wednesday 2 July 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Kelly Sumner (In the Chair)  
Paul Warry (Treasurer)  
Dave Drew  
Elizabeth Elkin  
John Howe  
Roger Noble  
Jacquelyn Taylor  
Clerk

9 members of the public.

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mobile phones should be switched off please.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor John Howe.

**APOLOGIES:** MDC representative Councillor Nigel Hewitt-Cooper, Parish Councillors Robert Kearle and Audrey Brown, PCSO Guy Dury.

**MINUTES:** of the meetings held on 4 and 11 June 2014 were approved and signed.

The Chairman closed the meeting for the public to speak.

The Chairman opened the meeting.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Item 5iv Old Wells Road planning: Councillor Howe declared a personal interest (friend).

Item 12 Festival: Councillors Taylor, Howe, Drew, Noble, Warry, Elkin and Sumner declared a personal interest (ticket).

Councillor Drew declared in respect of planning applications "I do not have a declaration of interest but I might do in the future".

**PLANNING:**

14/23 2014/1038/FUL Erection of a building for use as storage by the Carnival Club – land adjacent Somerset View Farm, West Compton - FULL APPLICATION.

Councillors recommended unanimous APPROVAL.

14/24 2014/0804/FUL Extension to existing industrial/commercial building to provide five additional units – Meadow Farm, Mead Lane, North Wootton – FULL APPLICATION.

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Councillors recommended REFUSAL for the following reasons:

- 1 Additional traffic.
- 2 Access.
- 3 Narrowness of lanes.
- 4 Scale of the development.

MDC planning decisions and recommendations :

2014/0294/HSE Conversion of existing garage into independent relatives' annexe – Grey Gables – APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS.

2014/0609/TCA Proposed felling of an Ash Tree – Pilton House – TPO not required (No objection).

2014/0623/LBC 12no Photovoltaic solar panels on existing garage – Clematis Cottage – APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS.

2014/0805/TCA Removal of Yew Tree – Melo House – TPO not required (No objection).

Residential development of 142 dwellings – Old Wells Road – Informal Hearing – 8 July 2014: Councillors noted.

Mendip Local Plan Part 1: Strategy and Policies:- Consultation on Main Modifications: Councillors agreed not to comment.

Enforcement updates: The Clerk read an email from Councillor Hewitt-Cooper advising that the main priority in Pilton is Cock and Bull Drove which is moving forward in the background.

Avalon Cottage, Tanyard Lane: The Clerk read a copy email from Mr Michael Percy to Mr Dave Woodridge of MDC regarding the demolition date of the existing dwelling.

Count of Gypsy and Traveller Caravans: The Clerk advised Councillors that Mr Woodridge required a count to take place on 17 July 2014. Councillors agreed to send in the last count conducted by Councillor Noble.

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The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Woodridge and ascertain if the count could be circulated to residents.

#### **MATTERS ARISING:**

##### Highways:

Updates: The Clerk read an email from Neil Corp of SCC as follows:-

- 30mph signs – Chris Betty Traffic Engineer to reply.
- Neat Lane – works recently carried out to resolve drainage issues.
- Tanyard Lane – an inspection of the pipe has been arranged.
- Abbots Way – details of the surface water have been forwarded to Richard Needs of Taunton.

Matters to pursue: The Clerk was asked to report the following:-

- Neat Lane sides of road worn away.
- Abbots Way not fixed due to the drain on the main road.
- Pylle Road along to Winding Lake sides of road worn away.

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- Channel by Vicar's Cottage, Bread Street.

Fingerposts: The Clerk read an email from John Pratt and showed before and after photographs of the newly painted signpost at Muddy Lane. Mr Pratt advised that the ASBO's would be starting on the signpost at the junction of Lower Street and Cope Lane and that he would keep a photo record of all the signposts before and after painting.

Ford bridge: The Clerk read an email from Mr Pratt regarding the state of the ford bridge. Councillor Noble stated that this was mentioned on the "walkabout" in February. The Clerk was asked to report this to Mr Corp.

Cockmill Ford and Footbridge (5390604): The Clerk read an email from Paul Tucker (Bridges/Structures) SCC stating that the structure does need a little maintenance work and this will be added to the outstanding works database. The options for replacing the missing upstream parapet will be investigated and carried out at the same time. The Clerk was asked to enquire where this work appeared on the works database.

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Lamberts Hill fingerpost: It was reported that two arms were missing and it was agreed to place this item on the September agenda.

Speed Indicator Device – Whitstone Hill: The Chairman read a letter from Ms Jude Glide requesting Council's support for a permanent SID on Whitstone Hill. Councillors agreed and the Clerk was asked to write to Jeff Bunting of SCC with the request.

