

Minutes of the meeting of the
Pilton Parish Council
In the Pilton Village Hall on
Wednesday 4th July 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)
Holly Corfield
David Drew
Jean Foley
Stephen Kearle
Joe King
Roger Noble
Debbie Smith
Angela Wynn

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

14 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 6th June were approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Councillor Drew had a personal interest in planning application 2017/2689/FUL. There were no further declarations of interest from Councillors.

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Strategy:

- Update – There were no changes this month.
- Puffin Crossing: There has been no further update.

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.
- 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.

- **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 who are now taking the lead.

- 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.
- 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. This has since been located further down the road under debris and will be cleared as part of the planned programme.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 who are based in Taunton who are now taking the lead.
- i) Blocked Drains Perridge Farm: Ref; 526379 after an inspection with Councillor R Kearle will now be cleared as part of the next planned works programme.
- 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.

- **Potholes**

- a) Pothole at North Wooton down from Folly/Stoodley Hill: A more precise location has been requested by SCC.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- **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.
- f) Damage by Badger set Westholme/Water Lane: Signs erected, site works to be programmed when permit can be obtained.
- 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.

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>

- 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/>
- 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.
- k) The finger on the sign at Stumps Cross to Shepton Mallett/Croscombe has been broken off. (See q above)
- 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.

- **New Defects:** There were no new defects to report.

- A361 meeting: Councillor King attended a meeting called by Glastonbury Town Council. Approximately 200/250 people attended. It was an informed discussion

and it was acknowledged that Pilton had severe problems. There were lots of opposition to bypassing Glastonbury as it is on a floodplain and would affect businesses.

James Heapey's proposed approach was deemed old fashioned but it may help. Two residents from Pilton spoke. Residents were asked to attend the Somerset County Council meeting to hear about the trunk road. Councillor King will attend the meeting being held on the 5th July.

- iii Fingerposts & Signs:
 - Dog Fouling Notices: The Clerk will chase again as there has still been no response from Mendip District Council.
 - Sign near Toll Cottage: No update the Clerk will chase for a completion date.
- iv Community Speedwatch:
 - Update from Councillor King: More speeding in evening has been recorded especially before a football match. The alternative Speedwatch location has been inspected and Councillor King is just waiting for the all clear to use.
 - Truck Count for June; The Truck count figure have rocketed back up this month, with approximately 75% being quarry lorries.
Lorries have always gone up Westholme but 44 tonne arctics are now using it and one got stuck. Questions were asked whether sat nav's have changed.
- v The Crown Inn: Assets of Community Value: Councillor King advised that this in the hands of a local resident and they still don't have the completed document. Councillor King will progress this.
- vi Police Report: June Police Report
 - 11/06 – Whitstone Hill, injury RTC Involving car v motorcycle.
 - 23/06 – Report of slow driving at Park Hill, possible drink driving.
 - 25/06 – Report of water supply tampering at Cockmill Lane.
 - 27/06 – Broken down vehicle A361 Conduit Square, recovered.
 - 30/06 – Whitstone Hill one vehicle non injury RTC. Vehicle collided with wall due to suspected handbrake failure.
- vii Pilton War Memorial:
 - War Memorial Planning Application: The Clerk confirmed that the application has been submitted to Mendip District Council; the application number is 2018/1406/LBC
 - Update from Historic England re funding: No response has been received, the Clerk will chase.
- viii Grit Bins: Councillor S Kearle confirmed that the grit bins have been topped up with only the one located in Mount Pleasant outstanding. Thanks were given to Councillor S Kearle.
- iv General Data Protection Regulations GDPR – The Clerk advised that work is ongoing regarding compliance but there is still a lot of work to do.

6 PLANNING

Application Number: 2018/1179/CLE

Proposal: The use of holiday let as a domestic garage began more than 10 years before the date of this application.

Location: Bowermead, Whitstone Hill, Pilton
Applicant: Mr William Southcombe
Application Type: Certificate of Use Existing
Parish Council Recommended: Approval
Councillor King proposed acceptance, Councillor Smith seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour.

