

Minutes of the meeting of the
Pilton Parish Council
In the Pilton Village Hall on
Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)

Holly Corfield
David Drew
Stephen Kearle
Joe King
Roger Noble
Debbie Smith
Angela Wynn

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

3 members of the public were present

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Jean Foley

3 **MINUTES:** of the 5th September 2018 were approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Council Drew – Nothing at present but may do so in the future.

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Strategy:

- Update: There were no changes to the Traffic Strategy this month,
- Puffin Crossing: Update from Steve Lawrence
- A361 meeting: Councillor King advised that no further meetings have been held. Thanks were given to Councillor King.

ii Highways: Updates re the following:-

• **Culverts:**

- a) Blocked culvert at Cockmill Lane: Ref 525151, the items were inspected on the 16th March and the issue relates to lack of maintenance of the landowners ditches. The Parish Council are asked to provide the landowners details to enable SCC to write to them. SCC advised work has been completed.
- b) Pylle Lane past the railway line, there is a blocked culvert where the stream is flowing across the road; Ref 526389, an inspection of the location has been carried out and a jetting order will be issued to clear the partial blockage as soon as the necessary resources become available. SCC advised work has been completed.

• **Blocked Drains/ Gullies:**

- a) Meadowcroft: Ref 523675, the item has been inspected and the drainage was functioning at the time of inspection. The overall issue at this location has been referred to the flood risk management group who are based in Taunton and who are now taking the lead. SCC advised work has been completed.
- b) Blocked drain outside Thornton House: Ref 524664, no flooding was found on original inspection however after inspection with Councillor R Kearle a jetting order will be issued to clear the partial blockage as soon as the necessary resources become available. SCC advised work has been completed.
- c) Drains are blocked at Lays Lane: Ref 524665, Gullies were working at the time of inspection on 22/2/18.
The drain in the road of the A361 opposite Parson Batch is blocked. Ref 524578, it is located near the footpath leading to Gabriels Orchard. This was in working order when SCC inspected it on the 22/2/18. The blockage has since been located further down the road under debris and will be cleared as part of the planned programme. SCC advised work has been completed.
- d) The Gully was working when inspected 20/2/18. However after an inspection with Councillor R Kearle will now be cleared as part of the next planned works programme.
- e) 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. SCC have requested a more precise location.
- f) Drains and gullies need cleaning opposite Cutlers Cottage at Totterdown Lane. Ref: 526385. An order will be placed for the required works. SCC advised work has been completed.
- g) The drain needs clearing and the tarmac has lifted outside Shutwell House: The drain ref: 526378 has been inspected and a jetting order issued when resources are available. SCC advised work has been completed.
- h) 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. The overall issue at this location has been referred to the flood risk management group and who are based in Taunton who are now taking the lead. SCC advised work has been completed.
- i) Blocked Drains at Perridge Farm: Ref; 526379 after an inspection with Councillor R Kearle will now be cleared as part of the next planned works programme. SCC advised work has been completed.
- j) The gully opposite the telephone exchange on Totterdown Lane needs emptying. Inspected 18/5/18 and will be included in the next programme of work. SCC advised work has been completed. SCC advised work has been completed.

- **Potholes**

- a) Pothole at North Wooton down from Folly/Stoodley Hill: A more precise location has been requested by SCC. SCC advised work has been completed.
- b) There are very bad potholes outside Perridge Farm: Ref 524579
- c) Potholes at the Ford in the middle of the village: An inspection was carried out on 9/5 and completed on 21/5/18. SCC advised work has been completed.
- d) A large hole has appeared at Westholme Junction by the Old Shop. An inspection was carried out and this does not constitute a safety defect. SCC has advised that the main road is inspected on a monthly basis and any safety defects will be actioned as necessary. SCC advised work has been completed.
- e) Pothole at the bottom of Park Hill on the A361 at the Retreat, No Safety defects identified at this location. At Burford Crossroads and Stoodley Hill.

The ditch at the same location needs clearing. Ref 526381, it is SCC's intention to put this location forward for patching as soon as the landowner has cleared the ditches. SCC have asked if the Parish Council are able to approach the landowner or provide their details to that they could write to them to request that they clear their ditches. SCC advised work has been completed.

