

**Minutes of the meeting of the Pilton Parish Council**  
**in the Pilton Village Hall**  
**on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 at 7.30pm**

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

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

2 Members of the public were present

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Steven Kearle, Councillor Nigel Woollcombe-Adams

3 **MINUTES:** of the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Item 12 Festival: Councillors R Kearle and Corfield (dispensation approved), declared a prejudicial interest (employment). Councillors Bowler, Corfield, Drew, Foley, Noble 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 Robert Kearle declared a prejudicial interest in relation to planning application 2016/1308/FUL and in item ix Worthy Farm request for signs.

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Highways:

- Totterdown Lane: Angela Pearce met with Andrew Turner, SCC to discuss the continual flooding in Totterdown Lane. An email has subsequently sent from Andrew Turner confirming that works will be carried out in the next three to four weeks, using a road closure and local diversion route. It should be about three days' work on site.
- The Clerk has sent a letter to Highways re damaged verges, no response has been received to date. The Clerk will chase.
- The Clerk has received an email from Janet Raynsford advising that they are still suffering from severe flooding on the Highway every time it rains the volume of water is now hampered by a river of water flowing across the road from the pub. The Clerk will send a copy of the email to Andrew Turner, SCC and Councillor Nigel Woollcombe-Adams requesting that drains are unblocked and camera are put down to see the cause of the problem. Councillor Bowler will investigate obtaining sandbags.

- The Clerk was asked to contact Charlie Pearce to request that he mark all the culverts in the village onto a map. The Council will provide a copy of a map of the village.
- Blocked drains are full up on Top Street at the entrance to the two bungalows, Culverwell Paddock and Lauren Bungalows.
- The Clerk has received reference numbers for all safety defect reported last month.
- The Clerk with thank Somerset County Council for their quick response in clearing the drains in Lower Street.

It was confirmed that Wessex Water had been working in the village this week.

- ii Zebra crossing between bus stops on the A361: There was no update this month.
- iii Fords and Bridges: The Clerk will contact Andrew Pearce as he previously prepared a specification for the works required and will then forward this to Ed Moon and Liam Higgins to cost a scheme for necessary works to the Cockmill Ford Bridge.
- iv Fingerposts: Councillor Bowler advised that the fingerposts are ready for collection but the factory is on its summer break and is closed. He will collect next week instead. Councillor Bowler will also chase Alan Connock for his quote.

The Council were advised that a fingerpost has been turned around on the Shepton Mallet Road at Lamberts Hill. Councillor Drew agreed to rectify this.

- v Speed Camera Devices: Councillor King provided an update re the Speedwatch Team's activities. 15% of driver were travelling above 40mph. During the last week in July the Speedwatch team registered 900 cars in one hour, and 600 cars the following week, travelling along the A361. A new computerised form being introduced will provide much for history and can look at were drivers have previously been caught.  
The police sanctioned Speedwatch sign has arrived.  
Councillor Noble asked if the Speedwatch Team could work from another site but Councillor King advised that they could only work from approved sites and this is the only site in Pilton that has been approved at the present time.  
The Clerk received an email from Dave Grabham re Speed Indicator Device results. In summary, the average reduction in approach speed has been 4 to 5mph. The median speed was 36mph, 6mph above the posted speed limit.
- vi Defibrillator: The Clerk has received letter providing an update from Colin Elkin. The Parish Council voted unanimously to provide £700 towards the defibrillator.
- vii The Crown Inn:
  - Assets of Community Value: The Parish Council asked for responses to their offer of a Public Meeting. To date on 3 responses have been received, 2 in favour and 1 against. The Parish Council voted unanimously that this was not enough support to take this forward at this point in time but will review it again should more support be forthcoming.
  - An email has been received from a local resident regarding the late opening hours and large congregations of people drinking, smoking, swearing and shouting into the early hours. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk will make Councillor Nigel Hewitt-Cooper and MDC aware. The Clerk will also email PCSO Guy

Dury to see if they have attended. The Clerk will respond to the resident advising what action the Parish Council are taking.

- viii Police Report: The Clerk read July's Police Report from PCSO Guy Dury. Councillors Drew's reported crime did not appear on last months or this month's list of crimes. The Clerk will raise this with PCSO Guy Dury.
- ix Worthy Farm Signs: Michael Eavis has requested signs for Worthy Farm to be added to the existing fingerposts. An email from Glastonbury Festivals advised that Somerset County Council have approved this. Concerns were raised that this would encourage large vehicles to use routes such as Copse Lane and the roads are not suitable for anything other than light vehicles. Too many signs may cause confusion for motorists.

Closed meeting

Open meeting

Councillor Bowler proposed that the Clerk contact Somerset County Council to ask on what grounds they given their consent, Councillor Howe seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour.

- x Gypsy and Traveller Count: Councillor Noble has completed the count for MDC and updated the Council of his findings. There were two extra caravans at Stumps Cross and at Platterwell Lane. The Clerk was asked to copy Councillor Hewitt-Cooper into the response to Mendip District Council stating that the Parish Council are not willing to complete this count again unless action is taken by Mendip District Council otherwise it is a pointless exercise that takes a lot of a Councillor time.
- xi War Memorials Trust: A request for financial help was received for the War Memorials Trust. The Parish Council voted unanimously not to donate as a yearly subscription is paid and the money donated would not benefit the Pilton Community.

