

Chairmen's Report

Welcome every one

It has been another busy year with a lot of planing and loads of e-mails. Most of the planing has been rather easy to deal with but we have still had a few controversial applications

The Ford foot bridge has finally been completed and to a very fine standard after a long and difficult battle with county, now we can start pushing for the Cockmill bridge to be restored !

The burial Ground is in great shape, many thanks To Ron England and Dave Drew

A huge thank you to the ASBO team and Steve Bowler for looking after the parish foot paths and for restoring the finger posts

Thank you to Scott for all the website work he does for us

A huge thank you to Karen for all her hard work and dedication and for keeping us all on the straight and narrow !

and Thank you to all my fellow councillors

PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 2016

	2014/15	2015/16		2014/15	2015/16
RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE		
Precept	8,000.00	8,000.00	Clerk salary	2,588.00	4,088.17
Bank interest	13.03	18.28	Insurance	979.26	804.40
Council Tax support grant	<u>324.28</u>	<u>239.79</u>	Sundries	3,281.12	2,013.32
			Grants	<u>100.00</u>	<u>2,800.00</u>
SUB-TOTAL ADMIN	8,337.31	8,258.07	SUB-TOTAL ADMIN	6,948.38	9,705.89
			Burial Secretary salary	320.00	369.96
Burial fees	<u>770.00</u>	<u>810.00</u>	Maintenance	<u>1,005.16</u>	<u>538.26</u>
SUB-TOTAL BURIAL	770.00	810.00	SUB-TOTAL BURIAL	1,325.16	908.22
			Election costs	0.00	1,171.06
Sale of Bier House	30,373.00		Projects (Fingerposts)	0.00	2,442.36
			War Memorial	7,337.00	0.00
VAT refund		888.36	Post Office subsidy	<u>400.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>
SUB-TOTAL OTHER	30,373.00	888.36	SUB-TOTAL PROJECTS	7,737.00	4,213.42
			Total Expenditure	<u>16,010.54</u>	<u>14,827.53</u>
Total Receipts	<u>39,480.31</u>	<u>9,956.43</u>			
Opening balance (01.04.15)		<u>37,330.62</u>			
Receipts and Expenditure		<u>-4,871.10</u>			
Closing balance (31.03.16)		<u>32,459.52</u>			

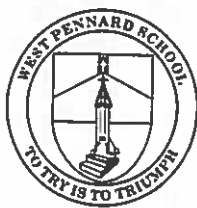
CAPITAL FUNDS

Included in the above balance is £22,836 of Capital Funds arising from the sale of the Bier House in 2014/15 less costs of War Memorial improvements - this can only be expended on Capital Projects. A commitment in principle of £10,000 funding towards the proposed multi-use games area at the Playing Fields has been made.

WEST PENNARD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Members of Pilton Parish Council

Report from West Pennard CE Primary School April 15-April 16

Summer Term 2015

As always the summer term was extremely busy as classes worked hard, teachers embarked on the marathon of SATs and report writing and there were many events to look forward to and prepare for. It was also notable as the term we said farewell to Mrs Caroline Amor who, after twenty-six years' service, made the decision to resign after what can only be described as a traumatic eighteen months following the untimely death of her husband. Everyone who attended Caroline's leaving tea party will have been touched by how much she meant to everyone and we will all miss her dearly.

There were many other highlights, however, and as always, the key stage 2 end of term performance was fantastic. 'Ye Ha!' showcased the very talented year 6! The play was hilarious and the actors showed such comic timing, confidence and enjoyment. They epitomised what can be achieved with effort and application. Miss Hammerton directed the play superbly to ensure we were all left with a lasting memory of a great group of pupils. At the end of term we said farewell to our Year 6 in a Leavers' service in St Nicholas Church and in our final Leavers' assembly. The group of pupils made super progress during their time at West Pennard and achieved an excellent set of SATs results. When I look back I am always amazed by how much the children mature in their final year and, for some, their journey was incredibly moving. We will miss them and I know with every confidence they are well prepared for the next stage of their education.

Our summer events went ahead despite a couple of weather related glitches. The year 6 residential, sports day and sports week, country dancing on the Cathedral Green and forest school days were highlights. After all that action the children and staff were ready for their holidays after another successful year.

