

Minutes of the meeting of the
Pilton Parish Council
in the Pilton Village Hall on
Wednesday 2nd November 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)
Roger Noble
Steve Bowler
Holly Corfield
David Drew
John Howe
Stephen Kearle
Joe King

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

10 Members of the public were present and Councillor Nigel Hewitt-Cooper

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Jean Warry

3 **MINUTES:** of the 7th September 2016 were approved and minutes from the 5th October 2016 to be amended to include discussion on Capping proposals

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Item 12 Festival: Councillors S Kearle and Corfield (dispensation approved), declared a prejudicial interest (employment). They also declared an interest in 5 viii, Worthy Farm Signs. Councillor Corfield also declared prejudicial interest (friend) in planning application 6i, Burford Farm. Councillors Bowler, Corfield, Drew, Howe, King, and Noble, 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" and also regarding 6i, Brook Cottage.

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Highways: Updates re the following:-

- Totterdown Lane: Councillor Hewitt-Cooper had forward a parking complaint to the Clerk following parking at the corner of Shop Lane. Councillor Hewitt-Cooper has had a discussion with Marcus Cookson, Traffic Police, Bridgewater who had confirmed that it is illegal to park anything less than 10 metres from a junction. The Clerk was asked to forward Nigel's email to Guy Dury and Sheila Thompson, in Guy's absence, to ask them to speak to local residents regarding inappropriate parking. The Clerk was asked to add Parking Issues to next month's agenda.
- Letter to Highways re damaged verges: The Clerk confirmed that she has not yet received an update from Andrew Turner or Jeff Bunting. She will chase again.
- Sandbags: Steve Bowler has not collected the sandbags as yet but will attempt to do so by the next Parish Council meeting.

- Springfield Cross 30mph speed limit– The Clerk has received a response from Steve Russell-Yarde regarding extending the speed limit to beyond the junction of the B3136. He has discussed this with the County Council regarding the need to at least make the approach to the junction into a 40mph zone. Steve also asked for further details regarding the serious accident. The Clerk will provide details. The Clerk will continue to log accident and incident when she is advised. It was suggest that the Clerk speak to Rob Milligan regarding this.
- Culverts: The Clerk will chase a response from Paul Turner and copy in Nigel Woollcombe-Adams.
- Top Street Blocked Drains – No update
- 20 mph limit between Long House to Cockmill Lane to encompass the and Playing Fields and the Bush Nursery – The Clerk has written to Somerset County Council, she will chase for a response.

Councillor Noble stated that the signpost at Lamberts Hill has slipped. This has been reported previously but no action has been taken. Councillors were reminded that Nigel Woollcombe-Adams had advised that there was no budget for such repairs.

There is a pothole near East Town Farm, East Town Lane. The Clerk will report to Higways.

The lines have not been painted in Copse Hill. The Clerk will report to Highways.

The run off channel at the bank of the hedge near the junction at Copse Hill and Lower Street need clearing.

The Clerk was asked to email Nigel Woollcombe-Adams a list of all outstanding highways issues.

An email has been received regarding the collection of Salt. Councillor King agreed to collect this from Somerset County Council on the 3rd December. Councillors Howe, Bowler and Noble will check whether the salt bin around the village need refilling.

It was suggested that permanent signage on the A361 would reduce recurring costs. The Clerk will email Steve Russell-Yarde/Rob Milligan to see if he has discussed this with the police and how we can take this forward.

Much discussion took place regarding traffic within the village and it was decided that the Parish Council will write a Traffic Strategy to discuss signage, puffin crossing and future requirements of the village. This will be put on the agenda for next month.

- ii Zebra crossing between bus stops on the A361: The Clerk has received a response from Nigel Woollcombe-Adams regarding the Puffin crossing. It was stated that each application looked at differently and after enquiries he has found that Binegar has had their crossing agreed as the village shop and post office are on one side of the main road and the majority of the housing on the other. There is a bowl in the road but more importantly a speed camera is also nearby.

- iii Fords and Bridges: The Clerk confirmed that she has requested a quotation from three local contractors regarding repairs to the Cockmill Ford Bridge. They were Andrew Pearce, Liam Higgins and Ed Moon.
- iv Fingerposts: Councillor Bowler confirmed that Andrew Connick has completed the work on the sign at the top of Compton Road. He has also taken the sign for Muddy Lane and will erect this next week along with the finial for the East Compton sign.
- v Speed Camera Devices: Councillor King advised that the Speedwatch Team has a new recruit and that they have completed all necessary training. The Team have completed the lorry count. Councillor King expressed his thanks to Debbie Smith for her help regarding this. Lorries were counted for ten hours over different days and times. On a Monday morning between 07:30 and 08:30, over 92 HGV's were counted. During a Sunday lunchtime an average 33 HGV vehicles were counted. Speedwatch signs will be erected either end of the village. Councillor King asked that the request for a grant for the Speedwatch team be added to the agenda for next month's meeting.
- vi The Crown Inn:
- Assets of Community Value: Steve Bowler confirmed that 35 people attended the meeting held on the 9th October. After a presentation Councillor Bowler a vote was taken and signature taken as to whether they were in favour or against the Crown Inn being made an Asset of Community Value. Twenty seven were in favour, one against. One spoke against but didn't sign.

