

**Minutes of the meeting of the  
Pilton Parish Council  
in the Pilton Village Hall on  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 at 7.30pm**

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

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

6 Member's of the public was present

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Nigel Hewitt-Cooper

3 **MINUTES:** of the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to be approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Item 8 Planning, Councillor Foley has personal interest in planning application 2017/1063/TCA. Councillor Corfield a personal interest in application 2017/0313/FUL. Councillors R Kearle and Drew stated that in respect of planning application 2017/0313/FUL "I do not have a declaration of interest but I might do in the future".

Item 12 Festival: Councillors R Kearle, Councillor Corfield and S Kearle (dispensation approved), declared a prejudicial interest (employment). Councillors Bowler, Drew, Foley, King, and Noble, declared a personal interest (ticket).

5 **PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY:** Each of the applicants for the Parish Councillor role was given a couple of minutes to speak in support of their application although Julie Bailey was not present.

Voting then took place via ballot paper, counted by the Clerk. The successful applicant was Deborah Smith.

Councillor Smith completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and joined the meeting as a Parish Councillor.

6 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

i Chairman – Councillor S Kearle proposed Councillor R Kearle to remain as Chairman. Councillor Foley seconded. The vote was 7 in favour, 1 abstention. Councillor R Kearle signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form.

ii Vice Chair – Councillor S Kearle proposed Councillor Noble, Councillor Bowler seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour. Councillor Noble signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form.

iii Committees – It was unanimously agreed that all committee memberships would remain the same.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

- i Highways: Updates re the following:-
- Parking issues – Totterdown Lane and Neat Lane: Nothing to update this month.
  - Springfield Cross 30mph: Nothing to update this month.
  - Culverts: The Clerk will chase Angela Pearce regarding the map of culverts.
  - Top Street Blocked Drains: Nothing to update this month.
  - Damaged verges: Nothing to update this month.
  - 20 mph limit between Long House and Cockmill Junction: Nothing to update this month.
  - Passing places along East Town Lane: Nothing to update this month.
  - Overflowing drain in East Town Lane: An email was received from Neil Corp, Somerset County Council advising that this has been reported to the Environmental Health Department at Mendip District Council but Councillor Noble confirmed that the drain is still overflowing.
  - Defects:
    - 1.Steve Russell-Yarde (who was in attendance) was asked put up a sign to stop lorries stopping and coming down Shop Lane.
    - 2.There is a blocked drain by Spindlewood Cottages
    - 3.There is a blocked culvert on Lower Westholme Road
    - 4.Councillor Corfield has spoken to Neil Corp regarding the subsidence at East Town Lane.
    - 5.The road is cracking up on the A361 at Whitstone Hill.
    - 6.Potholes in Stoodley Lane have recently caused a residents tyre to burst. The repairs that have been previously carried out to the potholes were not of good quality.
    - 7.Burford Cross to the top of Stoodley has a lot of uneven surfaces.
- ii Traffic Strategy: No update this month but leave on the agenda.
- iii Fords and Bridges: Councillor King has spoken to the Heritage Lottery Fund in order to receive possible funding, in order to obtain funding they would need to prove that the project would enhance the understanding of the village history. Councillor King has been through the paperwork and the Parish Council would need to own the structure, which they don't. The other issue is that the far bank of the Cockmill Ford Bridge is in Pylle, who do not have a Parish Council. Somerset County Council have previously refused the Parish Council taking over ownership. The Clerk will chase Edward Moon and Ted Rogers for their quotations.
- iv Fingerposts:
- Councillor Bowler has not had the opportunity to investigate the fingerpost at Toll Cottage.
- v Community Speedwatch: Councillor King advised that all was going well with the Speedwatch Team. He confirmed that they may be able to access the Speed Indicator Devices as they have found someone trained to install them. Councillor King is just waiting for a call back and then may be able to have an SID on a regular basis.
- vi Traffic Count: Councillor King has the figures for April, 80-90 HGV's per hour and up to 130 during early morning. Councillor Smith to send me a copy to forward to the Police.
- vii The Crown Inn:Community

Assets of Community Value: Councillor Bowler has been to Mendip District Council who suggested that the application might be worth submitting. Councillor Bowler will now meet with Reg next week to complete the form in detail and to advise Debbie at the Crown Inn. The downfall of the application may be with regards to the 'Place within the Community' due to there being no clubs etc held there. Thanks was given to Councillor Bowler for his efforts.

viii Police Report: The Clerk read the April Police Report.

