

**Minutes of the meeting of the Pilton Parish Council held  
in the Pilton Village Hall  
on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)  
David Drew  
Jean Foley  
Stephen Kearle  
Joe King  
Roger Noble  
Andrew Shaw  
Debbie Smith  
Angela Wynn  
  
Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

56 members of the public were present.

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** None

3 **MINUTES:** of the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Councillors R Kearle, Wynn and D Drew declared an interest (Trustee) in planning application 2019/0461/FUL. Councillors R Kearle, Wynn and S Kearle (dispensation approved), declared a prejudicial interest (employment) GFEL. Councillors Drew, Foley, Noble, Shaw and Smith and 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 Matters:

- A361 meeting: Councillor King advised that there has been 2 meetings, the Glastonbury Town Council Group and the Action Group. John Roberts a retired Traffic Engineer has produced a Traffic Movement Report. Councillor King will circulate a copy of the report.

There is renewed National and County Council interest in the scheme. There are two potential schemes, one costing £50 million which is a loop with Bishops Hill and a long route costing £80 million across the flood plain and Oakland Nursery.

There is money available and ten different schemes have been put forward. It is expected that Devon's scheme will go forward in the first instance and they are more advanced.

- State of West Compton Lanes: An email has been received from a resident of West Compton highlighting the state of the West Compton lanes. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk will forward the email to Highways.
- Highways: Clerks Report – See Appendix A
- New Defects –

Pothole on Perridge Hill  
 Pothole outside Burford House as you drive towards West Compton.  
 Pothole at East Town Lane near East Town Farm.  
 The road down over Stoodley is breaking up.  
 Pothole opposite the telephone exchange in Totterdown Lane.

ii Community Speedwatch:

- Update from Councillor King: All is going well. Last week a vehicle was recorded travelling at 65mph in a 30mph area. A meeting has been held with GFEL and it has been agreed that speedwatch will monitor the traffic at Mary's gate and GFEL with monitor staff. Police have inspected the site and it has been approved.
- Truck Count for March: Councillor Smith advised that there was a heavy police presence at the Speedwatch AGM. There is trial taking place for a new device 'stealth SID'. Personal apps on phones and the police will visit repeat offenders Mark Nicholson advised that there has been a 2.5% reduction in road deaths linked to Speedwatch. Police have asked Speedwatch Team to report all trucks that are speeding.  
 Councillor Smith also stated that tractors travelling over 20mph are speeding and Speedwatch have also been asked to report offenders to the police.  
 The Truck count has gone down this month, this may be due to major construction at Hinkley coming to an end.

iii The Crown Inn: Assets of Community Value: Councillor King stated that a meeting is taking place next week and forms will be submitted during this Parish Councils term of office.

iv Police Report: March Police Report

07/03 – Fuel taken from residential oil tank, whilst resident away. Police contact, no offenders identified.

10/03 – Park Hill, tree fallen onto power lines. Police attendance, road closures in place 08.41, road re opened after repairs at 16.09.

23/03 – Suspicious male approached by resident when found in his garden, Hartley cottages area. The male promptly left. CCTV was captured but not clear enough to identify the intruder.

v Update from Nigel Hewitt-Cooper:

6 **PLANNING:**

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Application Number	Proposal	Applicant & Location
2019/0234/FUL	Proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development.	Mrs B Garland Barn at Brook House Farm, Compton Lane, West Compton
Parish Council recommended: Approval A resident spoke in favour of the proposal. Councillor D Smith proposed approval, Councillor Drew seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour.		

Councillors R Kearle, S Kearle, and A Wynn left the room.

2019/0349/FUL

Erection of a new 1.5 storey infill extension between two existing modern building. Existing window and doors removed and filled. Creation of new opening in existing building to allow for proposed roof to extension

Ms Beth Greenwood  
Worthy Farm Festival Offices,  
Worthy Lane,  
Pilton

Parish Council recommended: Approval  
Councillor Foley proposed approval, Councillor Smith seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour.

Councillor S Kearle returned to the meeting and D Drew left the room.