War Memorial: The Clerk reported that Andrew Pearce's quotation had been accepted and the work would be carried out by November 2014.

Bier House: The Clerk read a letter from Bartlett Gooding & Weelen confirming that the sale had been completed. The Clerk reported that the property had been purchased by Mr J Bancroft Clark.

The Clerk read an email from SALC stating "As the proceeds are a capital receipt, the sum will need to be held in an earmarked capital reserve and can only be spent on capital projects. Apart from that, there are no restrictions".

The Clerk read a letter from Margaret Miles requesting copy correspondence between Mr Bartlett and Mrs Fraser and also minutes of the Parish Council meeting when the Parish Council bought the Bier House. Councillors asked the Clerk to forward the letter to Mr Bartlett and SALC seeking their advice.

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Police Report: The Clerk read the Police report from 4 June to 1 July produced by PCSO Dury as follows:-

Youths being a nuisance in Bread Street; erratic driver in Cock and Bull Lane; anti-social-behaviour in Lower Street; disturbance in Cockmill Lane; three disturbances in Pylle Road; accident on Park Hill; driver under the influence of alcohol from Worthy Farm; traffic issues in Conduit Square due to stop/go signs; accident near the Apple Tree; concern for safety of a male near Lamberts Hill; accident at Beardly Batch; occupants of a vehicle being a nuisance in the village.

**FOOTPATHS:** Nothing to report.

## **FINANCE:**

Financial Statement: The Treasurer presented and explained the financial statement.

Cheques drawn:

001756	PWMC – hall hire	12.00
001757	Grant Thornton – audit fee	120.00
001758	HMRC – PAYE	159.00
001759	Mrs J Warry – salary	172.48
001760	Mrs W Lynn – salary	26.65
001761	R England – wages	38.31
001762	C Frewin – War Memorial plans	257.00

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Councillor Howe proposed that SALC provide a definition of 'capital projects'.

War Memorial Trust: The Clerk read a request for financial assistance. Councillors agreed to decline.

The Wildlife Trusts Somerset: The Clerk read a request for financial assistance. The Clerk was asked to obtain more information especially regarding the barn owl boxes and report to the September meeting.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

##### SCC – Temporary Road Closures:

- Bread Street and Pylle Road – from 7 July 2014 for 5 days – drainage works
- Woodlands Road and Coxbridge Drive, Baltonsborough/West Pennard – 24 July 2014

Application to position boulders on the public footpath SM 16/52: The Clerk read a letter from SCC requesting Parish Council's comments on an application for three natural stone boulders. Councillors were in favour and the Clerk agreed to respond.

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Somerset: Our County 2013/14: The Chairman agreed to study the letter from SCC and report back to Council.

##### Circulation:

- Rural Services Network 2, 9, 16, 23 June
- Rural Services Network – Spotlight on small businesses
- Rural Services Network - Rural Opportunities Bulletin
- Rural Services Network – Rural Vulnerability Service
- Rural Services Network – Spotlight on Young People in Rural Areas
- Historic Towns Forum June Newsletter
- Parishes Information Bulletin – June 2014
- Local Council Review – Summer 2014
- Neighbourhood Plan Area Applications

Councillor Howe was given the documents to read.

#### **BURIAL GROUND:**

Maintenance reports: Councillor Drew produced the maintenance reports which were all fine.

Ownership of hedge: The Clerk reported speaking to Harvey Bailey who stated that it was too early to cut the hedge and that he was trying to establish ownership. He also said it was too early to prune the Cherry Tree in the Burial Ground.

Councillor Noble stated that the grass in the overflow area was long again and it was agreed to ask Mr Bailey to cut it.

Memorial application – Hampson: Councillor Warry explained that an application for a desk vase tablet rather than a headstone had been received. Ron England had confirmed that this would not hinder grass cutting. Councillors agreed to approve the application.

#### **ITEMS FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION:**

##### Roundabout report:

The Bier House and Capital projects

Date of next meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting for the public to speak.

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Planning application: The Clerk reported that a retrospective planning application had been received for return by the 17 July 2014. Councillors asked the Clerk to try for an extension.

#### **FESTIVAL:**

GFL Minutes of 3 June 2014 – circulated:

Points for discussion at Post Festival Meeting by 18 July 2014: Positive and negative sheets were handed to the Clerk for summarising and forwarding onto GFL.

Post Festival debrief meeting – Monday 28 July 2014 at 6pm: The Clerk read an email from Teresa England stating that although the Roundabout had been missed posters would be placed around the village.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 6 August 2014 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.46pm.

**The minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2014, were approved and signed by the Chairman Robert Kearle at the meeting on 6 August 2014.**

**Council**

**Jean Warry, Clerk, Pilton Parish**