

Minutes of the meeting of the Pilton Parish Council
in the Pilton Village Hall
on Wednesday 1st June 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)
Steve Bowler
Holly Corfield
David Drew
Jean Foley
John Howe
Joe King

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

8 Members of the public were present.

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Roger Noble Steven Kearle, Nigel Hewitt-Cooper and Guy Dury

3 **MINUTES:** of the 4th May 2016 were amended and approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Item 12 Festival: Councillors R Kearle and H Corfield (dispensation approved), declared a prejudicial interest (employment). Councillors Bowler, Corfield, Drew, Foley, King and Howe, 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". Councillor Corfield declared a prejudicial interest in relation to planning application 2016/0576/FUL

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

- i Highways: Neil Cop, SCC Highways has emailed to confirm an inspection has been arranged for Lower Westholme Road.
The Clerk has also received complaints regarding Mount Pleasant and these have been sent to SCC and acknowledged by Janette Jackson.
- ii Zebra crossing between bus stops on the A361: No update from Nigel Woollcombe-Adams. The Clerk will chase for an update.

Meeting closed
Meeting opened

- iii Fords and Bridges: No response has been received from the Clerks email regarding re the works to the Cockmill Ford Bridge. The Clerk will chase Tony Lee.
- iv Fingerposts: No update received. Councillor Bowler requested the contact details of Cerdic Foundaries and will contact them for an update and date of expected delivery.

- v Speed Camera Devices: It was agreed this heading would now be changed to ‘The Speedwatch Group’. Councillor King stated that the Speedwatch Group has now had to outings with Terry Drake and that they hope to be out each week from now on, although they will be covering the Festival period and the Police will be covering that period. During one afternoon alone the team counted over 600 vehicles on Top Street/ A361. The data collected is then checked to ensure that the registration matches the vehicle and then sent to the police.
The Clerk was asked to contact PCSO Guy Dury to see if he has carried out any recent speed checks.
- vi Defibrillator: No update has been received from Janet Ladyman re the request for funds. The Clerk will continue to chase.
- vii MDC Monitoring Officer: The Clerk has had a request from the Mendip District Council Monitoring Officer, to ask the Parish Council to check their Declarations of Interests that are posted on the MDC website to ensure their details are correct.
- viii The Crown Inn: The Clerk advised that she had received another 10 letters in opposition of the submitted planning applications and copies of letters of support via Bill Lowe, Chartered Town Planner, who spoke in favour of the proposal at the May Parish Council Meeting. Much discussion took place regarding registering the Crown Inn as an Asset of Community Value. A member of the public spoke on behalf of this. Although it was felt by some that it would be more beneficial if the scheme was more substantial or to have a better relationship with the owner the Parish Council voted to register the pub. Councillor King proposed the vote and it was seconded by Councillor Bowler, 5 to 1 in favour of the Parish Council registering the Pub as it is already a registered organisation. It was also agreed that the Clerk would complete all necessary paperwork and would be paid additional hours to do so. Councillor Bowler offered to talk to MDC and pass on contact details to the Clerk.
- ix Police Report: The Clerk read May’s Police Report from PCSO Guy Dury.

6 PLANNING

- i Application Number: 2016/1005/HSE
Proposal: Single storey oak framed orangery to rear and replacement window
Location: Midsomer House, East Compton
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Gibson
Application Type: Householder Application
Parish Council Recommended: APPROVAL (Unanimous)

Councillor Corfield left the room

Application Number: 2016/0576/FUL
Proposal: Installation of a new concrete track, the removal of hedging to enable this track and the replacement in section of the hedgerow (retrospective)
Location: Track North of East Town Lane, Pilton
Applicant: Mrs Holly Corfield-Moore
Application Type: Full Application
Parish Council Recommended: APPROVAL

(The Council voted 3 in favour, 1 against)

Application Number: 2016/1156/OTS

Proposal: Application for outline planning permission (with all matters reserves) for food production, dispatch, offices, cooking academy and associated infrastructure and landscaping (amended plans received 11th and 12th May 2016)

Location: Dulcote Quarry, Dulcote Hill, Dulcote Wells. BA5 3PZ

Applicant: Mr Charlie Bigham

Application Type: Outline some matters reserved

The Council were asked to submit observations only.

The Council Recommends:

- A wildlife assessment of the site be carried out.
- Assess the impact on water and drains through the fountain and the effect of pollution.
- Overall this was felt to be a good scheme.

Application Number 2016/1259/FUL

Proposal: Erection of an automated milking parlour and associated facilities to include operational building, slurry store and silage store.

Location: Beard Hill Farm, Fosse Way, Pylle

Applicant: Kingshay Farming and Conservation Ltd

Application Type: Full Application

The Council were asked to submit observations only.

The Council Recommends: The Council felt as they have not received any plans etc that they did not have enough information to comment

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2016/0873/HDG

Proposal: Proposed removal of 12m of hedgerow to re-instate the access

Location: Land at Pylle Road, Pylle Road, Pilton

Decision: NO OBJECTION

Application Number: 2016/0589/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective: Change of use from agriculture to use as storage/workshop premises.

