

The Monthly Meeting of the Pilton Parish Council
was held in the Pilton Village Hall
on Wednesday 5 November 2014 at 7.30pm

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

Beat Manager PC Darren Walton
Four members of the public.

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

APOLOGIES: were received from MDC representative Councillor Nigel Hewitt-Cooper.

MINUTES: of the meeting held on 1 October 2014 were approved and signed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Item 5i St Christophers planning: Councillor Kearle declared a prejudicial interest (Agent).

Item 5ii Trefelds planning: Councillor Kearle declared a personal interest (neighbour).

Item 5v The Old Vicarage planning: Councillor Kearle declared a personal interest (employment).

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).

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

POLICE REPORT: Beat Manager PC Darren Walton introduced himself as our new man. PC Walton read the Police report for Pilton from 3 – 24 October 2014.

Suspicious incident where a male passenger was jumping on the roof of a black range rover; lorry dropping paper and bricks driving through village; driver of a silver VW Golf driving erratically; shouting and lights on private land believed to be orienteering; man arrested now on bail; calf loose in road on Whitstone Hill; alarm in village went off; cows on road at West Compton; oil tanker dragging something underneath causing sparks; lorry overloaded whilst driving through village.

PC Walton also advised that due to cuts they might struggle to provide officers for next year's Remembrance Service.

PLANNING:

The Chairman left the room.

Councillor Sumner took the chair.

14/33 2014/1996/TCA Proposed felling of two conifer trees in a Conservation Area – St Christophers, Cumhill Lane, Pilton – WORKS/FELLING TREES IN A CA.

Councillors recommend unanimous APPROVAL.

The Chairman returned.

14/34 2014/2094/HSE Proposed single storey side extensions on the east and west elevation, a single storey extension on the north elevation including a porch, utility area and covered way with ramp, and two proposed rooflights – Trefelds Barn, Bowermead Lane, Pilton – HOUSEHOLDER APPLICATION.

Councillors recommend unanimous APPROVAL.

14/35 2014/2023/OTA Application for outline planning permission for a new dwelling – Two Elms, Bowermead Lane, Pilton – OUTLINE – ALL MATTERS RESERVED.

Councillors recommend APPROVAL.

14/36 2014/2095/HSE Conversion of a coach house to a self-contained annex including raising the roof and the installation of velux rooflights – The Cedars, John Beales Hill, Pilton – HOUSEHOLDER APPLICATION.

Councillors recommend unanimous APPROVAL.

14/37 2014/2151/TCA Proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area – The Old Vicarage, Park Hill, Pilton – WORKS/FELLING TREES IN A CA.

Councillors recommend unanimous APPROVAL.

14/38 2014/1890/TPO T1 Yew – Prune to clear neighbour's property by 1-2m – Yew Tree Cottage, Pilton – WORKS/FELLING OF TPO TREES.

Councillors recommend unanimous APPROVAL.

MDC planning decisions and recommendations :

2014/1038/FUL Erection of a building for use as storage by the carnival club – land adjacent Somerset View Farm, West Compton Lane, Pilton – APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS.

2014/1548/HSE Proposed replacement roof to create first floor bedroom and storage, proposed garage conversion – Cockmill Croft Bungalow, Cockmill Lane, East Pennard – APPROVAL.

Appeals:

APP/Q3305/A/14/2213666 14/00006/REF Residential development comprising up to 142 dwellings – Old Wells Road, Shepton Mallet has been withdrawn by the Appellant Redrow Homes South West.

APP/Q3305/A/14/1226135 14/00046/REF Retrospective application for the erection of a timber field shelter and implement store – land to south west of Wynton, Higher Westholme Road – the applicant has appealed against the refusal of planning permission.

Enforcement: The Clerk read an email from Councillor Hewitt-Cooper which stated “we have to concentrate on our statutory services, while those which are discretionary are those that we can keep funded as best we can afford”. Councillor Hewitt-Cooper was aware of the pressures the enforcement team are under and agreed to support any help which can be given and speak to the portfolio holder for MDC to get his views.

MATTERS ARISING:

Highways:

Matters to be reported:

Grit bins to be refilled.

East Town Lane potholes.

Bags of de-icing material: The Chairman and Councillor Drew confirmed that they hold bags of de-icing material for self help use on the public highway/footways in the event of prolonged periods of snow and ice. The Clerk was asked to make mention in Roundabout.

Fords and Bridges – specifications: The Clerk read an email from Paul Tucker of SCC which stated “I can confirm that Cockmill Ford and Footbridge also Barrow Ford and Footbridge are owned and maintained by SCC's Bridges and Structures Section, and as such all works, maintenance, improvement etc. come under our remit and any works we instruct have to go through our Framework Contract to one of the four authorised and approved contractors. Whilst I

appreciate that the parish wish to see works carried out to these structures and possibly carry out the works themselves at their expense unfortunately we do not permit anyone to work on our structures apart from our authorised contractors, sorry. This is primarily to safeguard everyone; members of the public, the county and the asset itself. We would not permit any remedial works being carried out by others to our structures. That said the works specifications you provided will be very useful when determining the scope of works we eventually carry out, however some elements may fall outside our remit”.