The Clerk was requested to ask why there was no mention of the fight outside the Crown Inn that the police attended on Easter Sunday. The police removed two people from the scene.

## 8 PLANNING

Councillor Foley left the room.

- i Application Number: 2017/1063/TCA  
Proposal: Removal of two conifers in front garden  
Location: Stonecroft Bread Street, Pilton  
Applicant: Mr Drew and James Foley  
Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA  
Parish Councillor Recommends: APPROVAL  
Councillor Noble proposed acceptance, Councillor King seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour.

Councillor Foley returned to the room and Councillor Corfield left the room.

Application Number: 2017/0313/FUL  
Proposal: Installation of agricultural building for tractor lock up and farm storage, stable block, vehicle and log store and track to access the buildings.  
Location: Bourne Farm East Town Lane, Pilton  
Applicant: Mrs Holly Corfield-Moore  
Application Type: Full Application  
Parish Councillor Recommends: APPROVAL  
Councillor King proposed acceptance, Councillor Bowler seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour.

Councillor Corfield returned to the meeting.

Application Number: 2017/0786/HSE  
Proposal: Replacement Conservatory  
Location: 1 Rose Cottages Compton Lane, West Compton  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Hoole  
Application Type: Householder Application  
Parish Councillor Recommends: APPROVAL  
Councillor Smith declared a personal interest.  
Councillor Noble proposed acceptance, Councillor King seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour.

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 “Rockswood”

Location: Knowle Farm, Knowle Lane, West Compton

Applicant: Mr Gregor Hamlen

Application Type: Householder Application

Parish Councillor Recommends: APPROVAL

Councillor Noble proposed acceptance, Councillor Bowler seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour.

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ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2017/0208/APP

Location: Land North of John Burns Cottages, Neat Lane, Pilton

Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition 9 (estate roads) on planning consent 2016/0288/FUL

Decision: APPROVAL

Application Number: 2017/0314/TCA

Location: 1 Abbots Way, Pilton

Grid Ref: 358933 140923

Proposal: Silver Birch T1 - Fell

Decision: TPO Not Required

Application Number: 2017/0698/AGR

Location: Land at 360141 -139075 Pilton

Proposal: Application for prior notification of agricultural development: proposed farm track

Decision: APPROVAL IS NOT REQUIRED

Application Number: 2017/0705/AGR

Location: Land at 375760

Proposal: Application for prior notification of agricultural development: proposed farm track

Decision: APPROVAL IS NOT REQUIRED

Application Number: 2017/0634/TCA

Proposal: Reduce various over extended limbs by 1-2 metres. Thin crown where appropriate maximum 15%

Location: The Old Vicarage Park Hill Pilton

Gird Ref: 358798 140891

Decision: TPO Not Required

Application Number: 2017/0652/FUL

Location: Land at 359527 – 140297 Worthy Farm Pilton

Proposal: Construction of a farm track

Decision: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

iii Enforcement:

- Cock and Bull Drove: The Clerk was asked to contact Nigel Hewitt-Cooper for an update regarding residents leaving the site as the eviction date is approaching and also on the Beggars Roost site.
- Tanyards Lane: There was no update this month.
- Friers Oven Farm –Enforcement Officer Simon Snartt emailed to state that there was no evidence of unauthorised residence on the site. The Clerk will respond advising that Councillor Noble would be happy to meet with him to show him the site as it is getting bigger.

9 **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update:

Councillor Bowler advised that some of the letters on the footpath signpost (green metal sign) in Neat Lane have fallen off. Councillor Bowler has emailed Somerset County Council to ask how to get them repaired.

Councillors R Kearle, Noble and Bowler will meet at Weir Lane at the end of May to discuss the works required.

