

**Minutes of the meeting of the**  
**Pilton Parish Council**  
**in the Pilton Village Hall on**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)  
Roger Noble  
Steve Bowler  
David Drew  
Jean Foley  
John Howe  
Stephen Kearle  
Joe King  
  
Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

1 Member of the public was present

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Holly Corfield and Nigel Hewitt- Cooper

3 **MINUTES:** of the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Item 12 Festival: Councillors R Kearle and S Kearle (dispensation approved), declared a prejudicial interest (employment). Councillors Bowler, Drew, Foley, Howe, King, and Noble, declared a personal interest (ticket).

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Highways: Updates re the following:-

- Parking issues –Cars are still parking at the junction at Totterdown Lane. There is also a car parked at Culverwell but since the Parish Council meeting this has moved. The Clerk will report this to the Police.
- Damaged verges – Stoodley Hill up from Perridge Farm on the left has side is a damaged verge.
- Springfield Cross 30mph – no update this month.
- Culverts: The Clerk will obtain a map of the village and send to Angela Pearce for Charlie Pearce to list the culverts.
- Blocked Drains: Top Street drains are still blocked and also the drains on the A361 seem blocked with leaves and debris. When it rains the water is running around the drains, not into them.
- 20 mph limit between Long House and Cockmill Junction –The Clerk was asked to chase Steve Russell-Yarde for the criteria.
- Grit Bin: Councillor Bowler will inform the Clerk what size bin is required and the Clerk will order a bin for Copse Lane and the bin by the Church needs topping up.
- Parking at Neat Lane is better with vehicles keeping off the road.

- Defects: Opposite Avalyn House the road is subsiding and degrading. The Clerk will chase Highways regarding an outstanding defects that have been reported.
- ii Traffic Strategy: Councillors R Kearle and S Kearle will be visiting Shaftsbury to see their signs and report back at the next meeting.  
Councillor Howe suggested contacting other parishes with a view to redirecting heavy vehicles.  
Councillor King stated that he couldn't send the Clerk the details of the HGV recorded speeding whilst on the phone as he didn't have the full details. It was agreed that the Speedwatch Group now keep a log for the Clerk, who will then write to the companies to advise them of their employee's behaviour. Councillor King will see if Farley Hungerford have a letter template that Pilton could use. The Speedwatch Group will also monitor lorries to see if companies are using Pilton as a cut through.
- Closed meeting  
Open meeting
- iv Zebra crossing between bus stops on the A361: There was no update this month.
- v Fords and Bridges: Only one quote has been received to date, the Clerk will chase.
- vi Fingerposts: Steve Bowler confirmed that will be charging £650 plus vat for the fitting of the fingerposts and finials.
- vii Community Speedwatch:  
Councillor King requested £200 towards the Mendip Community Speedwatch. He stated that the money will not go into a general police pot of money. Currently Councillor King is waiting for three more Speedwatch signs for the village.  
Councillor voted 6 in favour and 1 abstention of donating £200. Councillor King provided the Clerk with details of who to make the cheque payable to.
- viii The Crown Inn:  
• Assets of Community Value: Steve Bowler stated that there was no update this month.
- ix Police Report: The Clerk read the December Police Reports. The Parish Council requested more details on the reports on how the Police responded and whether they visited the scene.
- x Worthy Farm Signs: There was no update this month regarding the Worthy Farm signposts.
- xii Next Phase of Low Cost Housing: The Clerk read an email from Nina Richards. The email stated the figures on the housing register. The Parish Council requested that a full village survey be carried out by Mendip District Council. The Clerk will respond to Nina Richards.
- xiii War Memorial:

- Laurels – Dr Newns has given Councillor S Kearle specific instructions of what to do and not do regarding the cutting back of the laurels. He confirmed that he does not want them removed. Councillors S Kearle, R Kearle and King will arrange to complete the work in approximately six weeks time. They did state however that the laurels will not look pretty for some time once they have been cut back.
- Notification of Designation of Application – An email was received from Joanne Gould advising that an advisor will be sending a consultation report to the Parish Council within the next month, with an invitation to comment upon their findings before the final case is sent for final decision by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

## 6 PLANNING

i There were no planning applications this month.

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2016/2561/TCA

Location: Barrow House Ford Lane, Pilton

Proposal: Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area: Sycamore (T1) fell

Decision: TPO Not Required

Application Number: 2016/2758/APP

Location: Land North of John Burns Cottages Neat Lane Pilton

Proposal: Application to discharge 4 (roof tiles) on permission 2016/0288/FUL

Decision: Approval

Application Number: 2016/2544/FUL

Location: The Old Rectory Pylle Hill Pylle

Proposal: Conversion and extension of curtilage outbuilding to provide staff accommodation ancillary to the main house (re-submission)

Decision: Approval with Condition

Appeal Reference: APP/Q3305/W/16/3155801

Location: Bourne Farm, East Town Lane, Pilton.