The Clerk was asked to reply stating that the Parish Council believe the structures are both unsafe and in need of such work and need to know when they are going to be made safe.

The Clerk was also requested to send copies of all correspondence to Councillor Nigel Woolcombe-Adams.

The Chairman closed the meeting for the public to speak.

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Fingerposts: The Clerk read an email from John Pratt advising that the ASBO’s had completely repainted five fingerposts and next year should the Parish Council wish they will continue to do more. Councillors were unanimously in favour and agreed to supply more paint, thinners and brushes. The Clerk was asked to thank the ASBO’s for their work.

The Clerk read an email from Neil Corp of SCC suggesting a couple of contacts who may be able to help with repairing the broken fingerpost at Lamberts Hill.

Speed reading results for Pilton: The Clerk read an email (attaching results of the speed readings) from Dave Grabham SCC Traffic Engineer stating that “the results of the speed readings taken using a speed indicator device (SID) between 26 September and 10 October 2014 on the A361 at Whitstone Hill were above the intervention speed level of 36mph for this location. Pilton therefore qualifies for a SID installation on a regular basis”.

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The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the results of the speed readings to PC Walton and ask what the Police are doing about the high criminal activity in our village?

War Memorial: The Clerk read an email from Robert Palmer MDC Conservation Officer which Councillors noted.

Remembrance Service 2015: Councillors agreed the Clerk ask PC Walton if suitably qualified people could be used at next year’s service. If so, it was agreed to give the British Legion a list of names.

Vehicles parked on the highway: As advised by PC Walton if any vehicles are considered to be parking inappropriately on the highway the Police should be given the details.

FOOTPATHS:

Report of Footpath Committee Meeting: The Chairman reported that this did not take place. The Clerk was asked to contact Steve Bowler to arrange another meeting before the December monthly meeting.

Footpath SM 16/47: Councillor Noble reported that Brian Derrick had laid the hedge along this footpath.

FINANCE:

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

Cheques drawn:

001777	Mrs J Warry – salary	172.48
001778	Mrs W Lynn – salary	26.75
001779	Brooks Agri – work at Burial Ground	273.60

001780	PWMC – Hall hire	12.00
001781	Royal British Legion – wreath	25.00

Mendip Community Transport: The Clerk read a letter from the Chief Executive requesting financial help towards their services. Councillors unanimously agreed to donate £100.

Health and Wellbeing grants for Mendip: The Clerk reported that the Happy Circle had been approached but did not need anything at the moment.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Circulation:

- Rural Services Network - 29 September, 7, 13, 20 and 27 October 2014
- Rural Services Network - Rural Opportunities Bulletin – 8 October 2014
- Rural Services Network – Rural Vulnerability Service – 15 October 2014
- Rural Services Network – Rural Housing Spotlight – October 2014
- MDC - Parishes Information Bulletin - October 2014
- Clerks & Councils Direct - November 2014
- Recycling & Refuse Collections – Christmas and New Year 2014/15
- Authorisation for the Salisbury & Shaftesbury Motor Club's motor event on 29.11.14
- Mendip Local Plan Part 1: at www.mendip.gov.uk/inspectorsreport

BURIAL GROUND:

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

Working Party Saturday 8 November at 9am: The Chairman reminded Councillors of the site meeting which would be a general tidy up. Councillors Elkin and Warry gave their apologies.

Burial charges: Councillors agreed to review the burial charges at the next Precept meeting.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION:

Roundabout report:

Grit

Mendip Mobile Advice Service: The Clerk read an email from the co-ordinator of the Lottery funded mobile unit proposing to start a four weekly visit to Pilton at the village hall car park from 8 January 2015 between 12.30 and 2.30. Councillors were happy with this proposal and the Clerk agreed to forward the email piltonvh@gmail.com to the co-ordinator to enable them to book the car park direct.

FESTIVAL:

Traffic meeting: The Clerk read an email from Steve Russell-Yarde requesting a date for the Traffic sub-group meeting. Councillors suggested Wednesday 19 November. Clerk to liaise.

Future GFL/PPC meetings: 10.02.15, 14.04.15 and 09.06.15

Festival issues:

Camping within village – no hospitality tickets.

Top of Springfield.

Drumming after 11pm.

Speed humps muddy lane and cockmill.

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The Chairman asked Councillors to bring issues to the January meeting in proper format.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 19 November 2014 at 7.30pm (planning).
Wednesday 3 December 2014 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.49pm

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman Robert Kearle at the meeting on 3 December 2014.

Jean Warry, Clerk, Pilton Parish Council