

Minutes of the meeting of the
Pilton Parish Council
In the Pilton Village Hall on
Wednesday 1st August 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)

David Drew
Jean Foley
Stephen Kearle
Joe King
Roger Noble
Debbie Smith
Angela Wynn

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

3 members of the public were present

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Holly Corfield and Nigel Hewitt-Cooper

3 **MINUTES:** of the 4th July 2018 were approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** There were no declarations of interest.

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Strategy:

- Update: There was nothing to update this month.
- Puffin Crossing: Nigel Hewitt-Cooper advised that there is no further update as yet.
- A361 meeting: Councillor King attended an event hosted by the Town Council. It was an interesting meeting but no-one can see what the answer is except that traffic needs to be reduced. The Parish of Woolton are taking photos of lorries traveling through their village and again of them arriving at Hinkley as proof as Hinkley are not recognising that these vehicles are using the A361 route. There is a Sub Group which Councillor King asked the Parish Council if they wished him to attend, the Parish Council agreed that they did.

ii Highways: Updates re the following:-

- **Culverts:**
 - a) Blocked culvert at Cockmill Lane: Ref 525151, the items were inspected on the 16th March and the issue relates to lack of maintenance of the landowners ditches. The Parish Council are asked to provide the landowners details to enable SCC to write to them.

- b) Pylle Lane past the railway line there is a blocked culvert where the stream is flowing across the road; Ref 526389, an inspection of the location has been carried out and a jetting order will be issued to clear the partial blockage as soon as the necessary resources become available.
- **Blocked Drains/ Gullies:**
 - a) Meadowcroft: Ref 523675, the item has been inspected and the drainage was functioning at the time of inspection. The overall issue at this location has been referred to the flood risk management group who are based in Taunton and who are now taking the lead.
 - b) Blocked drain outside Thornton House: Ref 524664, no flooding was found on original inspection however after inspection with Councillor R Kearle a jetting order will be issued to clear the partial blockage as soon as the necessary resources become available.
 - c) Drains are blocked at Lays Lane: Ref 524665, Gullies were working at the time of inspection on 22/2/18
The drain in the road of the A361 opposite Parson Batch is blocked. Ref 524578, it is located near the footpath leading to Gabriels Orchard. This was in working order when SCC inspected it on the 22/2/18. This has since been located further down the road under debris and will be cleared as part of the planned programme.
 - d) The Gully was working when inspected 20/2/18. However after an inspection with Councillor R Kearle will now be cleared as part of the next planned works programme.
 - e) Overflowing drain in East Town Lane: SCC advised complete however Councillors advised that the drain is full and water is not running away. The drain needs sucking. SCC have requested a more precise location.
 - f) Drains and gullies need cleaning opposite Cutlers Cottage at Totterdown Lane. Ref: 526385. An order will be placed for the required works.
 - g) The drain needs clearing and the tarmac has lifted outside Shutwell House: The drain ref: 526378 has been inspected and a jetting order issued when resources are available.
 - h) The owners of West Cottage have spent money on drainage by putting bigger pipes in however the access for the water to get through is not good enough. Highways are asked to contact Councillor Noble for further information. The overall issue at this location has been referred to the flood risk management group and are based in Taunton and who are now taking the lead.
 - i) Blocked Drains Perridge Farm: Ref; 526379 after an inspection with Councillor R Kearle will now be cleared as part of the next planned works programme.
 - j) The gully opposite the telephone exchange on Totterdown Lane needs emptying. Inspected 18/5/18 and will be included in the next programme of work.
- **Potholes**
 - a) Pothole at North Wooton down from Folly/Stoodley Hill: A more precise location has been requested by SCC.
 - b) There are very bad potholes outside Perridge Farm: Ref 524579
 - c) Potholes at the Ford in the middle of the village: An inspection was carried out on 9/5 and completed on 21/5/18.
 - d) A large hole has appeared at Westholme Junction by the Old Shop. An inspection was carried out and this does not constitute a safety defect. SCC has advised that the main road is inspected on a monthly basis and any safety defects will be actioned as necessary.

- e) Pothole at the bottom of Park Hill on the A361 at the Retreat, No Safety defects identified at this location. At Burford Crossroads and Stoodley Hill. The ditch at the same location needs clearing. Ref 526381, it is SCC's intention to put this location forward for patching as soon as the landowner has cleared the ditches. SCC have asked if the Parish Council are able to approach the landowner or provide their details to that they could write to them to request that they clear their ditches.
- f) It has reported to Councillor Wynn that a resident has tripped over a pothole near the sheltered housing by the Post Office/Village Hall. The resident is fine however this is obviously a concern as this area is busy area and used by the residents in the sheltered housing. Ref:526688, Inspected in 18/5/18 safety defects identified and works ordered to be completed by 15/6/18
- g) There is a pothole adjacent to Ashfield House in Bakery Lane. Ref 526689, Inspected 18/5/18 safety defects identified and works ordered to be complete by 15/6/18.
- h) There is a pothole in Totterdown Lane by Two Oaks. Ref: 526690, Inspected 18/5/18 safety defects identified and works ordered to be complete by 15/6/18.