## 6 PLANNING

Councillor R Kearle left the room and Councillor Noble took over as Chair.

- i Application Number: 2016/1308/FUL  
Proposal: Removal of existing hedge providing an opening for road access and the construction of field gates.  
Location: Clover Hill Farm, Pylle Road, Pilton  
Application: Mr Brian Derrick  
Application Type: Full Application  
Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL  
Councillor Bowler proposed approval, Councillor Drew seconded, the Parish Council voted 4 in favour, 2 abstentions.  
The Councillors felt that the diagrams on the website were quite misleading and concerns were raised regarding the disturbance of birds during the work that has already been carried out.

The Parish Council has received a reconsultation for application 2016/1259/FUL. The Clerk will respond to MDC advising them that the Parish Council has previously

responded stating that as they have not received any documents regarding the application and it is located in Pylle and not Pilton that they need documents in order to discuss the application further.

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2016/0576/FUL

Proposal: Installation of 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

Decision: REFUSAL

iii Enforcement:

- Cock and Bull Drove: Update

Councillor Bowler asked for a copy of the letter received from Ian Glover regarding no further action being taken regarding Friars Oven as the person who brought it to the Parish Councils attention would like to see a copy. The Clerk will forward a copy.

Loud music was reported on Loxton Land. This took place on the same weekend as an illegal rave took place last year, this coincided with the Bath and West Show.

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update: The Parish Council were advised that John Pratt and Godfrey Gingell are retiring from the ASBO's. Five footpaths have been cleared this month. Councillor R Kearle has cleared the branch from a footpath as requested by Councillor King this month.

- Weir Lane: No response has been received from Claire Haskins at MDC.

8 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

Plus

banked:

Forsey & Sons	25.00
	<u>25.00</u>

Less cheques drawn:

1894	Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary/expenses	192.60
	(expenses £10 home working allowance, £49.99 McAfee, £10.99 black ink cartridge,	70.98

1895	Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary	35.00
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1897	R England (Groundsman) - wages	28.00
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1896	Pilton Working Mens Club (15th June meeting)	12.00
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12.00

Total cheques drawn:	<u>338.58</u>
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Balance at	31.07.2016	<u>28,287.27</u>
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9 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

i Pension Wise 30/6/2016

ii Parish Council Information Bulletin July 2016

- iii Rural Services Network, Weekly Email Digest News 4/7/2016
- iv Somerset County Council Summer Sunsmart Campaign 4/7/2016
- v Rural Services Network, Rural Opportunities Bulletin 6/7/2016
- vi Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest 11/7/2016
- vii Rural Services Network, Rural Vulnerability Service, Rural Broadband 14/7/2016
- viii SCC Listening, Learning, Changing
- ix Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest 19/7/2016
- x Recycle SWP July 2016 Monthly Briefing
- xi SALC – Possible Play Ground Inspection Training
- xii Rural Services Network, Rural Housing Spotlight
- xiii Street Trading and Discretionary Licence Fees Next Step
- xiv MDC Built Environment Group Newsletter July 16
- xv Not for Profit Bulletin
- xvi Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest 26/7/2016
- xvii Rural Services Network, Rural Spotlight on Young People 27/7/2016
- xviii Debbie Lambert MDC - Is Social housing for you? 27/7/2016

10 **BURIAL GROUND:**

- i Maintenance reports:  
Two reports were received for July and both were fine.
  - Mrs Hiscox Headstone: AJS Memorials have confirmed that the headstone has now been straightened.
  - Harvey Bailey: the Clerk has left messages to ask for the burial ground to be cut but has not received a response and the work has not been completed. The Clerk will chase.
  - Councillor Noble will be getting the top soil in September to fill the holes in the burial ground.

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

- i Roundabout report

Due to the poor response in the Parish Councils request for interest in making the Crown Inn a Community Asset, the decision has been made not to take any further action at this time. This may change should the Parish Council receive more letters of support.

The Parish Council would like to hear your feedback on this year's Glastonbury Festival, please contact the Parish Clerk or any Councillor. The next GFEL meeting is being held on Wednesday 14th September at 6pm, all welcome to attend. Your comments regarding the Festival are requested prior to this meeting please.

A big Thank You to the Speedwatch Team. Their monitoring has shown that 15% of drivers are driving over 40mph. We were also surprised to hear that during the last week in July they recorded over 900 cars travelling along the A361 in only one hour.

The Laurel bushes by the War Memorial need reducing by a half, by Shop Lane it is very high and wide and could push out the wall if not kept under control. It is believed that it was planted by the British Legion. Councillor Noble will check with the Landowner that they are happy for it to be reduced. Councillor Howe will ask Sandra Howe who owns it and who has maintained it previously.

12 **FESTIVAL:**

- i Festival General: Letters have been sent to the Rivers Authority, Avon and Somerset Police and the Environment Agency. No response has been received yet. The Clerk will chase.

Festival Feedback: Two letter have been received to date. This issues raised will be recorded in the Parish Council Festival Report. Councillor Noble advised that that the age and lack of experience was evident at Westholme Car Park. The roads were very slippery and qualified traffic stewards are required at Copse Hill/Neat Lane. Councillor Drew will provide details regarding an incident that happened regarding his niece.

Closed meeting  
Opened meeting

- ii GFL/PPC minutes: Dates of next meeting Wednesday 14th September 2016

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.07pm