10 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

Balance b/f from 31/03/2017						£ 23,059.77
Plus banked:						
	MDC - Precept					£ 8,000.00
	Forsey & Son					£ 120.00
	Forsey & Son					£ 25.00
						£ 8,145.00
Less cheques drawn:						
	Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary & o/t ( hours)					
	(plus expenses, files, paper, £10 home working allowance)					£ 17.24
1947	Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary					£ 35.00
1948	Pilton Working Mens Club					£ 12.00
	Mr R England					
1944	HMRC					£ 211.80
1941	Alan Connock					£ 600.00
1945	Zurich Insurance					£ 1,306.65
1942	War Memorials Trust annual subscription					£ 20.00
1949	Chalmers - Accountancy Fees					£ 331.20
Total cheques drawn:						£ 2,533.89
Balance at 30/04/2017						£ 28,670.88

Audit: The Clerk advised that the end of year accounts have now been finalised and she has met with the Internal Auditor who advised that he is happy. Councillors approved the audit details. The Internal Audit will now be signed off by the Chairman and Internal Auditor and then sent to the External Auditor.

It was agreed that the Clerk would buy the Internal Auditor a bottle of wine as a thank you.

## 11 CORRESPONDENCE:

- i Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- ii Public Sector Services Online 3/4/17
- iii Recycle SWP April 2017 Briefing
- iv Rural Services Network, Rural Opportunities Bulletin 5/4/17
- v Public Sector Services Online 6/4/17
- vi Angela D'arcy – Mendip District Council
- vii Nicola Busuttill – Growing a Rural Community Survey for Mendip
- viii Public Sector Executive Online 10/4/17
- ix Caroline McCafferty – Public meeting of the Standards Committee
- x Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April
- xi Rural Services Network, RSN Seminar 11/4/17
- xii Public Sector Executive Online 11/4/17
- xiv Nicola Pearce – Updated measures to protect poultry
- xv Angharad Jones – Grants – Youth Social Action Fund 11/4/17
- xvi Westminster Briefing – Women in Local Government 12/4/17
- xvii Rural Services Network – Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Broadband 12/4
- xviii Rural Services Network – Weekly Email News Digest Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April
- xix Rural Services Network – Rural Housing Spotlight 19/4/17
- xx Public meeting of the Standards Committee 19/4/17
- xxi Public Sector Executive Online – 20/4/17
- xxii Public Sector Executive Online – 24/4/17
- xxiii Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

- xxiv Public Sector Executive Online 24/4/17
- xxv Rural Service Network, Rural Vulnerability Service – Fuel Poverty April 17
- xxvi Public Sector Executive Online 26/4
- xxvii Public Sector Executive Online 27/4

12 **BURIAL GROUND:**

- i Maintenance reports: Two reports were received, both were fine.
- ii Memorial Bench – Councillor Drew has spoken with Shelley Phillips regarding the memorial bench. It is intended to be situated above the second path. All Councillors were in agreement and Councillor Drew will advise the family.

Councillors Drew and Noble have topped up the graves at the burial ground with soil. It was agreed that another two tonnes of top soil will be ordered to complete the work.

Councillor Noble was asked to contact Harvey Bailey to ask him to cut the grass.

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

- i Roundabout report

We are delighted to welcome Debbie Smith who was elected as the new Pilton Parish Councillor. Debbie is already an active member of the Speedwatch Team and we look forward to working with her.

Please see the website for details of The Great Get Together taking place on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June. If you are holding an event please let the Clerk know.

Councillor Noble stated that there was a lot of rubbish and cans in Neat Lane and in general around the village.

With the new houses in the village Councillor Noble stated that there should be a road sign in Neat Lane and will contact Somerset County Council to discuss this.

At Stumps Cross past the crematorium lots of sleepers have appeared in a field. It was suggested that they could be for tents for the festival. Does this need planning permission. The Clerk will report this to Mendip District Council.

The Clerk read a letter from James Heapey advising of the dissolution of Parliament and who to contact until Parliament resumes after the election.

14 **FESTIVAL:**

- i Festival General:  
Feedback from the GFEL/PPC meeting held Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Councillor King asked Steve Russell-Yarde whether the new speed limit will be in place prior to the festival. Steve advised that he is still pushing this through the process but it will be cutting it fine for the Festival but the speed restriction is in place for the period anyway.

- ii GFEL/PPC minutes: Dates of next meetings:  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 6pm.

15      **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed 8.36pm