Decision: The appeal is dismissed.

iii Enforcement:

- Cock and Bull Drove: It was agreed that the Bush Lane sign would not put up until the site is cleared. The Cock and Bull Drove sign belongs to the site. It was decided that the ASBO's could be asked to erect the sign at a later date.
- Tanyards Lane: The Clerk has received a response from MDC. They have asked for more details regarding the planning application. The Clerk will respond.

## 7 FOOTPATHS:

- i Update:
  - Weir Lane – Councillors Bowler and Noble and meeting at Weir Lane on Thursday to discuss the work.
  - Weed killing – Councillor Bowler has spoken with the ASBO’s regarding the weed killing and they stated that they were not responsible but thanking her for her letter.

8 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

Plus banked:

£0.00

Less cheques drawn:

1926	Mrs K Buckley (Clerk)	
	- Salary & o/t £ (19 hours)	£375.56
	New printer and ink cartridges	£93.73
	(Expenses £10 home working allowance)	£10.00
1922	Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary	£35.00
1925	HMRC (R England £18.00 K Buckley £209.60)	£227.60
1923	R England (Groundsman) - expenses	£26.39
1924	Pilton Working Men’s Club	£12.00
1920	Brooks Agri Ltd (Hedge cutting)	£144.00

Total cheques drawn: £924.28

Balance at 31.12.2016 £24,882.30

- ii Precept – It was agreed unanimously at the Precept meeting held prior to the Parish Council meeting that the Precept will remain at £8000.
- iii Printer – The Clerk advised that a new printer has been purchased.

9 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i Parish Council Information Bulletin 2/12/16
- ii Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December
- iii Rural Services Network, Rural Opportunities Bulletin 7/12/16
- iv Somerset County Council –Stay Well this Christmas 7/12/16
- v Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 16
- vi Public Sector Executive Online 12/12/16
- vii Rural Services Network, Rural Economy Spotlight 14/12/16
- viii Peter Elliott, Report a road problem 14/12/16
- ix Sam Winter, No extension of referendum principles
- x Public Sector Executive Online 15/12/16
- xi Caroline McCafferty – Gifts and Hospitality
- xii Public Sector Online, Devolution not a miracle cure for central government
- xiv Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 16
- xv Recycle, SWP December 2016
- xvi Rural Services Network, Rural Health Conference 2017
- xvii Mary Hancock, Surviving Winter Update 21/12/16
- xviii Rural Services Network, Rural Vulnerability Service - Fuel Poverty December 16
- xix Jason Kirkwood Street Trading Control in Mendip
- xx Public Sector Executive Online 22/12/16

- xxi Jacob Forgham, Somerset Prepared Newsletter
- xxii Licencing, Street Trading Consent 23/12/16
- xxiii Rural Services Network, Rural Vulnerability Service, Rural Transport, December 16

10 **BURIAL GROUND:**

i Maintenance reports:

Two reports were received both were fine and it was confirmed that the tap has been repaired.

Councillor Noble stated that he is waiting for the spring to repair the Potholes.

The trees by the road on the burial ground side of the road need some of the lower branches removed, also the beech trees need cutting. This work will be carried out after the Laurels have been pruned.

The Clerk has responded to Charlie Pearce via Angela Pearce advising that he has the go ahead to purchase the bench for the burial ground.

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

i Roundabout report:

The litter pick is being organised for 11<sup>th</sup> February at 9am, meeting outside the Village Hall. Councillor R Kearle will arrange with Audrey regarding Soup etc. Councillor Bowler will advise Barrie Fox and the ASBO's.

Any blocked drains or fly tipping should be notified to Councillor Noble.

Councillor Noble was asked to complete the Gypsy and Traveller Count on 16<sup>th</sup> January on behalf of MDC.

The Clerk was asked to notify MDC that there are tyres dumped at the top of Burford and rubbish east of Springfield on the A361.

12 **FESTIVAL:**

i Festival General:

- A361 Clearway (including layby). The Clerk read and email from Jenny de Gex.
- Neat Lane Junction (No entry) It was voted on unanimously to keep Neat Lane two ways.

Councillors were asked to bring to the next PCC meeting what they want to be discussed at the GFEL/PCC meeting.

ii GFEL/PPC minutes: It was agreed that the Parish Council wanted to continue with the three GFEL/PPC meetings prior to the Festival. The Clerk will advise GFEL re holding a meeting in May.

Dates of next meetings:  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 4th February 2017 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.