2019/0461/FUL

Change of use of part of existing Working Men's Club, St Mary's Lane. Pilton

Mr S Finley

Parish Council recommended: Approval  
Councillor King proposed approval, Councillor Foley seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour.  
The Chair of Trustees of the Village stated that the planning application should state 'change of use of the Village Hall' not the Working Men's Club as the building is held in trust by the Village Trust and the applicant should read the Trustees.  
A resident spoke against the application stating that she felt that the village needed a shop but felt not in the village hall, due to access, opening hours, parking, the lift and noise from generators.  
A resident felt there has been anxiety due to lack of communication from the CoOp. The Chair of the Trustees of the Village advised that over 300 letters were sent to residents of Pilton by the Co-op and was on the village notice boards. At the consultation meeting 75% of attendees were in favour of the shop. The Chair of Trustees advised that they are happy to meet with resident and can put updates on the website. The Co-op are also happy to meet directly. The Coop are funding the shop entirely, if it turns out the business is not viable they have to put everything back as before.  
The rent is very generous. The Youth Club is moving to the Playing Fields and Foyer Events will be held in the old snooker room. The Post Office will stay as part of the Co-op's plans (opening hours will remain the same).  
There is a process to go through even after planning consent. The Officer of the Charity Commission checks that the village are getting good value for money.  
Discussion took place regarding the lift. The intention is for a stair to be installed to provide access to the first floor and the lift is temperamental. This will fold up when not in use. This will be paid for by the Co-op but owned by the Village Hall. It was queried if it would hold a wheelchair. If it is compliant with fire regulations one that can hold a wheelchair will be installed.  
There is a scheme where residents can join the Co-op and then 1% of sold own products sold will be given back to village causes.  
The lease will initially be for five years initially, after this time the lease can be renewed and rent reviewed. It is expected that they will apply for an off licence. They will employ staff from the village.  
It was felt that in order to maintain the building in the future that the Village Hall needs an income.

Councillors R Kearle, D Drew and A Wynn returned to the room.

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number	Proposal	Applicant & Location	Decision
2018/3098/FUL	Refurbishment of existing disused cottage to create holiday let.	Mr Simon Armstrong Larkbarrow, East Compton	Approval with Conditions
2018/2995/FUL	Change of roofing material from clay double roman tiles to natural slate roof tiles.	Bier House, Cumhill Lane, Pilton	Approval with Conditions

iii Enforcement:

- Update: Councillor Noble advised that he spoke to Claire Malcolmson after the GFEL/PPC meeting who stated that Beggars Roost and Cock and Bull Drove will not be used for camping during the Festival period.

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

- i Update: Councillor King has received an email from the ASBO's who are planning for the new season. They would like confirmation in writing that the Parish Council wish them to continue clearing roadside verges.  
The Clerk was asked to check whether the ASBO's are covered by the insurance to work on roadside verges.  
It was confirmed that Councillors Drew, Noble, King, R Kearle and S Kearle on currently on the Footpaths Committee. This will need to be reviewed after the Parish Council elections.  
The Clerk was asked to put on next month's agenda the suggestion of joint meetings in the future of ASBO's and the Parish Council Footpaths Committee Members.

8 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

Balance b/f from 28/02/2019		15,394.48
Plus banked:		
		£ -
Less cheques drawn:		
2092	K Buckley,	£ 330.10
	(£10 home working allowance, £5.50 Insurance, £29.49 stationery, £64.9	£ 109.98
2093	W Lynn	£ 36.00
2094	Ron England	£ 30.70
2095	Pilton Working Mens Club	£ 15.00
2096	HMRC (R England £7.80, K Buckley £258.40)	£ 266.20
		£ 787.98
Balance at 31/03/2019		£ 14,606.50

ii Financial News/ Requests for Grants:

9 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i. Clerks report: See Appendix B
- ii. Any correspondence requiring further discussion:

10 **BURIAL GROUND**

- i Maintenance reports: Two were received, both were fine.  
Concern was raised over the standard of the work carried out at the Burial Ground for a recent burial. This was raised by the Clerk to Funeral Directors. Councillor Noble will check that the remedial work has taken place.

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

- i Roundabout report  
The Parish Council wish to ask residents to be considerate when parking in the village. Before parking please consider whether an emergency vehicle could get through if required.

The next Glastonbury Festival Events Limited/ Pilton Parish Council meeting is taking place on Tuesday 4th June at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

I would like to thank the outgoing Parish Council for their dedication and hard work during their term in office.

A resident advised that there are tyres that have been dumped on the verge at the Burford Crossroads and also on the Hill between Burford and West Compton. Councillor S Kearle will collect the tyres and dispose of.

The Clerk was asked to write to the homeowners of Weir Cottage as the hedge has been cut but the debris has been left and could be dangerous to pedestrians, if walking in the dark.

Councillor Smith has been to a Dementia meeting. Taxis, Waterboard and the three emergency service are being dementia trained. It was suggested that the proposed Co-op shop in Pilton should have their staff trained to be dementia friendly.

Councillor R Kearle thanked the Parish Council for their support and hard work during their term of office.