Autumn term 2015

The new academic year began well and the school continues to thrive with a full reception class and a rising roll. Our youngest children settled well and our year 6 children also stepped up to the mark very competently indeed. They were excellent hosts at our open morning and led the Harvest Festival and Carol Service superbly.



Our focus this term has been on improving our spelling. We used an INSET day after half term to put together an action plan and we evaluated our progress in an INSET day at the beginning of the spring term. Spelling is definitely high profile and we are hopeful that this thrust on developing spelling competence will result in improved outcomes across the board. One highlight of the term was our enrichment week which focused on one of the history units of 'Ancient Greece.' The school explored the ancient civilisation through a variety of different mediums and the children also designed and made a mosaic. As always, the quality of the work was amazing. The week ended with Mr Wheat's 'Ancient Greece' Mastermind competition where the children were able to demonstrate their accomplished knowledge of this period of history.

The term ended with the infant nativity 'Gold, Frankincense and Mirth', this was well directed by Mrs Helen Morley who was ably assisted by Mrs Dorothy Robinson. Miss Naomi Hammerton led year 6 in putting together a traditional Carol Service with Year 6 taking the lead roles quite superbly. I was so proud of all the children. Their behaviour, singing, oration and acting was outstanding and very moving. The choir was also invited to sing at the Advent Service in Pilton Church. Our children, quite simply, stole the 'show'. The quality of their singing, their demeanour and reverence was, again, outstanding. Thank you to Miss Hammerton for the superb way she directed the choir. It was also wonderful to enjoy the last day of term with our traditional whole school Christmas lunch. Year 6 had their lunch separately in their classroom where they were waited on by staff members. They then acted as waiters and waitresses for the rest of the school which meant service and clearing up was slick. The term ended happily with staff and pupils looking forward to their Christmas holidays and thoroughly deserving of the festive break.

Spring term 2016

The spring term, as usual, was very busy with fewer distractions than the other terms. The children have worked extremely hard and, although a short term relatively speaking, they made good progress. Teachers, however, are under a great deal of pressure as they seek to deliver on a curriculum with the requirement of higher standards but with a testing regime that has yet to be thought through.

One of the highlights of the term was the 'Colour and Light' science based enrichment week. The week began with a 'Wow!' assembly led by Mr G. who entranced the children with a series of entertaining and thought provoking experiments. Mr G. then worked with each class during the day on a range of experiments including bending light, splitting white light, and glow in the dark science. During the week each class investigated colour and light in a variety of ways and learning took place across the curriculum. This included 'colour' poetry, the study and recreation of art work by Mondrian and Paul Klee, designing and making multi-coloured glasses and rainbow streamers, drawing self-portraits reflected in spoons and blowing bubbles! The children were also set the challenge of making a kaleidoscope or a periscope. The variety of different designs brought into school were a sight to behold. One child even made a kaleidoscope out of a potato! On the final day the children presented the work they had undertaken during the week in a special sharing assembly attended by the Chair of Governors, Mrs Sylvia Smith.

Our annual book week, to coincide with our visiting book fair and World Book Day, was another highlight. The children dressed up as book characters, created books of their own (Year One's 'Gooney's Adventure on Planet Zog' was amazing!) and had the opportunity to design book covers with 'West Pennard' in the title. Yet again, our children's creativity was to be commended.

The term ended with an Easter service in the school hall planned by Mrs Morley and Miss Hammerton. As always the service was very moving with readings, superb singing and dance to tell the Easter story. An important part of the service was the sharing of food and the children loved the mini-eggs! We all departed ready for our holiday after a busy term ready to recharge our batteries for the summer term ahead.

Numbers on roll

At the time of writing we have 206 pupils on roll and an over-subscribed reception class for September, which is good news, although we can only admit 30! We still have a small number of available spaces across the school that we do need to fill to meet our 'magic' number of 210 pupils as this directly affects our levels of funding and the opportunities we can offer pupils. We are not alone in facing budgetary pressures and this is our Governing Body's sole concern in the current financial climate. We just managed to set a budget this year without making cuts but the future, unless there is a political will to ensure schools are fairly funded, looks grim.

Summary

The school continues to be high performing with an outstanding team of staff and super children. It is the 'golden moments' that live on in the memory and make West Pennard Primary School the special place it is.

