

The Monthly Meeting of the Pilton Parish Council  
was held in the Pilton Village Hall  
on Wednesday 4 February 2015 at 7.30pm

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

MDC representative Councillor Nigel Hewitt-Cooper

1 members of the public.

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

The Chairman reminded Councillors of the agreed Code of Conduct as follows:-

Obligations of Members:

A member of the council who acts, claims to act or gives the impression of acting as a representative of the council is obliged to

- Behave in such a way that a reasonable person would regard as respectful.
- Not behave in any way which a reasonable person would regard as bullying or intimidation.
- Not seek to improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person.
- Use the resources of the Council in accordance with its requirements.
- Not disclose information which is confidential or where disclosure is prohibited by law.

**APOLOGIES:** were received from Councillor Taylor.

**MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 7 January 2015 were agreed and signed.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Item 5iv Chanters House planning: Councillor Drew declared a prejudicial interest (employment).

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

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

**PLANNING:**

15/01 2014/2690/HSE Conversion of existing garage into independent relatives' annexe – The Cider House, John Beales Hill – HOUSEHOLDER APPLICATION.

Councillors unanimously recommend APPROVAL.

15/02 2014/2694/LBC Conversion of existing garage into independent relatives' annexe – The Cider House, John Beales Hill – LISTED BUILDING CONSENT.

Councillors unanimously recommend APPROVAL.

15/03 2015/0087/TCA Proposed felling of conifer hedge trees – Barrow House, Ford Lane – WORKS/FELLING TREES IN A CA.

Councillors unanimously recommend APPROVAL.

Councillor Drew left the room.

15/04 2015/0070/HSE Proposed enclosed porch to replace existing portico – Chanters House, East Town Lane – HOUSEHOLDER APPLICATION.  
Councillors recommend APPROVAL.

Councillor Drew returned.

MDC planning decisions and recommendations :

2014/0860/OTS Erection of a detached bungalow with new separate vehicular access together with parking and turning facilities – Harvest Gate, Mount Pleasant – APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS.

2014/1890/TPO T1 Yew – prune to clear neighbour's property by 1-2m – Yew Tree Cottage – APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS.

2014/1995/TCA Proposed removal of a conifer tree in a Conservation Area – Freedom Cottage, Cumhill Lane – TPO not required (NO OBJECTION).

2014/2429/TCA Proposed pruning of two walnut trees in a Conservation Area – Lantern House, Bread Street – TOP not required (NO OBJECTION).

Planning Board – Tanyard Farm, Lower Westholme: Councillor Hewitt-Cooper confirmed that this was approved on 21 January 2015.

Appeal Decision: APP/Q3305/A/14/2226135 – Land to south-west of Wynton, Higher Westholme Road, APPEAL DISMISSED.

Enforcement: The Clerk reported that Ian Glover of MDC had not given an update on enforcement issues.

Travellers: The Clerk reported sending an email to all Councillors from Dave Woodridge MDC regarding a traveller count. Councillor Noble agreed to update his previous list.

**MDC SLOT:**

Councillor Hewitt-Cooper reported on the following:-

- Cock and Bull Drove – a barrister has put the case together and progress is imminent – update shortly.
- MDC legal services are being shared with Taunton Deane and West Somerset to reduce costs by 15%.
- Local Plan formally adopted in December 2014 received a challenge during the six week consultation period from a development company based in Cheshire.
- Any news on an A361 weight limit would be appreciated.

Tanyard Lane entrances: Councillor Noble asked Councillor Hewitt-Cooper to investigate.

The Chairman closed the meeting for the public to speak.

The Chairman opened the meeting.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Highways: The Clerk read an email from Neil Corp SCC regarding reported matters as follows:-

20mph request from the Longhouse to the Playing Fields – the matter has been forwarded to the traffic engineering section.

Potholes and road surfaces – an inspection has been arranged and any defects identified will be actioned as necessary.

The pothole outside the Old Post Office has been filled.

Surface of new footpath along A361 – Parish Council advised to treat with salt in frosty weather.

Mud on road along Pylle Road and bank pushed into ditch at Totterdown – the Clerk agreed to provide further information to Highways.

“Walkabout”: The Clerk confirmed that Mr Corp SCC had agreed to meet Councillors Howe and Noble at the Village Hall car park on Wednesday 11 February 2015 at 8.30am. Councillors Howe and Noble travelled the village and Sandra Howe typed up a route (circulated to all Councillors by the Clerk). Councillor Howe was asked to thank Sandra for her work.