Location: Keinton Farm, East Town Lane, Pilton

Decision: APPROVAL with Conditions

Application Number: 2016/0621/HSE

Proposal: Insertion of dormer window into rear (north east) roof space

Location: Hillrise Shop Lane, Pilton

Decision: APPROVAL with Conditions

iii Enforcement:

- Cock and Bull Drove: The Court case has now been set for the 7th, 8th, and 9th November. The Parish Council were disappointed in the timescale.
- Tannery Barn, Tanyard Lane – No Update

- Friars Oven Farm - MDC advised that there is no breach to planning and no further action will be taken. This will now be removed from the agenda.

8 FOOTPATHS:

- i Update: Councillor have looked at the footpath. Councillor Bpwler has emailed Claire Haskins but not yet received a response. Councillor Noble has contacted the owner of Barrow House and the Leaches re their land. Further update required at next month's meeting.

The Clerk received an email regarding Weir Lane. Councillor Bowler took a copy of the email and will contact the sender.

Councillor R Kearle requested that fellow Councillors take a trip passed Friars Oven on the way to Ridge Road on the right hand side as there is++ some suspicious activity.

9 FINANCE:

- i Financial Statement:

Balance b/f from 01/04/2016	31/04/2016	£39,660.82
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Plus banked:

Pilton Playing Field Committee - Insurance Contribution	£572.07
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Less cheques drawn:

1882	Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary/expenses	£190.80
	(expenses £10 home working allowance, £2.50 paper)	£12.50
1881	Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary	£35.00
	(including backdated payrise £4.17 + 2015-16 expences £30)	£34.17
1883	R England (Groundsman) - wages	£60.00
1884	Pilton Working Mens Club(hall payment plus drink for APM)	£65.50
1885	Chalmers Chartered Accountants fees	£331.20
1886	SALC Affiliation Fees	£316.19
1887	Mrs A Brown - APM Refreshments	£20.00
1867	Pilton Playing Field Trust	£10,000.00

Total cheques drawn:	<u>£11,065.36</u>
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Balance at	31.05.2016	<u>£29,167.53</u>
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- ii Audit Update: The Audit has now been completed by the Internal Auditor and sent to Grant Thornton, the External Auditors. The Clerk wished to pass on her thanks to Steve Moorse for completing the Internal Audit and to Paul and Jean Warry for their advice and support during this Audit process.
- iii Insurance: The Parish Council has received the Playing Fields Trustees contribution towards the Insurance. This can now be removed from the Agenda.

- iv Wages: The Clerk advised that New Payscale have been introduced for Parish Clerks and her hourly rate has now increased by 10p from 1st April 2016.

The Clerk also advised that Chalmers Chartered Accounts have sent a Letter of Engagement. It was agreed that this should be signed.

10 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i MDC Standard Committee, rescheduled 28th April
- ii Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest – Tuesday 3rd May
- iii Rural Services Network – Rural Opportunities Bulletin 4/5/2016
- iv Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest - Monday 9th May
- v Transparency Fund still available
- vi Route 60+ senior driver presentations - 9th May
- vii Rural Services Network, Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Transport – May 2016
- viii Somerset Choices – 11th May
- ix Recycle SWP May 2016 monthly briefing
- x Rural Service Network – Rural Conference 2016
- xi Environmental Maintenance Information Sheet 2016
- xii Mineral and Waste – Somerset County Council Consultation – Statement of Community Involvement
- xiii Rural Services Network – Weekly Email News Digest – Monday 16th May
- xiv Rural Services Network – Free RSN Seminar – Mind the Rural Gap, Access to Services and Rural Proofing
- xv Bristol M32 Closure Notice
- xvi Rural Services Network – Spotlight on Rural Health
- xvii Community Health and Wellbeing Conference June 28th, Bridgewater
- xviii Rural Services Network – Weekly Email News Digest – Monday 23rd May
- xvix Rural Vulnerability Service - Rural Broadband Service – May 2016

11 **BURIAL GROUND:**

- i Maintenance reports:
The Clerk received two reports, both were fine, although the bench is mossy. Councillor Drew will see to this. The Clerk was requested to contact Harvey Bailey regarding the area of land not being used, as it needs cutting.

The Clerk will chase AJS Memorials regarding straightening Miss Hiscox grave, as no response has been received to date.

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

- i Roundabout report
The Speedwatch Team are now fully active so watch your speed when you are out and about in the village!!

Councillor Foley stated that someone was having bonfires in the afternoon and was this permitted. The Councillors felt that there were no rules against this but it was frustrating with washing out etc.

Councillor Howe raised concerns regarding Weir Lane being under Clearway legislation and that parking permission was not permitted for the festival. Councillor

R Kearle stated that this was what was agreed by Councillor and there was nothing that could be done.

13 **FESTIVAL:**

i Festival General:

Two way signs were requested for Neat Lane due to cars coming down the middle of the road. The Clerk will forward this request ton Jen at GFEL.

ii GFL/PPC minutes: Dates of next meetings
6pm on 7th June 2016

14 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 6th July 2016 at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed 8.32pm