

Minutes of the meeting of the  
Pilton Parish Council  
in the Pilton Village Hall on  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)  
Stephen Kearle  
Holly Corfield  
David Drew  
Jean Foley  
Joe King  
Roger Noble  
Debbie Smith  
Angela Wynn

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

5 Members of the public were present and Nigel Hewitt-Cooper

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:**

3 **MINUTES:** of the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 were approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Item 12 Festival: Councillors R Kearle, Councillor Corfield and S Kearle (dispensation approved), declared a prejudicial interest (employment). Councillors Drew, Foley, King, Noble, Smith and Wynn declared a personal interest (ticket). Councillor Drew "I do not have a declaration of interest in any planning applications but I might do in the future"

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Strategy:

• Update:

Nigel Hewitt-Cooper and Councillor R Kearle met with Chris Betty, SCC to discuss the traffic issues in Pilton. They looked at the junctions near the Crown Inn. The wall near the pub where the bank needs pushing back and a retaining wall put in.

The paperwork for the Puffin Crossing has been submitted and the intention is for it to go ahead.

The pavement juts out at an area of Whitstone Hill, SCC are looking to push this back and make this a single roadway.

Lamberts Hill has already been reported to SCC due to the number of road traffic accidents.

The white lines at the Burford Crossroads have been redone, discussion have taken place to push signs back to show the crossroad more clearly.

The crossroad at Brown Cow Organics needs new road markings.

Top of Stoodley Hill where it meets the ridge road needs new road markings.

It was confirmed that it seemed very positive that these issues will be addressed by SCC.

- The Clerk will update the Traffic Strategy
- Puffin Crossing: As above.

Nigel Hewitt-Cooper Somerset County Council Update:

SCC had no control over the Nippy Bus Company closure. They had school contracts but these were covered by Tuesday at the latest and some of the Nippy Bus Drivers have already got jobs with other bus companies.

SCC have an OFSED inspection of their Childrens Services. It was last rated as 'inadequate'. A great deal of work has taken place to improve and they are hoping for 'needs improvement' this time.

Somerset Scientific Services hires their services regarding asbestos, legionella etc Emails requesting feedback have been sent regarding 'Early Help Services' the intension is to reduce fixed locations and go to Outreach Services for example village halls etc which are more accessible to some using the services.

ii Highways: Updates re the following:-

- Culverts: No Update this month
- Blocked Drains: See defects below for new defects.
- Overflowing drain in East Town Lane: The Council have been sucking drains within the village however there is still sewage leaking in East Town Lane.
- Potholes East Town Lane: These have not yet been repaired.
- Road Markings on Stoodley Lane and Bowermead Lane:
- Back Lane Fly Tipping: Sue Church, MDC has emailed to say the rubbish will be collected however Councillor R Kearle has collected the rubbish as it was being blown around.
- Overgrown Vegetation in Back Lane: Neil Corp, SCC advised this is usually the responsibility of the homeowner however he has passed this onto SCC Highway Verge Cutting for them to investigate the schedules.
- Gully outside Parsons Batch: Neil Corp advised that an inspection has been arranged and action will be taken as necessary.
- Visibility down Lamberts Hill: SCC are looking into this.
- Letter from resident re turning onto the A37 from Platterwell Lane: Emails have been received from residents highlighting the danger of exiting Platterwell Lane onto the A37 and asking for support in lobbying Highways to reduce the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph. Chris Betty, Senior Traffic Engineer as responded stating that he will undertake some speed readings but initially he will arrange for two warning signs to highlight the junction will be put in place and monitor the effect before considering any further measures.  
The Parish Council suggested the removal of the hedge to increase visibility and voted unanimously in favour of supporting the residents. Nigel Hewitt-Cooper offered to liaise with Chris Betty.
- Defects:  
Potholes between the Shop and Burford over to West Compton to the railway line at Friars Oven. There are also blocked drains on the A361 past Lamberts Hill, Nigel Hewitt-Cooper has report this.  
On the B3136 at Lamberts Hill Farm there is a pothole about 8 inches deep.  
Overgrown hedge on John Beales Hill.  
Subsidence on the A361.

Councillor S Kearle will collect the salt bags from Somerset County Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> November.

It was decided that a new grit bin was not required this year.