Fords and Bridges: Councillor Howe confirmed that he had taken photographs of all bridges requiring attention. He also stated that the river at Ford bridge was seriously silted up and the willow tree was undermining the fir trees making it hazardous to pedestrians. The Clerk was asked to write to Councillor Nigel Woollcombe Adams and Paul Tucker of SCC. Councillor Elkin agreed to provide the owner’s name of Barrow House regarding the trees.

Fingerposts: The Clerk read emails from John Pratt which contained photographs of the damaged fingerposts at Lamberts Hill and at the corner of Ridge Lane together with the missing details. The Clerk confirmed that the photographs and information had been forwarded to the contractor who had replied with several queries. Councillors answered the queries and the Clerk was asked to reply to obtain a quotation.

Speed reading results for Pilton/SID installation dates 2015: The Clerk read an email from Dave Grabham, SCC Traffic Engineer advising that the week commencing 6 July 2015 would replace week commencing 22 June 2015 for a SID installation. Mr Grabham stated “The purpose of the SID results is basically to provide hard evidence of the traffic speeds that are being experienced at that location. The reports are sent to those people who have a direct interest in traffic speeds and road safety, such as the local traffic engineer, Somerset Road safety and the police. The Police Camera Enforcement Team utilise the reports when deciding which locations to target with their mobile speed enforcement teams.”

The Clerk read an email from Jude Glide requesting a SID 24/7. Councillors agreed that it was outside their control and the Clerk was asked to reply.

Storage: The Clerk reported receiving a reply from Ben Cane of The Guinness Partnership confirming that the Council’s request for storage at Neat Lane had been passed to Syb Bailey who is managing the project. Councillor Howe reported that the Trustees were in favour of this request.

Clerk’s update: The Clerk reported that Councillor Elkin and the Clerk had drawn up an advertisement which was currently on the SALC and Piltonvillage websites and would appear in the Mid-Somerset Series of Newspapers and the Western Gazette on the 5 February 2015. The Clerk also reported that Councillor Warry had helped draw up the job description, personal specification and application form for the position of Clerk/RFO.

Litterpick – Saturday 21 February 2015 at 9am: The Clerk was asked to book the Hall from 10.30am – 2pm for catering purposes.

**FOOTPATHS:** Nothing to report.

**FINANCE:**

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

Cheques drawn:

001792	Mrs J Warry – salary and expenses	487.50
001793	Mrs W Lynn – salary	26.75

Pilton Playing Field Trust: The Clerk read a letter from Colin Elkin, Treasurer of the Pilton Playing Field Trust requesting a grant of £10K towards a £60K (excluding VAT) Multi-Use Games Area to benefit a wide range of villagers. Councillor Sumner proposed a commitment in principle and Councillor Drew seconded, this was carried by a majority. The Clerk was asked to reply to Mr Elkin.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### Circulation:

- Rural Services Network – 5, 12, 19, 26 January 2015
- Rural Services Network – Rural Vulnerability Service – 14, 21 January 2015
- Rural Services Network – Rural Housing Spotlight – January 2015
- Rural Services Network – Spotlight on Rural Health – January 2015
- Rural Service Network – Rural Opportunities Bulletin – January 2015
- NALC – Newsletter – 12, 26 January 2015
- Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2015
- Parishes Information Bulletin – January 2015

## **BURIAL GROUND:**

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

Graves: It was reported that some dangerous holes in the Burial Ground needed levelling off and it was agreed to ask the caretaker to do this. With regard to the graves Councillors agreed to be sympathetic.

The Chairman read a note from the Burial Secretary confirming that she had contacted the undertakers Connocks who stated that they had checked the graves and all were ok.

Burial Ground rules: Further discussion took place regarding the Burial Ground rules and Councillor Sumner agreed to edit them.

The Chairman closed the meeting for the public to speak.

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

### Roundabout report:

“Walkabout”

Councillor: Councillor Sumner advised that he would not be standing at the next election, but made it clear that he was currently representing people who had voted for him in the last election.

Brian Derrick: Councillor Howe stated that Brian Derrick had worked tirelessly for the Trustees during recent months. Councillors agreed individual thanks were in order.

## **FESTIVAL:**

Next GFL/PPC meeting 10.02.15: The Clerk confirmed that the agenda for the meeting to be held at 6pm had been circulated to all Councillors. The Chairman stated that GFL, Police, MDC and the Parish Council would be present. The public were invited but could only speak at GFL's discretion. Councillor Elkin gave her apologies.

The Chairman closed the meeting for the public to speak.

The Chairman opened the meeting.

Future GFL/PPC meetings 14.04.15 and 09.06.15

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 4 March 2015 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

**The minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman Robert Kearle at the meeting on 4 March 2015.**

**Jean Warry, Clerk, Pilton Parish Council**