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Congratulation was given to Councillor Bowler on his presentation.

Councillor Bowler proposed that this be taken forward. Councillors voted 3 in favour and 1 against.

Councillor Bowler has the forms and will progress this.

- vii Police Report: The October Police Report has not yet been received the Clerk will chase.
- viii Worthy Farm Signs: Councillor R Kearle, S Kearle and Corfield left the meeting. Discussion took place and to whether the Council agree with the request that Worthy Farm be added to the fingerpost signs. It was felt that there would be too much information on the signposts and it would encourage other villagers/businesses to want include signs to their properties. Another reason was that Councillors didn't want to encourage more vehicles through the village to Worthy Farm and to leave the main route and go a different route instead that isn't suitable. Vehicles should accessing the Worthy Farm site by Red Gate on the A361 and not an alternative route. Councillors believed that signs should be for village amenities and not private business. The Clerk was asked to Steve Russell-Yarde stating these reason and to also ask where the sign would be situated.

Councillor R Kearle, S Kearle and Corfield returned to the meeting

- ix Pilton Bus Shelters: Nigel Hewitt-Cooper has arranged for Landscaping Group to clean the bus shelter.
- x West Pennard Primary School: The Council has received a request for future funding from West Pennard Primary School. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the Precept meeting in January.
- xi Capping Proposals: Thanks was given to Councillor Bowler for replying on behalf of the Parish Council. The main point that given was the cost of a referendum would cost more than the increase in the precept.

6 PLANNING

- i Application Number: 2016/2332/FUL
 Proposal: The proposed development is for the existing former poultry unit building to be demolished and the construction of a two storey vehicle workshop with four repair/MOT bays. A reception room, staff/customer amenities and car parking are included in the proposed design scheme.
 Location: Beard Hill Farm, Fosse Way, Pylle, Shepton Mallett
 Applicant: Mr Neil & Michael Christensen
 Application: Full Application
 Parish Council Recommends: The Parish Council thank MDC for the opportunity to comment but the application falls outside the Pilton Parish.

Application Number: 2016/2561/TCA
 Proposal: Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area: Sycamore (T1) fell
 Location: Barrow House, Ford Lane Pilton
 Applicant: Mr Clemson
 Application: Works/Felling in a CA
 Parish Council Recommends: Approval
 The Parish Council voted unanimously in favour

Councillor Drew left the meeting.

Application Number: 2016/2399/FUL
 Proposal: Proposed conversion of outbuilding into a design studio and artist workshop
 Location: Brook Cottage, Tanyard Lane Pilton
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Neil Taylor
 Application: Full Application
 Parish Council Recommends: Approval
 The Parish Council voted unanimously in favour

Councillor Drew returned to the meeting

Application Number: 2016/2453/TCA
 Proposal: Ash (T1) – Fell for benefit of adjacent beech
 Robinia (T2) – Remove low limb at 2.5m on west aspect, crown lift over Portugal Laurel to clear by 1m. Crown lift remainder of canopy to 4m

Turkey Oak (T3) - Remove major dead wood, crown lift over road to give 5m clearance.

Weeping Ash (T4) – Remove broken limb

Western Red Cedar (T5) – Reduce height to 3m

Yew (T6) – Crown lift over road to 3m

Ash (T7) – Fell to ground level (has shed crown stem)

Location: Pilton House, Lower Street Pilton

Applicant: Mr Gary Wilson

Application: Works/ Felling Trees in a CA

Parish Council Recommends: Approval

Councillor Noble proposed approval, Councillor Howe seconded. The vote was 6 in favour, 1 abstention

Application Number: 2016/2309/FUL

Proposal: Erection of calf barn

Location: Old Burford Farm, Winters Hill, West Compton

Applicant: S Turner

Application: Full Application

Councillor Bowler proposed in favour, Councillor Drew seconded. The Council voted 6 in favour, 1 abstention due to personal friendship with applicant.

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2016/0288/FUL

Proposal: 13 new residential nits including 4 no.3 bed houses; 7 no. 2 bed houses and 2 no. 1 bed flats (new information received regarding surface water drainage, site levels and landscaping)

Location: Land to the north of John Burns Cottages, Neat Lane, Pilton

Application: Full Application

Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2016/2037/FUL

Proposal: Change of use from agricultural to equestrian use for construction of equestrian manege.

Location: Springfield House, Neat Lane, Pilton

Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2016/2005/APP

Proposal: Approval of details reserved by condition 5 (external materials) of 2016/0320/FUL

Location: Hazelwood Bakery Lane, Pilton

Decision: Approval

Application Number: 2016/1958/HSE

Proposal: Material alternations to the external appearance of the property known as Barrow House.

