

Minutes of the Meeting of the Pilton Parish Council
in the Pilton Village Hall
on Wednesday 1st July 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)
Steve Bowler
Dave Drew
Jean Foley

J o h n
R o g e r

Howe
Noble

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

5 Member of the public were present.

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Holly Corfield, Joseph King

3 **MINUTES:** Councillor Bowler stated that on page 27, 9ii, of meeting held on the 3rd June 2015, should read 'Councillor Bowler will contact Hugh Berry'.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:**

Item 12 Festival: Councillors R Kearle (dispensation approved), Councillor Corfield declared a prejudicial interest (employment). Councillors Foley, Drew, Noble, Howe and Bowler declared a personal interest (ticket).

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

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Highways: Councillor Noble stated that the potholes in Ridge Road were very bad and ruined a ladies tyre on the north side of the road. East Town Lane by East Town Farmhouse also bad. The Clerk was requested to forward details to Somerset County Council (SCC) Highways. Councillor Bowler confirmed that Neil Corp has contacted him via email. Councillor Bowler to forward a copy to the Clerk.

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The Clerk when contacting Highways was requested to thank them for the work already completed on Stoodley as this was completed to a high standard.

Neat Lane is wearing away near the burial ground. This will be discussed further at the next meeting with GFL and not with SCC.

ii Zebra crossing between bus stops on the A361:
The Clerk was requested to chase for an update.

iii Fords and Bridges:

The Clerk circulated to the Council a copy of the quotation provided by Andrew Pearce for repairs to the bridges. The Clerk advised that she is required to send a copy of the quotation to the insurance company and they will then advise of any increase in the insurance premium.

The Clerk read an email from Councillor Corfield stating that the work on the bridges would not be eligible for funding under the Community Ownership & Management Assets Programme. The Clerk read an email from Councillor King which raised a number of questions for consideration. The email also stated that he feels very strongly that the PPC should not take ownership/responsibility of the bridges. It was proposed that the quotation from Andrew Pearce be sent to SCC requesting them to either complete the work or pass over ownership to PPC. Consideration needs to take place that part of the bridge is located in East Pennard (not Pylle as previously stated). Should SCC require the PPC to take over ownership, then the Council will contact East Pennard District Council to discuss. Councillor Kearle stated that funding would not be a problem should the PCC take over ownership. The Council voted 3-2 in favour of the proposal.

iv Footpath opposite Barrow House:

Councillor Bowler has spoken to the owner of Barrow House and they have confirmed that they are happy to carry out the work and have started to take down the trees.

v Fingerposts:

Councillor Drew has moved the fingerpost at Compton Lane and it has been painted. The Clerk advised another potential supplier has been found for fingerposts. She will contact John Pratt to establish what is required and then obtain a quotation.

vi Proposal to widen Copse Lane:

An email from GFL has been circulated, which confirmed the position of GFL and Worthy Farm.

vii Mendip Community Transport Service (Slinky Bus):

The Clerk has been in further discussion with Mendip Community Transport Service regarding presenting to local communities about a possible new service. The Clerk will arrange this for Augusts Parish Council meeting if other Parishes are available. The Clerk is to advise Mrs Lynn of this meeting.

viii Flood Mitigation Fund:

The Clerk contacted Harriet Ray, who confirmed that the work has been completed and the problem resolved. There was no update regarding the water run-off from the new highway.

ix Anniversary of Closure of Somerset & Dorset Railway:

Councillor King contacted Hugh Berry, at Councillor Bowlers request and arranged for them to take part at Pilton Day.

x Somerset County Council 24 hour clearway order:

It was confirmed that this was a temporary order and has now finished.

xi Community and Ownership and Management of Assets Programme: Councillor Corfield provided an update via email.

xii Speed Camera Devices:

Jude Glide presented her finding relating to a Freedom of Information Request.

The Clerk was requested to contact SCC to ask what actions will be forthcoming from this information. The Clerk will also contact the Police and Councillors Nigel Woollcombe-Adams and Nigel Hewitt Cooper. The Police are also requested to attend Septembers Parish Council Meeting, the Clerk will arrange this. Once confirmed a notice will be put in the Roundabout.

The Clerk read an email from SCC stating that the speed indicator device (SID) will be in place W/C 6th July 2015 and 12th October 2015, these will remain in place for a duration of two weeks for each installation.

xiii Neat Lane Overhanging Branch: This has been completed.

6 **PLANNING:**

i Application Number: 2015/1243/LBC
Proposal: Replacement windows and doors.
Location: Corner Cottage Pilton Shepton Mallet BA4 4DX
Application Type: Listed Building Consent
Councillor Recommended: APPROVAL

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2015/0731/HSE
Proposal: Proposed 2 new dormer roofs to rear and additional rear access door and patio.
Location: The Old Smithy Conduit Square, Pilton, Shepton Mallet.
Decision: REFUSAL

Application Number: 2015/0794/HSE

Proposal: New conservatory of west elevation, construction of timber clad garage on existing park area.

Location: Paddock View, Shutwell Lane, Pilton, Shepton Mallet.