- **General**

- a) Road Markings on Stoodley Lane and Bowermead Lane: These have been inspected and passed to traffic for inclusion in their works programme.
- b) Overgrown Vegetation: This has been referred to the 'Traffic Section'
- c) Visibility down Lamberts Hill: This has been referred to the 'Traffic Section'
- d) Yellow Lines at the bottom of Totterdown Lane: This has been added to the next Mendip Traffic Regulation Order with the support of Nigel Hewitt-Cooper. This is now only done once a year and likely to be done later in the year with all other Mendip sites.
- e) Compton Lane Ditches and gullies: Ref 523162, temporary grips cut, further works to improve grips through verge to be programmed. Ditch clearance rests with the homeowner.
- f) Damage by Badger set Westholme/Water Lane: Signs erected, site works to be programmed when permit can be obtained.
- g) Bank channels to ditch need redigging in Neat Lane: Ref 52476 Not a safety defect as on hill and not traffic impeding. Works will be considered for inclusion in programmed works.
- h) Ditch above Totterdown Lane blocked. Ref 526384, an inspection of the location has been carried out and a jetting order will be issued to clear the partial blockage as soon as the necessary resources are available. Ditches are the landowners responsibilities.
There a large amount of litter on the A361 at Springfield Cross to Lamberts Hill. Litter should be reported to <https://www.mendip.gov.uk/streetclean?formid=10982>
- i) The signposts at Springfield Cross and Park Hill have been knocked down. Ref 525150, SCC advised that damaged fingerposts and arms are now undertaken by parish councils who may employ their own contractors as long as certain assessments and codes of practice are met. Details can be found on <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/policies-and-plans/schemes-and-initiatives/somerset-fingerpost-restoration-project/>
- j) Drop at Ford Lane/Weir Lane: Ref 526693 is on the programme for this financial year to install warning signs and a depth board.
- k) The finger on the sign at Stumps Cross to Shepton Mallett/Croscombe has been broken off. (See q above)

- l) Road breaking up in dip past Winding Lake Farm: Ref 526376, Barriers have been erected in the interim period and any necessary works will be arranged as soon as possible.
- m) The sign at Burford Cross has been knocked over.

- **New Defects:**

The Clerk will chase all outstanding defects.

The bridge on Stoodley Hill needs investigating as someone has driven into it and damaged it.

The lower part of Lower Street Beales House near has water running down it. Don't know if it is a drain or a leak. This needs to be reported to Bristol Water.

Rubbish and a mattress at West Compton, Friars Oven to Stumps Cross.

There is a mattress at Stumps Cross to Nash Cottage on the Old Wells Road.

- iii Fingerposts & Signs:

- Dog Fouling Notices: The Clerk has spoken with Mendip District Council asking for Ian Glover to contact her as Councillor Noble and herself has tried to contact him on numerous occasions with no success.
- Sign near Toll Cottage: The Clerk has spoken with Somerset Foundry and they advised one component is complete but they are waiting for two further components.

- iv Community Speedwatch:

- Councillor King advised that all is going well. They team are able to go out in the evening as the nights are lighter. The average number of vehicles speeding is 26 per hour often travelling over 40 mph.
- Truck Count for July:- The average number for July was 100 HGV's per hour with a few more in the middle of the night.

- v The Crown Inn: Assets of Community Value: Councillor King advised he is still waiting for the local resident to complete the application however he has made contact with two other successful councils.

- vi Police Report: July Police Report

23/7 –Theft of motorcycle helmet from driveway at Conduit Square.

- vii Pilton War Memorial:

- War Memorial Planning Application: This has now been submitted and is waiting for approval. The Clerk will check on progress.
- Update from Historic England re funding. The Clerk has chased this but received no response to date.

- viii Low Cost Housing: Low Cost Housing Criteria – S106. Councillor Wynn has drafted a proposal for a new section 106 agreement which would tighten up the local connection criteria for the next phase of low cost housing, this was handed out to Councillors. Councillors were asked to submit any suggestions/amendments to the Clerk for agreement at the next meeting.

- ix Gypsy and Traveller Count: Thanks was given to Councillor Noble for completing the Gypsy and Traveller Count. Councillor Noble advised that there are over 50 within the village, 6 under licence, 18 legal sites, 30 illegal sites. The situation is not improving with two buildings at Friars Oven being advertised on AirBNB. The site opposite Nash Cottage at Stumps Cross, 'Greenfields' next to the crematorium, has been developed.
- x Overgrown Vegetation/ASBO's: It was agreed that Councillors will speak to homeowners, if required, to seek permission before work is carried out. The Clerk will forward the guidance from SALC to the homeowner and a copy to the ASBO's. Councillor King will also discuss this with the ASBO's.
- xi Bye Laws on Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's): Councillor R Kearle will read the documentation received from SALC and complete the questionnaire if required.

6 PLANNING

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2018/0167/FUL

Proposal: Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling with associated access works.