Councillor R Kearle will organise food for the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Clerk will organise refreshments.

12 **GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL:**

- i. Dates of the GFEL/PPC meetings:
  - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm  
Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8:47pm

## **Appendix A**

### **Outstanding Pilton Parish Defects – April 2019**

### **Blocked Drains/ Gullies:**

- a) Gullies were working at the time of inspection on 22/2/18. Query closed by SCC
- b) The Gully was working when inspected 20/2/18. However after an inspection with Councillor R Kearle programme. Due for clearance later this year as part of the next planned works programme.
- c) 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. Still awaiting a details of locations as unable to locate.
- d) Blocked drain at Parsons Batch. Councillor R Kearle showed the SCC representative the defect as he advised that it was not included as part of the cleaning rota and should be added. Confirmed due for clearance later this year as part of planned maintenance programme.
- e) Lower Street down towards Beales House on the left. Inspection arranged ref 531000.
- f) Westholme opposite the Lodge. Inspection arranged ref 531001
- g) Perridge drain needs sucking Inspection arranged ref 531002
- h) Top Street up to Culverwell House water running along the road. Inspection arranged ref 531005
- i) Outside Burford as turn in on upside as turn in. Inspection arranged ref 531007
- j) Opposite Pilton House there is a blocked Drain. Inspection arranged ref 531008
- k) The drain on the drive of Barrowfields House is full and running down towards the ford. It will be extremely dangerous should it freeze.
- l) Two drains outside The Lodge at Westholme are overflowing and pouring water across the road. Councillor R Kearle showed SCC representative the drain when they reviewed the defects but no action has yet to be taken.
- m) The drain is blocked by the railway bridge going into Shepton Mallet and the water is running across the road.
- n) There is a blocked drain near Lorien Bungalow at Top Street near Culverwell Cottage.
- o) There is still flooding at Pilton House. **Further location details required.**
- p) At the bottom of Watery Lane the drain is silted to the top outside Higher Westholme Farm. Reference 532067.

### **Potholes**

- a) There is a large Pothole at the top of Mount Pleasant. Inspection arranged ref 531013
- b) A parishioner has highlighted potholes in Compton Lane, at the end where it turns left (East) and runs along the side of Manor Barn. There are several holes and at least 3 large ones appear to fall within Somerset CC's criteria for repair.

### **General**

- a) Road Markings on Stoodley Lane and Bowermead Lane: These have been inspected and passed to traffic for inclusion in their works programme. **These have been added to our parking review programme.**
- b) Overgrown Vegetation: This has been referred to the 'Traffic Section'
- c) Visibility down Lamberts Hill: This has been referred to the 'Traffic Section' *An inspection has been carried out and no actionable defects could be identified.* A Councillor had a near miss due to the visibility at the Lamberts Hill/Shepton Mallet cross roads. There is poor visibility when looking right towards Lamberts Hill into Pilton. Traffic section dealing (SIS submission) **In light of accident history Traffic Management will look at what improvements can be made and they will advise Nigel Hewitt-Cooper of updates. No timescales can be given.**
- d) Yellow Lines at the bottom of Totterdown Lane: This has been added to the next Mendip Traffic Regulation Order with the support of Nigel Hewitt-Cooper. This is now only done

once a year and likely to be done later in the year with all other Mendip sites. Traffic section dealing (SIS submission)

