

Minutes of the meeting of the  
Pilton Parish Council  
In the Pilton Village Hall on  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 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)

0 members of the public were present

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Holly Corfield

3 **MINUTES:** of the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Councillor Noble declared a personal interest in planning application 2018/0585/HSE.

5 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

- i. Chairman – Councillor Foley proposed Councillor R Kearle, Councillor Smith seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour. Councillor R Kearle completed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form.
- ii. Vice Chair – Councillor Wynn proposed Councillor Noble, Councillor Foley seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour. Councillor Noble completed a Declaration of Acceptance Form.
- iii. Committees – The Committee Members remained unchanged

6 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Strategy:

- Update: No update this month.
- Puffin Crossing: There was no update this month.

ii Highways: Updates re the following:-

- **Culverts:**
  - a) Blocked culvert at Cockmill Lane: Ref 525151
  - b) Pylle Lane past the railway line there is a blocked culvert where the stream is flowing across the road; Ref 525152
- **Blocked Drains/ Gullies:**

- a) Meadowcroft: Ref 523675
- b) Blocked drain at The Lodge at Westholme: Ref 524574, SCC were unable to locate any blocked gullies at this location, although some run off from adjoining land was noted. Grit s blocking the drain 30 yards due east of The Lodge
- c) Blocked drain outside Thornton House: Ref 524664, no flooding was found on inspection.
- d) Drains are blocked at Lays Lane: Ref 524665, Gullies were working at the time of inspection.
- e) The drain in the road of the A361 opposite Parson Batch is blocked. Ref 524578, Gully was working when inspected 20/2/18. Drain needs to be cleared, it is located near the footpath leading to Gabriels Orchard.
- f) Drain on Park Hill on the A361 has /broken tarmac surrounding it: Ref 524578, inspected on 20/2/18 revealed some fretting of the tarmac surround however this is not classed as a safety defect.
- g) 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.
- h) Drains and gullies need cleaning opposite Cutlers Cottage at Totterdown Lane
- i) The drain needs clearing and the tarmac has lifted outside Shutwell House
- j) 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

- **Potholes**

- a) East Town Lane: Ref 523672
- b) Totterdown Lane: Ref 522404, SCC advised complete
- c) Winters Hill: Ref 522405, No safety defects were identified
- d) Back lane: Ref 522406 SCC advised complete
- e) Perridge Hill Farm: Ref 524579 Repaired 5/3/18. Councillors advised that there are still potholes near the Farm.
- f) Pothole at North Wooton down from Folly/Stoodley Hill: Emailed Highways
- g) Potholes at the Ford in the middle of the village
- h) A large hole has appeared at Westholme Junction by the Old Shop
- i) Pothole at the bottom of Park Hill on the A361 at the Retreat at Burford Crossroads and Stoodley Hill. The ditch at the same location needs clearing
- j) Bad potholes as you approach Cockmill Ford.

- **General**

- a) Road Markings on Stoodley Lane and Bowermead Lane:
- b) Overgrown Vegetation:
- c) Visibility down Lamberts Hill:
- d) Yellow Lines at the bottom of Totterdown Lane:
- 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) Traffic in Ford Lane: Passed to Traffic Engineer, Hedges ref: 524662, Inspected as is not classed as a safety defect. Details of homeowner required should it become necessary to take this up with them in the future.
- g) Sign at Lamberts Hill: Reference 523568
- h) Manhole at Maldean: Ref 523673

- i) Subsidence at Burford to Stoodley: Ref 523673
- j) Damage by Badger set Westholme/Water Lane: Signs erected, site works to be programmed when permit can be obtained.
- k) Tarmac is breaking up around the drain outside Maldene on the A361: Ref 524575, Cover was secure at the time of inspection with some minor fretting around cover which is not classed as a safety defect.
- l) Bank channels to ditch need redigging in Neat Lane: Ref 52476
- m) Ditch above Totterdown Lane blocked. Ref 524577, Outlet clear at time of inspection. Ditches are the landowners responsibility. Details of landowner requested.
- n) Severe subsidence has damaged half the road beyond Bourne Farm: Ref 524666, no carriageway subsidence was evident at the time of inspection the only item was verge overrun (not classed as a safety defect) which will be put forward for consideration for inclusion for future works.
- o) Neat Lane and Top Street verges are in bad condition due to vehicles driving on the verges in order to pass other vehicles: Ref 524580, Verge overrun will be put forward for consideration for future works.
- p) There a large amount of litter on the A361 at Springfield Cross to Lamberts Hill.
- q) The signposts at Springfield Cross and Park Hill have been knocked down. Ref 525150
- r) The finger on the sign at Stumps Cross to Shepton Mallet/Croscombe has been broken off.