Decision: APPROVAL

iii Enforcement:

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Discussion took place regarding Cock and Bull Drove. Concerns were raised that this has been under enforcement since 2004. The Clerk was requested to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding payments made to the site since enforcement relating to Council Tax, Housing Benefit and the costs involved with enforcement. It was stated that the Government has released over £100k to aid enforcement. The Clerk was asked to email James Heappey, to request he attend the August Parish Council meeting to discuss the issue regarding Cock and Bull Drove. The Clerk was also requested to contact the Chief Executive at MDC regarding what action is to be taken and advising that if no action is taken the Parish Council will contact the Local Government Obudsman.

There was also discussion relating to a local resident. The Clerk was asked to write to Councillors Nigel Woollcombe-Adams and Nigel Hewitt Cooper asking them to safeguard the people of Pilton. It was requested that Sue Mountstevens and the Acting Chief Constable be contacted as the resident is a repeat offender, especially at Festival time. The local parish is very unhappy and want to stop this ongoing behaviour. The Clerk will circulate the letter to the Council prior to sending.

FOOTPATHS:

i Councillor Bowler provided an update for the meeting held on the 9th June. He confirmed that maps would be produced and requested that a notice go in the Roundabout re residents joining the Footpaths Sub-Committee. Councillor Bowler expressed his thanks to the ASBO's. The Clerk read an email from Councillor Corfield who proposed in conjunction with the map that an app or a downloadable PDF document could appear on the Pilton website. The Clerk will contact SCC Footpaths to see if an online version is available and whether we could have a link to the Pilton website.

Councillor Bowler advised that he will be contacting Steanbow Farms regarding reinstating the footpath through their maze field.

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Councillor Bowler was asked to investigate purchasing signs requesting keeping dogs on leads and picking up dog waste.

8 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

The Clerk explained the financial statement for this month.

Banked:

WJ Trotman Funeral Directors	£55.00
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Less cheques drawn:

1820 Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary/expenses	£506.34(includes laptop)
1821 Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary	£30.83
1822 R England (Groundsman) - wages	£40.00
1823 H Bailey Garden Services	£50.00
1824 Grant Thornton	£240.00
1825 Godfrey Gingell (Fingerposts)	£62.01
1826 HMRC PAYE	<u>£222.40</u>
	<u>£1,151.58</u>

Total cheques drawn:

Balance at 01.07.15	41,456.46
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The Clerk confirmed that the HMRC payment was only received that afternoon and therefore did not appear on the Councillors statement. The statement will be updated and circulated via email.

ii Bank Mandate:

The mandate change has been completed.

iii Clerks laptop:

The Clerks laptop has been purchased at a cost of £314.49, which includes anti-virus software. The Clerk is waiting for a credit of £24.86 as the Clerk has currently been charged £339.35. The laptop has been added to the insurance at no extra charge.

iv External Audit:

This has been completed and the notice has been placed on the Pilton noticeboard.

The Clerk was requested to check that the Council is up to date regarding pension regulations.

9 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

i Somerset Waste Partnership June Monthly Briefing

ii Launch of Somerset Choices Website

iii Planning Training for New Parish Councillors

iv Standards Committee meeting (change to date)

v Somerset Community Foundation Newsletter

vi Pilton Village WI – Summer Party Saturday 29th August 2015

10 **BURIAL GROUND:**

i Maintenance reports:

Councillor Drew produced 2 reports, both were fine.

ii Maintenance:

Works have been carried out by Harvey Bailey and Ron England and the Council have been invoiced.

iii Burial Plot:

The Clerk has emailed Wendy Lynn asking her to advise Brian Church of the Councils decision regarding the two burial plots. .

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

- i Roundabout report
Councillor Bowler to email the Clerk regarding the Footpaths.

The next meeting with GFL will be on Tuesday 4th August at 6pm, all villagers welcome.

Councillor Nobile enquired whether there was a form to be completed in regard feedback regarding this year's festival. There has been in previous years. The Clerk will check her files and ask Jean Warry.

Councillors are to either complete the form or email the Clerk with their comments regarding the Festival by the middle of July. Mrs Hobbs passed the Clerk her comments.

12 **FESTIVAL:**

- i Vehicle access to Worthy Farm:
Sandra Howe provided information regarding village traffic during the festival. This information will be taken to the next meeting with GFL. This information will then be posted on the Pilton website.
The Clerk was requested to ask Phil Appleton of GFL for a list of addresses with numbers of Pilton Village access passes and village car park passes, to enable discussion at Septembers Parish Council meeting. This will be put on the agenda for further discussion at the September Parish Council meeting.

Concern were raised over the number of taxis through the village during the Festival. Councillor Howe stated that he had a vehicle outside of his house that was ticketed but this was not enforced, even though the Clearway Order was in place. Discussion took place regarding speeding traffic at Neat Lane, Copse Hill and Top Street, that had no vehicle stickers. This will be raised with GFL at the next meeting.

Discussion took place over drumming. It was much better in some locations of the village and very bad in others. This started on the Wednesday prior to the Festival.

- ii GFL/PPC minutes
next meeting Tuesday 4th August 2015 at 6pm

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 5th August 2015 7.30pm (Urgent Business Only)

Meeting closed 9.03pm