

The Monthly Meeting of the Pilton Parish Council
was held in the Pilton Village Hall
on Wednesday 3 December 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)
Paul Warry (Treasurer)
Audrey Brown
Dave Drew
Elizabeth Elkin
John Howe
Roger Noble
Jacquelyn Taylor
Clerk

MDC representative Councillor Nigel Hewitt-Cooper
PCSO Guy Dury and colleague

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

APOLOGIES: were received from Councillor Kelly Sumner.

MINUTES: of the meetings held on 5 and 19 November 2014 were approved and signed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Item 12 Festival: Councillors Kearle, Brown and Taylor declared a prejudicial interest (employment, employment and bed and breakfast) respectively. (Dispensations approved). Councillors Warry, Drew, Elkin, Howe and Noble declared a personal interest (ticket).

MDC SLOT: Councillor Hewitt-Cooper reported on the following:-

The Leisure Contract had been decided upon and large savings had been made.

The Local Plan to be looked at over Christmas for a specialists meeting in January/February 2015. Can allow sensible development.

Enforcement have made good progress with a major enforcement issue within the parish and are virtually there.

POLICE REPORT: PCSO Dury reported on the following:-

For next year's Remembrance service he advised that he is going to do his very best to be there, however, if not the police will provide cones.

Incidents from the 3 – 30 November 2014:

Burnt out car at Park Hill; cows on road at Pylle and Bowermead Lane; Bull Mastiff dog wandering on Pylle Road; van parked on verge at Lower Street slipped into road; suspicious vehicle pulled onto drive of private residence and left again; mud on Pylle Road; disconnection of battery on electric fence; dispute on Pylle Road; disturbance at Park Hill.

PLANNING:

MDC planning decisions and recommendations :

2013/1794 Change of use and extension to existing building to provide holiday let – Keepers Cottage, Pilton Wood, Pilton – WITHDRAWN.

2013/2613/FUL New slurry tower and dairy building – Old Burford Farm, Winters Hill Lane, Pilton – APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS.

2014/0217/FUL Change of use from agricultural storage and workshop to B2 industrial – Old Burford Farm, Winters Hill Lane, Pilton – APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS.

2014/1594/APP Approval of details reserved by condition 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Listed Building Consent 2013/1385 – Wildwood Cottage, Weir Lane, Pilton – APPROVAL.

2014/2023/OTA Application for outline planning permission for a new dwelling – Two Elms, Bowermead Lane, Pilton - REFUSAL.

Proposed Housing Development at Neat Lane Consultation – Tuesday 9 December 2014 : Notices for the meeting were left at the Village Hall and Councillors Drew and Elkin and the Clerk agreed to put them up around the village and on the notice boards.

Attendance: The Clerk reported that The Guinness Partnership had been advised that Councillors Elkin and Warry had accepted the invitation. Councillors Brown, Kearle and Noble also wished to accept.

Enforcement: The Clerk was asked to write to enforcement asking for an update of the various issues going on in Pilton.

MATTERS ARISING:

Highways:

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

Grit bins all currently being filled and topped up.

An inspection of the badger sett at Perridge Hill has been arranged and a licence will be applied for at the appropriate time to resolve the issue due to the Protection of Badgers Act 1992.

Matters to report:

Concerns over the quality of the road surface from the top of Springfield to Cannards Grave.

Steanbow Cottages – water lying around drains.

Bread Street – road surface on the corner of Vicars Cottage.

Manhole covers on Whitstone Hill

Road surface at Pylle Road from the farm to the Church.

The Chairman closed the meeting for the public to speak.

The Chairman opened the meeting.

Very poor road surface in St Mary’s Lane below Church House.

Collection of 20KG bags of de-icing material: Councillor Drew reported collecting 10 bags from Glastonbury.

Fords and Bridges: The Clerk reported that there had not been any quotations received by the due date from the local builders. Councillors asked the Clerk to write to SCC and reiterate the urgency for the repairs.

Fingerposts: The Chairman reported contacting Signpost Restoration Limited who requested a photograph of the broken fingerposts. The Clerk read an email from John Pratt who advised that one of his team would be taking photographs after Christmas.

The Chairman reported that Richard Raynsford has a photo of the fingerpost previously at Conduit Square..

Speed reading results for Pilton: The Clerk reported that a reply was awaited from Police Officer Darren Walton.

FOOTPATHS:

SM26 and SM28 footpaths in ploughed fields: The Clerk advised that a letter was being sent to Mr Michael Christensen to reinstate the footpaths.

FINANCE:

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

Cheques drawn:

001782	Mendip Community Transport – donation	100.00
001783	Mrs J Warry – salary and expenses	226.70
001784	Mrs W Lynn – salary	26.75

Mendip Community Transport: The Clerk read a letter of grateful thanks from the Chief Executive.

Precept 2015/2016: Councillors agreed to meet at 7pm prior to the next meeting. The Treasurer agreed to prepare the draft budget for discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Somerset Library Services Consultation: The Clerk read an email from SCC advising that a 10 week consultation from 3 November 2014 would be taking place. The new proposals will not see any libraries close.

Circulation:

- Rural Services Network – 17, 24 November 2014
- Rural Services Network – Rural Vulnerability Service – November 2014
- Rural Services Network – Spotlight on the heart of the village – November 2014
- MDC – Flooding – Drop in Session at Glastonbury Town Hall – 16 December 2014
- Somerset Waste Partnership recycling update
- SCC – Guide to Winter Service 2014/2015
- Somerset Minerals Plan – consultation on main modifications – ends 17 Dec 2014

BURIAL GROUND:

Maintenance reports: Councillor Drew presented the reports for the last month which were all fine.

Report of Working Party 8 November 2014: The Chairman reported that leaves were picked up, a few branches were trimmed. The gates for the roadside and field had been purchased ready to be erected.

Burial Ground rules: Councillor Noble agreed to look at the rules and make suggestions. The Clerk agreed to forward a copy of the rules to all Councillors and place the item on the next agenda.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION:

Roundabout report: Councillor Brown suggested the details in the November Roundabout report regarding grit and de-icing material be repeated in the December Roundabout.

FESTIVAL:

Future GFL/PPC meetings 10.02.15, 14.04.15 and 09.06.15.

Festival issues: The Chairman asked Councillors to bring a list of Festival issues to the January meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 7 January 2015 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman Robert Kearle at the meeting on 7 January 2015.

Jean Warry, Clerk, Pilton Parish Council