- **New Defects:**

- 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.
- There is a pothole adjacent to Ashfield House in Bakery Lane
- There is a pothole in Totterdown Lane by Two Oaks.
- The gully opposite the telephone exchange on Totterdown Lane needs emptying.
- There is a significant drop to the gully under the road at Winding Lake out towards Pylle, East of Winding Lake Farm

iii Fords and Bridges:

- The work has now been completed and Councillors conformed that they are happy with the work carried out. This can now be removed from the agenda.

iv Fingerposts & Signs:

- Dog Fouling Notices: Councillor Noble has rung Ian Glover, MDC a number of times but not received a response.
- Children Playing Signs: Steve Russell-Yarde delivered the signs prior to the Parish Council meeting. Councillors S Kearle and R Kearle will erect them.
- Sign near Toll Cottage: The Foundry has advise the signs should be ready any time now.

v Community Speedwatch:

- Councillor King advised that the Speedwatch Team had a session at Frome Police Station with Chris Hall. The Team were shown how the Police can build up a picture of the movements and activities of a registration number around the country. So if someone is caught by speeding in Pilton they can identify if they are local or where they have travelled from.

Councillor King advised that they had received a letter of thanks from someone who was caught speeding thanking the Speedwatch Team for not charging him.

- Purchase of SID – The Speedwatch Team have been offered an ex Council SID was for £100. The SID's are at the end of their lifecycle hence being replaced by the SCC. Should repairs be required then they need to be sent to Germany which could be a large expense. The Parish Council voted 4 against making the purchase.
- Truck Count for April – Councillor Smith advised that the pattern is not changing. The mornings are higher than the afternoons. Thanks was given to Councillor Smith.

- vi The Crown Inn: Assets of Community Value: Councillor King advised that he has received a call from Reg. The Pack Horse at Bath said they would help as they had successfully been through the process although there has been no contact as yet. The completed application form should be ready for the June Parish Council meeting.
- vii Police Report: April Police Report  
3rd April – Vehicle recovered by Police for No Insurance on the A361 Pilton  
  
12th April – Report of a theft from a property in the village.  
  
26th April – Police assist a broken down motorist on the A361 Pilton, as vehicle in a dangerous position.
- viii Pilton War Memorial:
  - War Memorial Inscription and Plaque – The Clerk has almost completed the listed Building Planning Application.
  - Update from Historic England re funding – The Clerk has applied for funding from War Memorials Trust however there is a very slim chance of being successful.
- vix Grit Bins: Councillor S Kearle advised that the salt has not been collected yet due to the bad weather but this will take place prior to the next meeting.
- vx General Data Protection Regulations GDPR – The Clerk advised that each Parish Council were expected to appoint a Data Protection Officer however this is no longer the case. The Clerk is attending a SALC course on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May.
- vxi Village Bench: The ASBO's have advised that the Village Bench is now beyond repair as it is rotten. Councillor R Kearle advised that he will be donating a bench to the village to replace the rotten bench. Thanks were given to Councillor R Kearle.

## 7 PLANNING

Application Number: 2018/0648/FUL

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

Location: East Town Farm, East Town Lane, Pilton

Applicant: Messrs N and R Boyd

Application Type: Full Application

Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval

Acceptance was proposed Councillor Noble, seconded by Councillor King. The vote was unanimously in favour.

Application Number: 2018/0585/HSE

Proposal: Removal existing loggia and garage and rebuild, removal of existing lean-to conservatory and replace and new games room, extension to rear of garage to form new office.

Location: East Burford, Winters Hill Lane, West Compton

Applicant: Mr Fields

Application Type: Householder Application

Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval

Acceptance was proposed by Councillor S Kearle, seconded by Councillor Drew. The vote was unanimously in favour.

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2017/2689/FUL

Proposal: New 2 bedroom detached dwelling and retention of existing garage

Location: Minda, Top Street, Pilton

Application Type: Full Application

Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2018/0497/APP

Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4 (landscaping), 6 (boundary treatment), 7 (restoration method statement) and 8 (foul and surface water drainage) on planning consent 2017/2166/FUL)

Location: Barrington Old Wells Road

Application Type: Approval of Details - Cond

Decision: Approval

Application Number: 2018/0302/PAA

Proposal: Prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class 3) and for associated operational development.

Location: Barn Adj. To Hearne Barn Lower Westholme Road.

Application Type: Prior Approval Determination

Decision: Prior approval is refused

Application Number: 2018/0194/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 settling of a Listed Building – referred to as 'Rookwood'.