We have forty-nine children on roll at the current time who live in Pilton, East & West Compton or Pylle. The children are very proud of their school and would be delighted to show members of the Parish Council around and tell you about the curriculum and what it is like to be a pupil at West Pennard. Please give me a call if you would like to find out more about us. You would be very welcome.

Pilton Bus Escort

Thank you once again for agreeing to my request for funding to enable an adult to travel on the Pilton Bus to and from school each day. So far we haven't had any interest. The funds remain in a ring-fenced account and, I am hoping, that a suitable person may come along in the near future to fulfil the role.

Yours sincerely

H. Burchell

Helen Burchell
Headteacher

Pilton Parish Council Meeting – April 2016

Footpaths are a valuable resource available to us all. Some have been around for centuries and others have interesting histories. Pilton has around 50 footpaths/bridleways from The Fosse Way in the east to Lower Westholme in the west, Old Wells Road in the north to Stickleball hill in the south.

The responsibility to keep footpaths clear and well maintained and stiles and bridges are in place and in good working order is with the landowner. Although most landowners take this responsibility seriously, they do not all do so and so some maintenance and repair work is done by other groups or organisations.

- Pilton Asbos – group of local people who keep footpaths clear and walkable
- Mendip Ramblers – may replace stiles
- Bridleway users – get involved with bridleway maintenance and repair
- Somerset CC – Major work, bridge and stile repair and replacement.

Pilton Asbos work is overseen by the footpath sub-committee chairman and comply with defined risk assessment, health and safety requirements and procedures. Their annual report shows that they tackled 16 different footpaths in 2015 for 118 hours work. They get some financial backing from the Parish Council and the Pilton Show Grants committee.

If anyone has any issues with any Pilton Footpaths please contact me or any Parish Councillor or Somerset CC. If it's a simple maintenance issue, the work will be scheduled with the Asbo team.

Thank you to all the members of the Asbo team and footpath sub-committee for the work they have done and in the past year. Remember, always carry some clippers to cut back any stray growth when you walk around Pilton footpaths.

Steve Bowler

Buy cider/apple juice

Pilton Parish Council Footpaths 2016

A Status Report

In Pilton Parish there are 47 footpaths a few of which are bridleways. I have walked each one over the last six weeks and covered around 38 miles. There are some wonderful views to be taken in and plenty of scope for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy a good walk. With the recent wet weather there is still a lot of surface water and mud around but the majority of this should improve over the next month or so.

Appropriate clothes and footwear should be worn when walking the paths and a pair of secateurs may come in handy for stray brambles.

This report is primarily for the Parish Council to decide the priorities of work and instruct, if appropriate the ASBO Team to do what is needed. Some action may require a Council letter to be sent to the landowner if more than cutting back is required.

It has to be said that the majority of landowners appear to be keeping the land which paths are on in a good state.

The Footpath numbers **FP** referred to in this report come from the Parish footpath map. To make sure you are reading about the appropriate path I suggest you visit the village website and look at the map which is on the Footpath section.

More general points are mentioned at the end of this report.

FOOTPATHS

FP1 This path is generally okay but vegetation around stiles needs cutting back in late spring.

FP2 Like path 1 this is okay but the vegetation will need cutting back in late Spring.

FP3 Starting at the top road in the village the steps down to the stile need attention and would improve with some gravel on them. In the field there are some huge bramble bushes that almost obliterate the path, so as a matter of some urgency these should be cut to create a wide enough path through. The stile at the end of the field leading to the bottom road needs attention to the upright supports and a rocking footplate!

FP4 The footpath from Burford is accessed through two gates before coming to a stile on the ridge. This stile has barbed wire on the top horizontal bar and needs to be removed. Just inside the next field is a second stile where there was once a hedge! It is suggested that as with FP5 this stile is removed and

utilised elsewhere. At the bottom of the path the route is badly blocked by building rubble, logs and sheet-metal. Although access is possible it is hazardous to walk across. The landowner should be requested to free up access by clearing the designated path.

At the bottom stile a small stream cascades down over the steps and makes this very slippery and dangerous to negotiate. This hazard has been mentioned before.

FP5 Starting at West Compton through the first field the path is covered in brambles and is a mess. At the top of the second field on this path there is a double stile but only one hedge! The relevant stile should be removed and utilised elsewhere. A lot of cutting back is required on most stiles.