Location: Deo Gratis, Neat Lane Pilton

Applicant: Mrs P Riley

Application Type: Full Application

Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2018/1268/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a storey

Location: and a half rear extension with a dormer window and a single storey side extension with alteration.

Applicant: Mr Robert Smith

Decision: Refusal

Application Number: 2018/1388/AGR

Proposal: Application for prior notification of agricultural development for a proposed new track road (track 3)

Location: Steanbow Farm, Steanbow, Pilton

Applicant: Mr Michael Christensen

Decision: Approval is not required

Application Number: 2016/1271/APP

Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (joinery details) on planning permission 2015/1408/HSE

Location: Beechcroft, Top Street, Pilton

Applicant: Mrs Joanne Long

Decision: Approval of Details – Cond

Application Number: 2018/0648/FUL

Proposal: Retention of alterations to outbuildings to provide ancillary residential accommodation (Use Class C3) and use of building to provide workshop/studio space (Use Class B1)

Location: East Town Farm, East Town Lane, Pilton
 Decision: Approval with Conditions

iii Enforcement:

- Cock and Bull Drove: Councillor Noble advised that the site has still not been cleared.
- Beggars Roost:
- Friars Oven Farm:
- Tanyards Lane: Councillor Noble vised that there is still a caravan on site but the yurts have gone.
- West Compton: There is still an illegal workshop on site.

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

- i Update: All quiet at present. Councillor King will provide the contact number for Claire Haskins to obtain a report on the footpath at Weir Lane.

8 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

				Total Funds
Balance b/f from 30/06/2018				<u>24,333.54</u>
Plus banked:				
		Exclusive Memorials	£	80.00
				<u>£ 80.00</u>
Less cheques drawn:				
2048		K Buckley	£	264.00
		(£10 home working allowance, envelopes)	£	14.99
2049		W Lynn	£	36.00
		Ron England	£	-
				<u>£ 314.99</u>
Balance at 31/07/2018				<u>£ 24,098.55</u>

- ii Financial News: There was nothing to update this month.

9 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i. Parish Information Bulletin June 18
- ii. Public Sector Executive Online 29/6
- iii. Somerset Prepared, Safe this Summer 29/6
- iv. SALC, Mobile Homes – Planning Permission & Tax 2/7
- v. Public Sector Executive Online 2/7

- vi. Private Water Supply 4/7
- vii. Women in Local Government 5/7
- viii. St Margaret's Hospice Newsletter and Open Gardens 5/7
- ix. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 5/7
- x. Public Sector Executive Online 6/7
- xi. Weekly Update from James Heappey 6/7
- xii. Public Sector Executive Online 9/7
- xiii. Public Sector Executive Online 10/7
- xiv. Official Forum 19th July Agenda 10/7
- xv. The Civic Service at Priddy Village Hall 10/7
- xvi. The Rural Bulletin, Rural Services Network 3/7
- xvii. Westminster Briefing 11/7
- xviii. Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy 12/7
- xix. Public Sector Executive Online 13/7
- xx. Somerset County Council Press Release re Fingerposts 13/7
- xxi. Weekly Update from James Heappey 13/7
- xxii. Women in Local Government 16/7
- xxiii. NALC Annual Conference 2018
- xxiv. SALC – Councillor Training 16/7
- xxv. Public Sector Executive Online 16/7
- xxvi. Rural Bulletin, Rural Services Network 17/7
- xxvii. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 19/7
- xxviii. Public Sector Executive Online 22/7
- xxix. Weekly Update from James Heappey 20/7
- xxx. Public Sector Executive Online 23/7
- xxxi. The Rural Bulletin, Rural Services Network 24/7
- xxxii. Recycle, Hot weather start for waste collections 24/7
- xxxiii. Public Sector Executive Online 24/7
- xxxiv. SALC – Consultation, Bye Laws on Sites of Special Scientific Interest 25/7
- xxxv. Recycle – SWP July Monthly Briefing 25/7

10 **BURIAL GROUND**

- i Maintenance reports: Two were received both were fine.

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

- i Roundabout report

A Suggestion Box has been situated in the Post Office for any issues residents wish to raise with the Parish Council.

Council Smith advised that she has painted the notice board. Thanks was given to Debbie.

It was raised that residents were unhappy that the Pilton Party Tickets could only be purchased from Glastonbury. It was advised that this should be raised directly with Worthy Farm as there as nothing the Parish Council could do.

The Clerk was asked to contact Claire Malcolmnson, Licencing at MDC to ask for clarification regarding start times for Clay Pigeon Shooting on private land.

Councillor S Kearle advised that all salt bags have now been collected and distributed around the village. Councillors were asked to let Steve know if there are any bags he has missed.

The Clerk was asked if all filing cabinets we being used. The Clerk advised that due to the new GDPR requirements a cabinet will be free and it was agreed that the Village Archives could have this spare cabinet.

12 **GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL:**

- Licence Application: There was nothing further to be discussed.

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 5th September 2018 at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed 8.33pm

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