- f) 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. Ref:526688, Inspected in 18/5/18 safety defects identified and works ordered to be completed by 15/6/18.
- g) There is a pothole adjacent to Ashfield House in Bakery Lane. Ref 526689, Inspected 18/5/18 safety defects identified and works ordered to be complete by 15/6/18. SCC advised work has been completed.
- h) There is a pothole in Totterdown Lane by Two Oaks. Ref: 526690, Inspected 18/5/18 safety defects identified and works ordered to be complete by 15/6/18. SCC advised work has been completed.
- i) There are bad potholes East Down Lane by East Town Farm.

- **General**

- a) Road Markings on Stoodley Lane and Bowermead Lane: These have been inspected and passed to traffic for inclusion in their works 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'
- 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.
- 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. SCC advised work has been completed.
- f) Damage by Badger set Westholme/Water Lane: Signs erected, site works to be programmed when permit can be obtained. SCC advised that the site is now safe.
- g) 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.
- h) Ditch above Totterdown Lane blocked. Ref 526384, an inspection of the location has been carried out and a jetting order will be issued to clear the partial blockage as soon as the necessary resources are available. Ditches are the landowners responsibilities. SCC advised work has been completed.
There a large amount of litter on the A361 at Springfield Cross to Lamberts Hill. Litter should be reported to <https://www.mendip.gov.uk/streetclean?formid=10982>. SCC advised work has been completed.
- i) The signposts at Springfield Cross and Park Hill have been knocked down. Ref 525150, SCC advised that damaged fingerposts and arms are now undertaken by parish councils who may employ their own contractors as long as certain assessments and codes of practice is met. Details can be found on <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/policies-and-plans/schemes-and-initiatives/somerset-fingerpost-restoration-project/>. SCC advised work has been completed.
- j) Drop at Ford Lane/Weir Lane: Ref 526693 is on the programme for this financial year to install warning signs and a depth board. SCC advised work has been completed.

- k) The finger on the sign at Stumps Cross to Shepton Mallett/Croscombe has been broken off. (See q above). SCC advised work has been completed.
- l) Road breaking up in dip past Winding Lake Farm: Ref 526376, Barriers have been erected in the interim period and any necessary works will be arranged as soon as possible.
- m) The sign at Burford Cross has been knocked over. SCC advised work has been completed.
- n) 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.
- o) The road down Perridge Hill is veering to the right and the road is cracking up in the middle.
- p) The bridge in Stoodley has been hit for the second time and is considered dangerous by the Parish Council. The Bridge has now been hit for a third time and the Parish Council think it's in a dangerous state.

- **New Defects:**

- 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.
- There is a large pothole on Old Wells Road near the junction to West Compton. A local resident has lost a tyre at this site.
- The Clerk was asked to contact SCC regarding a request for 'Stop' signs at Burford.
- A resident has raised concerns regarding visibility at the Lamberts Hill/Shepton Mallet cross roads. There is poor visibility when looking right towards Lamberts Hill into Pilton.
- The gully at Neat Lane was washed away and not been repaired, it is sharp at the edge of the tarmac.

iii Fingerposts & Signs:

- Dog Fouling Notices: Ian Glover advised that he does not have time at present to erect the signs. The Clerk has asked whether it is possible for the Parish Council to collect the signs from him and erect the signs themselves.
- Sign near Toll Cottage: There has been no further update regarding the signpost. The Clerk will contact the foundry.

iv Community Speedwatch:

- Councillor King confirmed that Avon and Somerset Police had given approval for the Speedwatch Team to use their new site higher up the A361. The team were shocked at the volume of high end speeding so close to the A361, B3136 Neat lane junction.

They advised of an incident that occurred where a vehicle mounted the hard standing where they stood driving directly at them and the driver was grinning. The team had to jump back out of the way. Details of the vehicle have been passed to the police who are following this up. Lucky the team were not hurt but were left shaken by what was a deliberate attempt to intimidate them.

The data that they collect may lead to the Speed Enforcement Team deciding to monitor the site themselves so legal action can be taken against the speeding traffic.

- Truck Count for August – Councillor Smith advised that the quarry trucks seem to be taking their last loads around 5pm and not later in the evening now the nights are drawing in.

v The Crown Inn: Assets of Community Value: Councillor King advised that slow and steady progress is being made. He wants to put in the strongest possible case. Councillor King is going to write to successful Parish Councils to ask them to share their experience in this process.

vi Police Report: September Police Report
Specific reports for Pilton

01/09 – Pilton Hill, Abandoned vehicle causing an obstruction, Police removal.