- e) Bank channels to ditch need redigging in Neat Lane: Ref 52476 Not a safety defect as on hill and not traffic impeding. Works will be considered for inclusion in programmed works. Works will be considered for inclusion in future works list subject to budget provision.
- f) The wall belonging to Orchard House in Pylle Road seems to be unstable, it is along the road that leads to the playing fields and there is concern that children could be walking along side it. Item passed to building control MDC.
- g) The road down Perridge Hill is veering to the right and the road is cracking up in the middle. No safety defects identified, site subject to Badger excavations. To be monitored when staff in areas.
- h) The Bridge has now been hit for a third time and the Parish Council think it's in a dangerous state. This has been reported twice previously. SCC advised that this has been passed to the Structures Team in Taunton [bridges@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:bridges@somerset.gov.uk). The bridge at Stoodley has been hit for the fourth time. Urgent action is required. The Clerk has chased March 19. Update (March 19) there is now a large section, approx. half a metre wide, which has fallen off completely, exposing the risk of falling through into the stream.
- i) The Clerk was asked to contact SCC regarding a request for 'Stop' signs at Burford. SCC advised that this has been forwarded to the traffic team for consideration. **Not aware of this request, however if you are requesting a stop sign in place of a Give Way, DfT guidance states that new approvals for stop signs are only in exceptional circumstances. It is widely considered that all existing junctions requiring a stop sign would already have one approved. The guidance also states that a stop should only be used where visibility is so restricted that it is essential to stop, and that it cannot be used where visibility can be improved by cutting back a hedge etc.**
- j) Lot of detritus in the drains, a list needs to be compiled of the locations and Councillor King will ask the ASBO's to clear the drains. Ridge Lane into Compton Lane. Noted
- k) Shop Lane and Top Street, an ambulance couldn't get through. Nigel will chase the painting of the double yellow lines. Forwarded to Traffic Section.
- l) Toll Cottage and North Wootton Road. Please provide further information as to the nature of the issue.
- m) The pavement at the bottom of Shop Lane has been damaged since the Water Board was working there. An inspection of the location has been arranged and safety defects identified will be actioned as necessary. Ref 530986.
- n) Top Street opposite allotments by side of road sinking away. Inspection arranged ref 531010
- o) Parsons Batch along the Church Wall subsidence. Inspection arranged ref 531012.
- p) There has been flooding in front of Gable House, which has never happened before.
- q) The road markings at Neat Lane, Copse Hill into Lower Street need replacing, the gravel needs removing and a road sign replacing.
- r) The weight limit sign at Barrows Hill needs putting back up.
- s) The sign at the top of Compton Lane (no through road) has been knocked over: **Not aware of this request, please could you confirm whether the sign still needs to be erected? Is the sign still there?**
- t) Fingerposts - A temporary repair on the one at the top of Copse Lane hill. ASBOs are looking into replacing the other listed damaged ones.
- u) The bank in Totterdown Lane opposite the new build houses has been pushed into the ditch and needs clearing. Reference 532063
- v) By Lower Street going into Beales Hill there is running water from a drain or spring. Reference 532064
- w) The direction sign at the top of Beards Hill, East Compton towards the A37 has been knocked down.
- x) The sign at the Top Street crossroads needs putting back up. Reference 532065

- y) The plastic road sign on the verge outside the Manor House has been knocked over and people are driving on the verge. **Further location details required.**

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**Appendix B**

**Pilton Parish Council**

**List of Correspondence received March 2019**

- i. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 4/3
- ii. Local Mendip Plan Part II examination – Inspectors Initial Documents 4/3

- iii. Rural Services Network, The Rural Bulletin 5/3
- iv. Nominations for Chair Awards 5/3
- v. RCNME11019 – Temporary Road Closure – Main Street, Walton 5/3
- vi. March Parish Bulletin 5/3
- vii. RSN Rural Funding Digest – March 2019 Edition
- viii. Public Sector Executive Online 6/3
- ix. Hear from Dame Judith Hackitt & Sir Ken Knight 6/3
- x. Affordable Housing Commission- Call for Evidence 6/3
- xi. Press Release – Future of Street Library 10/3
- xii. SCC Press Release – First Somerset Community Library Partnership signed 10/3
- xiii. Rural Services Network - The Rural Bulletin, 12/3
- xiv. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 12/3
- xv. Mendip Local Plan II: Sites and Policies – Focussed Consultation on Proposed Changes to Pre-Submission Plan 12/3
- xvi. Rural Services Network call on Government for a Rural Strategy 13/3
- xvii. Glastonbury A361 Committee Agenda 13/3
- xviii. SCC Press Release: Discovery report highlights success and challenge 14/3
- xix. Broadband update from Connecting Devon and Somerset 18/3
- xx. Rural Services Network, The Rural Bulletin 19/3
- xxi. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 19/3
- xxii. Hear from Dame Judith Hackitt with an update on Building Regulations and Fire Safety 21/3
- xxiii. Director General of Housing, MHCLG confirmed to speak at Westminster Briefing event 25/3
- xxiv. Rural Services Network, The Rural Bulletin 26/3
- xxv. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 26/3
- xxvi. SWP Monthly Briefing March 2019
- xxvii. PROMISEworks article 26/3
- xxviii. SCC's Regulation Committee – Meeting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm
- xxix. Parish Council Committee Notification – Extraction of up to 400 tonnes of Blue Lias building stone ref: SCC/3538/2018
- xxx. SALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 28/3
- xxxi. SALC – Local Authority Publicity Code 28/03
- xxxii. Launch of new website for [www.mendip.gov](http://www.mendip.gov) 29/3
- xxxiii. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 1/4
- xxxiv. SALC – Highways approved contractors? 1/4

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