FP6 Starting at the B3136 opposite FP7 the stile here needs a little attention. The map indicates that the path follows the left hand side of the fence down the field but part way down there is a wire fence with no way to get through. It is suggested that unless a stile can be put into the fence then the gate in the middle of the field should be used.

FP7 Most of the stiles are in good order but need degrees of cutting back. Way marker signs are needed.

FP8 In reality this path and the map do not match. The path appears to have been diverted to allow for a garden extension.

FP9 At the entrance/exit to East Compton Farm a Fingerpost has come adrift and it needs fixing back to the post after clearing away some Ivy and Brambles. Otherwise the footpath to the boundary seems ok .

FP10 The farmer still puts farm equipment across the path but it can be walked around. All stiles require clearing in late spring.

FP11 The Ridge Lane stile is in a poor state but as the gate is not often on there is not a major problem. This needs monitoring over the summer months. The first stile at the second field was cleared and is okay to use.

FP12 This path is clear and has no problems.

FP13 The access to this footpath from the A361 has been moved so that it is opposite FP12. It is felt that this has been done to prevent walking on the roadside which appears sensible and agreeable. A small amount of cutting back around stiles is needed.

FP14 Clearing around stiles is needed and should be done in late April.

FP15 Starting at Top Street this is a short path but is well walked. It is currently clear but will need regular checking to prevent brambles and Ivy growth from obstructing the path. The signpost at the A361 end needs adjusting.

FP16 Apart from clearing at each end stile the remainder of this path needs no work at present.

FP17 This path does get muddy but it is generally clear and needs no work at present other than a Hazel tree about 10 metres above the weir that needs attention before it collapses on the path. The owner should be contacted.

FP18 The path in places is wet and muddy and stiles need clearing of brambles and small branches.

FP19 The steps from the end of B3136 need clearing as the current state is dangerous. The stile in the field at the top of the steps is not used nor needed as the field has been opened up giving free access to the West Compton Road. The stile should be utilised elsewhere to best effect.

FP20 This is a short path that is okay but the stiles will need clearing in late Spring.

FP21 There is a lack of directional signs on this path and this could be remedied by one small post put between the second stile and the top of the hill. This is an issue to gain the landowners permission, as the sign should be of good quality and strategically placed.

FP22 The first gate (no stile) has no way markers and is not easy to negotiate with extremely muddy ground. Other stiles require clearing of small branches except the last gate on the Parish boundary. The last stile requires a new footplate.

FP24 A degree of cutting back is required around a wooden bridge where there is a small tree that appears to have lost most of its roots by the stream. This should be dealt with by the landowner who will need to be contacted.

FP26 The requirement for cutting back around all stiles needs to be monitored and the wood close to the A361 would benefit from the path cleared of branches.

FP28 From the start at Stickleball Lane the path is clear but will need trimming in mid summer. Two stiles close to the old railway track are no longer needed and the landowner has agreed that they could be utilised elsewhere.

When the metal/concrete road is reached there are no path directional signs so a fingerpost on the far side of the road is recommended. The three trees in the middle of the field require a new way marker sign lower down on one of the trees.

FP29 This path is clear and currently requires no work.

FP30 All this requires is that the stile at the start of the path needs clearing.

FP33 Some of the vegetation around stiles needs cutting back.

FP34 The short path by the new house would benefit from some wood chipping's on the path and the entrance to the field cutting back.

FP35 Starting at the Neat Lane entrance this path is clear at the moment but around mid May will require some clearing work. At the other end of the path onto Platterwell Lane this will also need a bit of attention around the same time.

FP36 This path is quite long and all stiles appear in good order. The clearing of vegetation around stiles will be needed later on especially the one over the stream. Two fields in from West Compton the path goes alongside a fence. Here it is quite muddy and there are many brambles across the path that require cutting back.

FP37 From the Ridge road to the Old Wells road this is really a bridleway. The section from the junction to the old Railway bridge at B3136 is only suitable as a footpath. It appears to be well used and would certainly need cutting back in early summer.

FP39 This is a bridleway that goes along Folly Lane, at the back of Folly wood, until it reaches the Parish boundary. The views at the end are most pleasant and it is unlikely that there would be any work to do until late autumn.