Location: Barrow House, Ford Lane, Pilton

Decision: Approval with Conditions.

iii Enforcement:

- Cock and Bull Drove: Councillor Hewitt-Cooper advised that this is going to court on the 7th, 8th and 9th of November and he will provide a further update at the next Parish Council meeting.

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update:

- Weir Lane – Councillor Bowler advised that there has still been no response from Mendip District Council.

Councillor Bowler also stated that he has met with Barrie Fox, who would like clarification of the following

1. Does the insurance cover the ASBO's assets (Councillor Bowler has a list)?
2. Where can the ASBO's store their tools as they have to remove their equipment from their current store.
3. The ASBO's have asked for some more cones. Councillor S Kearle agreed to provide some.
4. It was voted 6 to 1 in favour (1 abstention) of Councillor Bowler sending Barrie an email giving the ASBO's permission to work on the Parish's footpaths and nothing else without the permission of the Parish Council first.
5. Scott Baldwin has amended the Pilton website to enable visitors to choose a footpath map. Councillors wished to pass on their thank to Scott.

8 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

Plus
banked:

Mrs S M Allen 200.00

200.00

Less cheques
drawn:

1912	Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary/expenses (expenses £10 home working allowance)	192.60 10.00
1913	Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary	35.00
1914	R England (Groundsman) - wages	72.00
1915	Pilton Working Mens Club	12.00
1916	Wreath (The Poppy Appeal)	30.00

Total cheques drawn: 351.60

Balance at 31.10.2016 £26,085.30

- ii Remembrance Day Wreath – Liz Elkin has organised the wreath for the Parish Council at a cost of £30. Councillor Noble was asked to lay the wreath.

9 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Parish Council Information Bulletin September 2016
- Rural Vulnerability Service – Fuel Poverty – September 2016
- Rural Services Network - Weekly Email News Digest – Monday 3rd October 2016

- iv Rural Services Network – Rural Opportunities Bulletin 5/10/16
- v Rural Services Network – Free RSN Seminar – Rural Economies
- vi RCNME7883 Temporary Road Closure
- vii Rural Services Network – Weekly Email News Digest – Monday 10th October 2016
- viii Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Transport October 2016
- ix Rural Services Network – Weekly Email News Digest – Monday 18th October 2016
- x Rural Services Network Rural Housing Spotlight
- xi SALC Training
- xii Rural Services Network – Weekly Email News Digest – Monday 24th October 2016
- xiii Funding Circle

10 **BURIAL GROUND:**

i Maintenance reports:

Two reports were received both were fine.

Councillor Noble is waiting for the top soil. He also confirmed that the hedges are looking better in the burial ground. Councillor R Kearle advised that we can expect to receive and invoice for the hedge cutting and for the work that was carried out last year but ever invoiced for.

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

i Roundabout report

The Parish Council have been approached regarding the Tesco Bags of Help grants scheme as they are looking for applications from the Mendip area. The scheme is where money is raised from the 5p bag levy and used to fund community projects. Three projects in the 200 Tesco regions will a grant each month, 1st place receives up to £5k, 2nd up to £2k and 3rd up to £1K.

The Parish Council are looking for your suggestions. Further information can be found at <http://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/pages/Category/apply-for-a-boh-grant-tes2>

Crown Inn - Assets of Community Value: Steve Bowler confirmed that 35 people attended the meeting held on the 9th October. After a presentation Councillor Bowler a vote was taken and signature taken as to whether they were in favour or against the Crown Inn being made an Asset of Community Value. Twenty seven were in favour, one against. One spoke against but didn't sign. The Parish Council also voted in favour of progressing this at the meeting held on the 2nd November.

Councillor Bowler will be completing the forms and will progressing this.

The Clerk will send details of the Tesco Scheme to the ABOS.

The Laurels planted by the British Legion were raised. Councillor Noble suggested they be cut right back. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr G Noone to ask for their opinion as to whether to prune or remove.

An article in this month's addition of the Roundabout regarding a 'Village Agent' was discussed. Councillor were not aware of this and it was agreed that Councillor Bowler would investigate further and report back to at the next meeting.

12 **FESTIVAL:**

i Festival General:

- A361 Clearway (including layby):- An email has been received from Jenny de Gex.
- Neat Lane Junction (No entry)

The Clerk has received another request for information regarding the Festivals effect on Pilton. It was agreed that she will respond in the usual way.

- ii Festival Feedback: The Clerk will now sent the report to GFEL, Mendip District Council and Avon & Somerset Police.
- iii Glastonbury Police Report has now been received, the Clerk will forward to the Council however this is for the Parish Council only and not for further distribution.
- iv GFL/PPC minutes: Dates of next meetings:
Tuesday 7th March 2017
Tuesday 6th June 2017
The Clerk was asked to email Mendip District Council to ask if GFEL can cut the number of meeting from 3 to 2 or whether this is in breach of their licencing.

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.12pm