- iii Fords and Bridges:
- Work has not yet started on the Cockmill Ford Bridge.
- iv Fingerposts:
- The Clerk will chase up the quote from Cerdic Foundries.
  - Missing finial: The finial has now been returned.
  - A new arm has been added to the fingerpost stating 'Worthy Farm'. The Clerk was asked to email Highways and Steve Russell-Yarde to ask who gave permission for this. Easton Foundries carried out the work.
- v Community Speedwatch:
- Councillor King advised that when the A361 was not closed the lorry count was still high. When there was less traffic vehicles went faster, one clocked a speed of 65mph but anchored on the breaks when they saw the high visibility jackets.
  - Truck Count for September was received.
  - Speed Indicator Device Report: A report was received from Dave Grabham providing data from the recent speed indicator device that was in the village.
  - An email has been received from Maureen Morgan asking if the Speedwatch Team could be sited at the top of Whitstone Hill occasionally. Councillor King is investigating another site but the police are being slow in inspecting the site as an identifying number needs to be provided to send in the data. Councillor King will chase them.
- vi The Crown Inn: Assets of Community Value: Councillor King advised that he has spoken with Steve Bowler and they are meeting soon to go through the paperwork. Once this has taken place Councillor King will contact Reg.
- vii Police Report: October Police Report:  
Incidents for the village of Pilton -  
29/09 – Reported possible drink driver.  
02/10 – Suspicious male caller to private address in Top Street.  
05/10 – Lamberts Hill – Minor non injury RTC.  
16/10 – Ridge Road, reported cows on road.  
25/10 – Lamberts Hill – Minor Injury RTC.
- It was also reported that aggressive salesman were in Abbots Way.
- viii Low Cost Housing: There is no update this month however Nina Richard, MDC is attending the December Parish Council meeting.
- viv Laurels at the War Memorial: The cutting of the Laurels at the War Memorial will take place at 9am on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November.
- vv Pilton War Memorial: An Invitation to comment has been received from Historic England. The Clerk was advised that the semi-circular enclosure was added in 2014. She will advise Historic England.

Councillor Noble asked whether now was a good time to inscribe the plaque on the War Memorial. The intention was to do this on the 100<sup>th</sup> year memorial of World War One but this did not happen. It could also commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

The Clerk was asked to contact Paul Warry, on behalf of the church, Liz Elkin on behalf of the British Legion and Maureen Tofts (as she has written a book on the local victims of the war) for their suggestions on the wording.

Councillors were asked to email the Clerk with their suggestions prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

## 6 PLANNING

Application Number: 2017/2166/FUL

Proposal: Reinstatement of residential use of house involving construction of new roof, conversion of barn to ancillary residential accommodation, part re-building of barn to office use, formation of new access and drawings received 03/10/2017 and 11/10/2017.

Location: Barrington Old Wells Road, Shepton Mallet

Applicant: Mrs Hannah Smith

Application Type: Full Application

Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL

Council Drew proposed approval, Councillor S Kearle seconded, Councillors voted unanimously in favour.

Application Number: 2017/2476/HSE

Proposal: Erection of conservatory

Location: Knowle Farm Bungalow, Knowle Lane, West Compton

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Davis

Application Type: Householder Application

Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL

Council Noble proposed approval, Councillor Drew seconded, Councillors voted unanimously in favour.

Application Number: 2017/2687/TCA

Proposal: Proposed felling of a conifer (T1) and apple tree (T2) in a conservation area

Location: Manzano, St Mary's Lane, Pilton

Applicant: Dr Stephen Ladyman

Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA

Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL

Council Noble proposed approval, Councillor King seconded, Councillors voted unanimously in favour.

Application Number: 2017/2782/TCA (resubmitted as 2017/2782/TPO)

Proposal: Proposed works to a tree in a conservation area – T1 – Yew lateral reduction by 3m.

Location: Yew Tree Cottage, Whitstone Hill, Pilton

Applicant: Mr Roger Benner

Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA

Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL

Council Noble proposed approval, Councillor S Kearle seconded, Councillors voted unanimously in favour.

Letter from Robin Carr Associates reference Application to Add a Bridleway to the Definitive Map – Westholme Lane, Lower Westholme (SCC Case Ref: 705)

Councillor Wynn agreed to take the paperwork to read and feed back to Councillors at the December meeting what, if any, action is required.

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2017/0504/HSE

Proposal: An extension added to 'The Cowshed/Dairy' building (Curtilage Listed building) – referred to as 'Redlake'. Internal and external alterations to 'The Cowshed/Dairy Building' – referred to as 'Redlake'. Replacement windows for 'The Barn/ The Stable' building (Curtilage Listed building) – referred to as 'Annexes'. Internal and external alterations to 'The Loft' – not a curtilage listed building but a building which could affect the setting of a Listed Building – referred to as 'Rookwood'

Application Type: Householder Application

Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2017/0505/HSE

Proposal: An extension added to 'The Cowshed/Dairy' building (Curtilage Listed building) – referred to as 'Redlake'. Internal and external alterations to 'The Cowshed/Dairy Building' – referred to as 'Redlake'. Replacement windows for 'The Barn/ The Stable' building (Curtilage Listed building) – referred to as 'Annexes'. Internal and external alterations to 'The Loft' – not a curtilage listed building but a building which could affect the setting of a Listed Building – referred to as 'Rookwood'

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2017/1864/APP

Proposal: Application for the approval of details pursuant to condition 5 (disposal of waste) of planning permission 2017/1075/FUL (proposed manege in existing horse paddock

Applicant: S D Leach

Application Type: Approval of Details - Cond

Decision: Approval

iii Enforcement:

- Cock and Bull Drove: The site is just waiting for rubbish to be removed.
- Beggars Roost: Site in under enforcement.
- Friars Oven Farm: Councillor Noble has spoken to Simon Snartt, Mendip District Council to discuss the problem.
- Tanyards Lane: Nigel will provide an update at the next meeting. The temporary dwelling were allowed whilst building work took place but must be removed once completed. Councillor Noble raised concerns that the building did not match the planning application however Nigel advised that tis met planning requirements.