FP40 This bridleway connects Mount Pleasant to Copse Lane. It is used by a lot of people but it is often very wet because of the overhanging trees. Currently there is a lot of debris on the path and in parts is churned up through the possible use of a small tractor or quad bike.

FP42 From Copse Lane to the Milne family property the path is strewn with blown down branches that need tidying up. One bush in Milnes garden needs cutting back to allow safe walking. This path quickly gets overgrown so will need to be closely monitored over the summer.

FP43 This is designated a bridleway but is heavily used as a footpath. Generally it is ok but there is a latch missing off a gate opposite the Maws property.

FP44 At the head of the private driveway there is a need for clearing of the sign to ensure that later on it is visible to all.

FP45 This footpath is short but clear and okay.

FP46 This is a delightful path but it is very wet and in some places more like a stream! It is very muddy and quite steep so walkers need to exercise caution when using the path. Many plants in the middle make it tricky to negotiate. Clearing of this path in early summer is recommended.

FP47 The road entrance to this path needs a good clearing. The first 250 yards of this path, is and always has been very muddy. Up until twelve months ago it was also a mess but after clearing a lot of large trees on the one side it has become much improved. There are lots of small branches across the path and it could do with a good clear up. The first stile at the end of the wood needs a bottom footplate and the stile needs generally cutting back. The stile at the end of the first field requires a little cutting back as it is covered in brambles. The top half moon horizontal bar needs replacing as it is rotten! The

stile at the Parish boundary is quite difficult to get over and therefore needs a piece of wood put on the footplate.

FP48 This path requires generally tidying up with some hanging branches needing to be cut from the overhead trees. The grass bank at the top needs cutting.

FP49 The shortest path in the parish just needs some cutting back.

FP51 From the Pylle side of Platterwell Lane end, the steps up to the first stile is in need of some maintenance. Once this has been done more gravel is required to backfill the steps. If the ground around the steps and the hedge were to be heavily cut soon this would keep most other work at bay until autumn.

At the far side of this field the hedge is a problem. There is a gate loosely placed against a gap in the hedge supported by some vegetation! One of the spare stiles could be placed here and a fence built up to the edges. I have spoken to the landowner and he generally agrees with the idea.

The field after the orchard which belongs to Mr Loxton has a fence erected at very close proximity to the footpath. The vegetation has grown over the path making it almost impossible, if not uncomfortable to walk. A width of 1 metre should be cut back to allow free access along this field.

The far side of the next field a really good job has been done of hedging and ditching but it does mean that there is now a ditch at the base of the stile ! Either a short wooden bridge across the gap or a short concrete pipe covered over would help here.

All vegetation around stiles should be cut back in early summer.

FP52 At the Pylle end of this footpath the stile will need some work on the wood during the next six months. If it could be done the ground on the field side of the stile could do with building up as the step is a long way down and could easily result in a fall.

Two stiles along the path towards Pilton, one stile is sloping and looking unstable although it appears solid enough to climb over. At the end of the next field and at the entrance to a narrow covered part of the path, the stile is unstable and needs work on it. Along this part of the covered way there are many branches littering the path that need tidying up.

FP53 This path is clear but when walked it was extremely muddy and well rutted. On the two bends it was completely awash with a great deal of water.

FP54 This path seems okay but needs a few new way marker's particularly where it meets FP53 where the gateway is not good.

GENERAL

Plastic way marker signs are needed either where there are none or where the existing signs have been broken or have been poorly sited.

The top of one stile and a footpath marker sign have been damaged by a flail. Where this is the case we should cut and lower part of the hedge to prevent it happening again.

There are a growing number of galvanised metal gates appearing. Whilst they may ultimately last longer than wood, they do not blend in. If they were placed into a metal fence then that is fine, but to have them in the middle of a hedge or along a wooden fence makes them out of place.

Cutting back vegetation or replacing damaged gates or stiles is work that the ASBO Team can do. There are some aspects in this report that require the Parish Council to agree and if so, write to the appropriate landowner to get the work done.

John Pratt
ASBO Team

The Annual report of Gabriel's Community Orchard Pilton 2016.

For the Annual Parish Meeting.

The last year has been a busy one for Gabriel's Orchard and its volunteers. We have held well attended monthly working parties at the Orchard to carry out the various seasonal tasks, which need to be done.

