

A Meeting of the Pilton Parish Council
was held in the Pilton Village Hall
on Wednesday 19 November 2014 at 7.30pm

Councillors: Robert Kearle (Chairman)
Kelly Sumner (Vice Chairman)
Dave Drew
John Howe
Roger Noble
Jacquelyn Taylor
Clerk

3 members of the public.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

APOLOGIES: were received from Councillors Elkin and Warry.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Item 4i New House planning: Councillor Kearle declared a prejudicial interest (employment).

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

The Chairman left the room.

Councillor Sumner took the chair.

PLANNING:

14/39 2014/2154/TCA Proposed felling of six Cypress trees in a Conservation Area – New House, Parsons Batch, Pilton – WORKS/FELLING TREES IN A CA.

Councillors recommend unanimous APPROVAL.

The Chairman returned.

14/40 2014/2146/FUL Conversion of an agricultural barn to a dwelling, dismantling of a stable and erection of associated garages and accommodation – Tanyard Farm, Lower Westholme, Pilton – FULL APPLICATION.

The Chairman closed the meeting for the public to speak.

The Chairman opened the meeting.

Councillors recommend APPROVAL.

Planning Board: 19 November 2014 – 2014/0960/OTS Harvest Gate, Mount Pleasant, Pilton.

MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

2013/1755 Change of use of land from agriculture to a mix of agriculture and residential comprising one residential and one transit travellers family pitch with associated access and parking – Stumps Cross, Ridge Road, West Compton – APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS.

Neat Lane Pilton – consultation event: The Clerk read two emails from The Guinness Partnership advising that they are organising a consultation event in respect of a planning application they are aiming to submit. In order to invite the Parish Councillors they requested their details. Councillors agreed the invite should be sent to the Clerk for distribution.

Enforcement: Councillor Noble reported speaking to Dave Woodridge of MDC who advised that all his time was currently spent on matters in Pilton including Cock and Bull Drove.

FOOTPATHS:

Report of footpath meeting: The Chairman reported the following:-

- ASBO's carried out 100 hours work this year and have now stopped for the winter.
- Farmers are laying hedges along footpaths and bridleways.
- Loose stones at the Lime kiln/Ashes Wood – Chairman agreed to deal.
- All footpaths clear.
- SM26 and SM28 require footpath reinstated in ploughed fields. The Clerk to write to the Landowner.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Circulation:

- Rural Services Network – 3, 10 November 2014
- Rural Services Network - Rural Opportunities Bulletin – 5 November 2014
- Rural Services Network – Rural Vulnerability Service – November 2014
- War Memorials Trust Bulletin – November 2014
- MDC - Parishes Information Bulletin - November 2014
- Somerset Waste Partnership Update – November 2014

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION:

Somerset hedge group: Councillor Howe reported that he and Sandra Howe had attended a meeting which was very informative and he hoped to raise some enthusiasm in the village.

Barrow House: Councillor Noble reported speaking to the new occupant regarding the outside drainage around the ford. He also mentioned the wire and the trees which have since been attended to.

Perridge Hill: Councillor Noble reported badgers under the highway at Westholme House. He stated that a metal plate had been put across the highway but did not think it was particularly safe. The Clerk was asked to contact Neil Corp SCC.

Charity auction: The Chairman advised Councillors of the charity auction on Tuesday 2 December 2014 in aid of the Bhopal Medical Appeal organised by Fiona Case.

Village Hall Trust: The Chairman asked everyone to support the AGM on Sunday 23 November 2014.

FESTIVAL:

Report of Traffic sub-group meeting: The Chairman reported the following:-

- Steve Russell-Yarde to draw up map of hedges to be cut back – liaise with Councillor Noble on ownership and Parish Council to write to Landowners.
- Two way traffic to Winding Lake Farm and traffic to Winding Lake Farm from the village.
- Speeding late at night – use of stewards to slow down traffic.
- Neat Lane and the problem with vehicles stopping.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 3 December 2014 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.04pm.

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman Robert Kearle at the meeting on 3 December 2014.

Jean Warry, Clerk, Pilton Parish Council