Location: Knowle Farm, Knowle Lane, West Compton

Application Type: Householder Application

Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2018/0195/LBC

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 settling of a Listed Building – referred to as 'Rookswood'.

Location: Knowle Farm, Knowle Lane, West Compton

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Decision: Approval with Conditions

iii Enforcement:

- Cock and Bull Drove: Nigel Hewitt-Cooper was going to visit Cock and Bull Drove but no update has been received to date.
- Beggars Roost: There are still people at Beggars Roost and a new gate has been erected, the Clerk will be sent photos to send to MDC.
- Friars Oven Farm:
- Tanyards Lane:
- West Compton:

8 **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update: Councillor King advised that the four new posts have been collected and the ASBO's will now removing the old signs and replacing them with the new.

Andrew Shaw has walked all the Footpaths and will draw the attention of SCC anything that need attention.

The Clerk was asked to chase the letter that was sent to SCC regarding the drop at Ford Lane/ Weir Lane.

9 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

**PILTON PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT - APRIL 20**

						<b>Total Funds</b>
Balance b/f from 31/03/2018						<u>19,597.37</u>
Plus banked:						
		Precept -MDC				£ 8,000.00
						<u>£ 8,000.00</u>
Less cheques drawn:						
2024	Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary & o/t ( hours)					£ 345.48
	(£10 home working allowance, Paper)					£ 13.75
2025	Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary					£ 36.00
	Mrs W Lynn - Expenses					£ 40.00
2026	Pilton Working Mens Club					£ 12.00
2031	Mr R England					£ 101.30
2027	O V Garland & Sons Ltd ( repair of standpipe & gate latch & buria					£ 90.60
2023	Zurich Municipal - Insurance					£ 1,347.86
2028	SALC/NALC Subscription					£ 347.74
2029	Norton Garden Machinery (Mower service & Repair)					£ 126.50
2030	War Memorial Trust Subscription					£ 20.00
	Lloyds Bank administration fee					£ 25.00
						<u>£ 2,506.23</u>
Balance at 30/04/2018						<u>£ 25,091.14</u>

ii Financial News:

- Insurance Cover – An invoice has been sent to the Playing Fields Trust for their contribution to the annual insurance.
- War Memorials Trust – It was unanimously agreement not to send a donation to the War Memorials Trust at this time.

10 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i. Fully Funded: Challenging Behaviour, Mental Health for Children, Safeguarding and Prevent. 3/4
- ii. The Vigil of Light. A commemoration of the Centenary of the Armistice, November 2018
- iii. Weekly Email News Digest, Rural Services Network, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- iv. Rural Opportunities Bulletin, Rural Services Network 4/4
- v. Public Sector Executive Online 4/4
- vi. Weekly Email News Digest, Rural Services Network Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April
- vii. Public Sector Executive Online 9/4
- viii. Public Sector Executive Online 10/4
- ix. Parish Forum 10/4
- x. Public Sector Executive Online 11/4
- xi. Rural Vulnerability Service, Rural Broadband – April 2018
- xii. Somerset Rivers Authority 12/4
- xiii. Public Sector Executive Online 13/4
- xiv. Weekly Update from James Heapey MP 16/4
- xv. Public Sector Executive Online 16/4

- xvi. Weekly Email news Digest, Rural Services Network, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April
- xvii. Rural Services Network, Rural Housing Spotlight 18/4
- xviii. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April
- xix. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April
- xx. Somerset Village of the Year Competition 20/4
- xxi. Public Sector Executive Online 20/4
- xxii. Recycle, SWP April 2018 Briefing 20/4
- xxiii. Weekly update from James Heapey MP 20/4
- xxiv. Weekly Email News Digest, Rural Services Network, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018
- xxv. Public Sector Executive Online 23/4
- xxvi. Rural Services Network, Rural Vulnerability Service – Fuel Power
- xxvii. Update from St Margaret’s Hospice 26/4

11 **BURIAL GROUND**

- i Maintenance reports: Two reports were received both were fine.
- ii Proposed New Burial Fees: The Burial Secretary advised that she felt the Burial Fees needed to be reviewed in line with other local Parishes.

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

- i Roundabout report

Residents are reminded not to park on pavements, concerns have been raised especially around the Maggie’s Farm area.

The Parish Council are putting a Suggestions Box in the Post Office to enable residents to raise any concerns to the Parish Council.

The Clerk was asked to advise the Roundabout Team that her email addresses published is incorrect.

There is rubbish from laying the hedge in Beales Hill needs tidying, the Clerk will write to Grey Gables as it is blocking the drain.

Malta Cottage in Bread Street have overgrown vegetation and large vehicles cannot drive through. Councillor King will speak to the homeowners.

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 6th June 2018 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.22pm