02/09 – Lamberts Hill, cow on road, secured in field.

05/09 – East Compton - cow in road, secured.

09/09 – Reported Highway hazard, Neat Lane, parking of caravans.

18/09 – Pilton to Glastonbury, reported inconsiderate driving, road rage incident.

20/09 – Lamberts Hill, cow on road, secured.

vii Pilton War Memorial:

- War Memorial Planning Application – the planning application was passed.
- Repairs, pointing, cleaning and additional names – The additional names have been added and the repair work is nearly complete. The contractor has advised that work should be fully complete in approximately ten days.
- Remembrance Sunday – since the Pilton branch of the British Legion has closed the Parish Council has taken over responsibility. A dedication of the War Memorial and newly added names will take place at 10.50am, followed by a short remembrance service at the War Memorial. The service will then continue at the Church. Councillor Noble will provide the flag, bugler and liaise with Steve Thompson to read out the names. Insurance cover has been arranged. Councillor R Kearle has liaised with Steve Russell-Yarde regarding the road closures. The Clerk was asked to organise the Wreath which Councillor Noble agreed to lay on behalf of the Parish Council. Thanks were given to Roger.

The Parish Council would like to see as many local residents as possible and relatives of Cecil Bailey, Cecil Clerk, Cornelius Higdon, Frederick Higgins and Norman Lomas, whose names have been added.

viii Low Cost Housing: Low Cost Housing Criteria – S106 – The suggested wording regarding the selection criteria has been send to Mendip District Council.

ix Overgrown Vegetation/ASBO's: The Clerk was asked to chase Highways regarding the letter regarding clarification of maintenance of verges.

- x GDPR: The Clerk has written the new Privacy Policy and as required by GDPR. The Parish Council voted unanimously to adopt the policies.
- xi Neat Lane PH2 Consultation: There is nothing happening at present so will be removed from the agenda.
- xii Shepton Mallet Library: The Clerk has written to Shepton Mallet Town Council and Mendip District Council stating that they do not wish the library to move from Shepton Mallet Town Centre.
- xiii Update from Nigel Hewitt-Cooper: Nigel was not present so no update was given.

6 PLANNING

- i Application Number: 2018/2211/FUL
 Proposal: Change of use of land to 1 No. Traveller pitch and associated works, including hardstanding (retrospective)
 Location: Land at Beggars Roost, Pylle Road, Pilton
 Applicant: Mr O Powell
 Application Type: Full Application
 Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval
 Councillor Drew proposed approval and Councillor Wynn seconded.
 Councillor King proposed refusal and Councillor Noble seconded. The vote was four to three in favour of approval.

Councillor Drew left the meeting.

Application Number: 2018/2296/FUL
 Proposal: Erection of single storey garden room extension to east elevation
 Location: Barrington, Old Wells Road, Shepton Mallett
 Applicant: Mrs Hannah Smith
 Application Type: Full Application
 Councillor S Kearle proposed approval, Councillor Noble seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour of approval.

- ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2018/2005/TCA
 Proposal: To fell one Norway Maple T1
 Location: Cumhill House, Cumhill Lane, Pilton
 Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA
 Decision: TPO Not Required

Application Number: 2018/1406/LBC
 Proposal: Alteration to Pilton War Memorial. Addition of five names that were missed off the original inscription and to clean the war memorial and carry out any pointing works that may be required.
 Location: War Memorial, Park Hill Pilton
 Application Type: Listing Building Consent
 Decision: Approval with conditions

Application Number: 2018/1828/HSE

Proposal: Single storey 'lemonary' to the south east side of the main house. Blocking up two existing first floor windows to the existing dining wing, forming two new openings at ground floor to the existing dining wing and forming two rooflights in the north eastern pitch of the existing dining wing roof. Forming a new small terraced area behind the existing dining wing.

Location: Cockmill Croft Farm, Cockmill Lane East Pennard

Application Type: Householder Application

Decision: Approval with Conditions

iii Public Enquiry

Application Number: 2017/0935/CLE

Proposal: Use of land for residential use of caravans for more than 10 years

Location: Beggars Roost, Pylle Road.