There is an unauthorised dwelling (campervan) in Lower Westholme Road. It has been there since 13<sup>th</sup> July. There is junk in the fields and local residents are very scared. The Clerk will contact the Police.

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update: Update from Councillors

- Overgrown footpath off Platterwell Lane: This work has been completed by the ASBO's. Councillor Corfield passed on her thanks on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Councillor King advised that he has spoken with Steve Bowler and due to his health does not wish to continue as Chair of the Footpaths sub-committee.
- Councillor agreed to take on the role of Chair of the Footpaths sub-committee.
- Councillor King will arrange a meeting with the ASBO's and Footpaths Committee. Thanks were given to Councillor King for taking on this role.

## 8 FINANCE:

### i Financial Statement:

						<b>Total Funds</b>
Balance b/f from 30/09/2017						£ 23,485.80
Plus banked:						
	Forsey and Sons					£ 60.00
						<u>£ 60.00</u>
Less cheques drawn:						
1988	Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary & o/t (15 hours)					£ 337.20
	( <b>£10 home working allowance, stamps £6.72</b> )					£ 16.72
1989	Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary					£ 35.00
1990	Pilton Working Mens Club					£ 12.00
1991	Mr R England					£ 72.00
1986	HMRC (£27.00 Ron & £197.40 Karen)					£ 224.40
1987	Norton Garden Machinery					£ 96.19
1992	Liz Elkin - Remembrance Wreath					£ 30.00
						<u>£ 823.51</u>
Balance at 30/09/2017						<u>£ 22,722.29</u>

### ii Financial News:

- Remembrance Wreath will be laid by Councillor Noble on behalf of the Parish Council.

## 9 CORRESPONDENCE: Public Sector Executive Online 28/9

- i. Public Sector Executive Online 2/10
- ii. Weekly Email News Digest, Rural Services Network Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October
- iii. Rural Opportunities Bulletin, Rural Services Network 4/10
- iv. Parish Council Information Bulletin – October 2017
- v. Women in Local Government Conference
- vi. Public Sector Executive Online 9/10
- vii. Weekly Email News Digest, Rural Services Network Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October
- viii. Sing for Somerset 2017
- ix. Rural Services Network, Rural Transport 11/10
- x. Public Sector Executive Online 11/10
- xi. Virgin Media Business 11/10

- xii. Rural Services Network, Free RSN Seminar 12/10
- xiii. Public Sector Executive Online 12/10
- xiv. Public Sector Executive Online 13/10
- xv. Weekly Email News Digest, Rural Services Network, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October
- xvi. Public Sector Executive Online 16/10
- xvii. Countryside Alliance 17/10
- xviii. Rural Housing Spotlight, Rural Services Network 18/10
- xix. Public Sector Executive Online 19/10
- xx. National Adoption Week 19/10
- xxi. Public Sector Executive Online 23/10
- xxii. Weekly Email News Digest, Rural Services Network, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October
- xxiii. Rural Vulnerability Network, Rural Broadband October 2017
- xxiv. Recycle SWP October 2017
- xxv. Somerset Rivers Authority 25/10
- xxvi. Public Sector Executive Online 26/10

10 **BURIAL GROUND:**

- i Maintenance reports:  
Two reports were received both were fine. More soil will be required in the spring, Councillor Drew will monitor.
- ii Cutting of vegetation:  
It was confirmed that Harvey Bailey has cut the grass.  
Lee Brooks has cut the hedges.

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

- i Roundabout report:

Salt is available for residents from the Parish Councillors from the 25<sup>th</sup> November, please get in touch for a convenient time to collect.

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a **Very Merry Christmas.**

Councillors Foley and King wish to attend the Planning Training Sessions being offered by Mendip District Council. The Clerk will arrange the bookings.

Concerns were raised regarding the firework display being held at the Crown Inn these included safety, upsetting horses and livestock, parking in the narrow lane, double parking and blocking driveways. Jason Kirkwood, MDC confirmed that they do not require a licence to hold the event but should have liaised with the Fire Brigade and Police. As the event is so close Jason Kirkwood will forward to the fire brigade and police. The Clerk was asked to speak to SALC to see if the Parish Council are able to do anything for future years.

A local resident is painting the stone bus shelter. Councillor Wynn will thank her on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor Corfield provided an update on Rural Broadband. She is collecting signatures from East Town Lane and other 'pockets' within the village which will be

submitted to Open Reach as part of the Committee Fibre Partnership. Work is carried out by Virgin Broadband near Steanbow that could cover that side of the village. Councillor Corfield will investigate.

12 **FESTIVAL:**

i Festival General:

- Festival Feedback – the GFEL/PPC Feedback meeting has taken place. It was a very positive meeting. Three members of the public attended.

ii GFEL/PPC minutes: Dates of next meetings: TBC

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.03pm