The size of the fruit crop was very good last year not only for us but also locally. We successfully bottled 275 bottles of orchard apple juice, and made over 200 litres of cider, both of which continue to sell well, and thus create an income stream for the Orchard. We also were able to juice apples and bottle it for some other residents in the village using our equipment.

We owe a big "thank you" to Philip and Gill Eavis, who store our equipment for us and host our juicing and bottling sessions, and also of course Maurice and Christine Davies, who store the finished product for us.

There is still an interest in what we do outside the Village. At present a researcher from Sheffield Hallam University is very interested in the orchard as it gives excellent opportunities to study different varieties of "heritage" varieties and their rates of growth.

A new development this year was to hold a traditional Wassail in conjunction with Pilton Village History Group. This was masterminded by Steve and Maureen Tofts, and included morris dancers, and a mummers' play at the Village Hall, followed by a blazing brazier, bar, and traditional ceremony up at Gabriel's Orchard complete with Pilton Community Choir. We estimate that over 200 people attended. It was such a success that we have been asked to hold it again next year.

Gabriel's Orchard is run by its Managing Trustees. These are

Richard Raynsford (Chairman), Jim Dowling (Treasurer), Joe King (Secretary). Christine Davies, Chris Nicholson, and Mike Mayhew.

15.4.16

SLL (1.25%)

S Price Board now up & running - hopes to secure a self-prescribing authority in next 12 months - await Gov legislation.

Adult Social Care - largest single expenditure item - 27% of LT
will keep up with inflation only - living wage problem - hope for positive
policy from Somerset Together (SLL + NHS policy budgets)
Problems with Adult Social Care shared ^{at least partially} with new
management although look of social Wales pos' only however 40 have been recorded
since May 2015

Devolution - positive news from central government ~~last week~~ which
encourages, likely to hear more in next 4/6 weeks but question
Mays for South West still problematic.

Harshley Point - Who knows.

Finance & remains a very serious problem although budget balanced end of 2015

MDC Report – April 2016.

It's been another challenging year for local authorities, though as far as Mendip is concerned we see our neighbours in far worse shape than we find ourselves in. Back in May last year I held my seat for a third term, something I feel honoured to have been charged with, and this came with the promotion to chairman of the planning board, considered by some to be the poison chalice, but nevertheless an aspect of the job I find fascinating. Mendip saw a raft of new faces, and the current cabinet members have carried across from the last term, continuing to work to produce a balanced budget without getting ourselves into debt.

Going forward we know there will be challenges, but feel well able to cope. There is still a healthy emergency fund of around £3 million, in case of any unforeseen problems, which is in place to protect us further. Our staffing levels are currently at approximately 180.

We have this year opted to raise council tax for the first time in several years, imposing a 1.75 % rise on the Mendip proportion of the council tax. For reference, each 1% rise represents an increase in funding to Mendip of around £60k.

Last June, Fusion took over the running of the leisure centres. At the outset and as part of the contract, they agreed an investment of £1 million, and have already spent in excess of this, and the investment has been obvious, certainly in Wells, where my children swim.

The offices in Shepton, known as The Hub, now have over 30 different public service providers occupying our excess space, including Somerset County Council (including the registration service), Avon and Somerset Constabulary, Capita, The Landscape Group, South West Audit Partnership, Shepton Mallet Town Council, Health Connections Mendip, To Health, and Mendip YMCA. This unique project enables us to draw revenue in the form of rents from the space we weren't using.

Mendip is one of the county's top performers when it comes to encouraging the building of much-needed new homes and bringing empty properties back into use. New government figures show that there were 620 new homes built across the district between October 2014 and 2015, making Mendip one of Somerset's best performing local authorities. Of these new homes, 252 were affordable homes – the highest figure in the county. Mendip also brought 35 empty homes back into use during the same period, putting us at the top of the charts compared with our neighbours.

Our enforcement capability has recently doubled, and there is a renewed drive to tack a couple of fly tipping hotspots over in Frome which cost us over £10 K per year to clear up. Enforcement is also to be thanks for the continued work on the land known as Cock and Bull Drove in Pilton, as this edges toward conclusion.

Consultation on the second part of the local plan took place, this aspect will look at where we allow development in the future. Once the plan is complete it will be the subject of further consultation, inspection, and finally adoption.

I look forward to another year representing the ward, and as ever if you have any problems, just shout!