Applicant: Mr Ray Loxton

To be held at the Council Chamber Mendip Distrit Council Offices, Cannrds Grave Road, Shepton Mallet has been changed to 11th December 2018.

iv Enforcement:

- Cock and Bull Drove: Councillor Noble confirmed that people are still living there, a couple of caravans and a chalet. The Clerk was asked to report to Nigel Hewitt-Cooper.
- Beggars Roost: Since the meeting Councillor Noble has made the Clerk aware that more vehicles has arrived.
- Friars Oven Farm: Still being advertised on AirBnB
- Tanyards Lane:
- West Compton: Units are being rented to a yurt manufacturer.

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update: Councillor King advised that everything is how it should be, new signs have been installed and the wooden signs look much better.

The Clerk was asked to chase Claire Haskin again as the Parish Council have still not receive the report on the drop at Weir Lane.

The ASBO's will be asked to clear the debris on the footpath on the main road.

The steps are broken on the East Down Lane path.

8 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

						Total Funds
Balance b/f from 31/08/2018						<u>23,612.32</u>
Plus banked:						
						£ -
Less cheques drawn:						
2053		K Buckley				£ 308.00
		(£10 home working allowance)				£ 10.00
2054		W Lynn				£ 36.00
2055		Ron England				£ 79.20
2056		Pilton Working Mens Club (July & August Hall Hire)				£ 24.00
2057		Zurich (Insurance for Remembrance Service)				£ 56.00
						£ 513.20
						£ 23,099.12
Balance at 30/09/2018						£ 23,099.12

- ii Financial News: The Clerk advised that the War Memorial Trust has asked for funding again. The Parish Council felt that as they had just restored the Pilton War Memorial and they would not contribute when asked to help Pilton financially then no support would be given.
- iii Grant for the School Bus: West Pennard School asked when they can expect the Grant for the School Bus. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to check and it was received in July. The Clerk was asked to respond advising that they had already received it.

9 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i. Public Sector Executive Online 3/9
- ii. Caroline Cook – Forthcoming Fostering Events
- iii. The Rural Bulletin, Rural Services Network 4th September 2018
- iv. Chair of Council Civic Service 4/9
- v. Rain Mountain 4/9
- vi. Its time we talked about local food – The Debate 5/9
- vii. RSN Rural Funding Digest, Rural Services Network 5/9
- viii. Consultation – Bye Laws on sites of specific scientific interest 5/9
- ix. Public Sector Executive Online 7/9
- x. LGA green paper for adult social care and wellbeing 10/9
- xi. Public Sector Executive Online 10/9
- xii. Press Release – County Council sets out decisive savings plan 10/9
- xiii. Public Sector Executive Online 14/9
- xiv. Public Sector Executive Online 17/9

- xv. The Rural Bulletin, Rural Services Network 18/9
- xvi. RCNME10278 Temporary Road Closure – Edgarley Road (A361) Glastonbury
- xvii. A Somerset Council finalist for Council of the Year
- xviii. Public Sector Executive Online 24/9
- xix. Press Release, Surface dressing season now complete
- xx. Somerset Waste Partnership Request
- xxi. The Rural Bulletin – Rural Services Network 25/9
- xxii. Invitation – Affordable housing to Keep our Countryside Alive
- xxiii. Night time closure – RCNME10278 Temporary Road Closure – Edgarley Road
- xxiv. Standards Committee 4th December 2018
- xxv. Public Sector Executive Online 26/9
- xxvi. SALC – Improving Health & Wellbeing in your Community 27/9
- xxvii. Recycle – SWP Monthly Briefing September 18

10 **BURIAL GROUND**

- i Maintenance reports:
Two reports were received both were fine.

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

- i Roundabout report

A dedication of the War Memorial and newly added names will take place at 10.50am, followed by a short remembrance service at the War Memorial. The service will then continue at the Church.

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“When you go Home, tell them of us and say, For your Tomorrow, we gave our Today.

Residents of Bread Street and Shop Lane are kindly asked to park considerately as if there was an emergency, emergency vehicles would not be able to pass through.

The Clerk was asked to contact organise advertising the Litter Pick on Twitter, Facebook and the Pilton Website. The Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 27th October at 9am.

The Pilton Youth Club has had its funding removed and they will be applying for financial help from the Pilton Show Grant Committee. This needs to be added to the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

Councillors advised of speeding in Top Street which is a busy road for children. If residents witness speeding they should take the registration number and report to the police. Email seems to be the most effective way of communication. If the same person is reported a number of times the police will speak to the driver.

12 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.01pm

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