Application Number: 2018/1268/FUL
Proposal: An extension to the existing detached family house
Location: Rosse, Pylle Road, Pilton
Applicant: Mr Robert Smith
Application Type: Full Application
Parish Council Recommended: Approval
A resident spoke.
Councillor Drew proposed acceptance, Councillor Noble seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour.

Application Number: 2018/1376/FUL
Proposal: Construction of farm access track from compacted crushed stone (track 4)
Location: Steanbow Farm, Steanbow, Pilton
Applicant: Mr Michael Caristensen
Application Type: Full Application
Parish Council Recommended: Approval
Councillor Drew proposed acceptance, Councillor Noble seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour.

Application Number: 2018/1356/HSe
Proposal: To replace existing wooden fence with new 2.5m high wooden fence.
Location: Barrowfields House, Barrow Lane, Pilton
Applicant: Mrs Sandi Leach
Application Type: Householder Application
Parish Council Recommended: Approval
Councillor Smith proposed acceptance, Councillor Wynn seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour.

Application Number: 2018/1415/HSE
Proposal: Demolish part of dwelling and replace with two-storey and single storey additions on rear and side elevation.
Location: Bridge Cottage, Compton Lane, West Compton
Applicant: Mr Charlie Armytage

Application Type: Householder Application
Parish Council Recommended: Approval
The applicant spoke regarding their application.
Councillor King proposed acceptance, Councillor S Kearle seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour.

Councillor Drew left the meeting
Application Number: Variation of condition 2 of planning consent 2017/2689/FUL which seeks to permit the installation of solar panels on the southern aspect.
Location: Minda, Top Street, Pilton
Applicant: Ms Georgina Drew
Councillor Smith proposed acceptance, Councillor Wynn seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour

Councillor Drew returned to the meeting.

Application Type: Variation or Removal of Conditions

Application Number: 2018/1158/FUL

Proposal: Change of use if land 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

Parish Council Recommended: Approval

The public and Councillors spoke both in favour and in opposition of the proposal. It was clarified that the unauthorised festival that the applicant was accused of organising was actually a delivery for a catering function that the applicant was providing for another resident of Pilton. The resident was present and confirmed this.

15 letters of support were received, 1 letter against

Councillor Wynn proposed acceptance, Councillor Drew seconded, the vote was 6 in favour and 3 against.

Councillor S Kearle left the meeting

Application Number: 2018/1278/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a 124kw Anaerobic Digestion Plant and associated infrastructure.

Location: Worthy Farm, Worthy Lane Pilton

Applicant: AJM Eavis

Application Type: Full Application

Parish Council Recommended: Approval

There were three letter received in support of the application.

Councillor Noble proposed acceptance, Councillor Smith seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour

Councillor Drew left the meeting.

Councillor S Kearle returned to the meeting.

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2018/0649/LBC

Proposal: Retention of alterations to outbuildings to provide ancillary residential accommodation (Use Class C3) and use of building to provide workshop/studio space (Use Class B1)

Location: East Town Farm, East Town Lane, Pilton

Applicant: Messrs N & R Boyd

Application Type Listing Building Consent

Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2017/3331/FUL

Proposal: Proposed side extension to sports pavilion for a youth club

Location: Sports Pavilion Pilton Playing Field

Applicant: Pilton Parish Council

Application Type: Full Application

Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2018/1074/APP

Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4 (External Attachments), 7 (Timber Plank partition method statement) and 8 (External Wall Materials) on listed building consent 2017/0328/LBC

Location: Ebenezer Chapel, Pylle Road, Pilton

Applicant: Joy James

Application Type: Approval of Details

Decision: Approval

Application Number: 2018/1073/APP

Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (External Facing Materials), 4 (External Attachments) and 5 (External Facing Stonework) on planning consent 2017/0327/HSE

Location: Ebenezer Chapel, Pylle Road, Pilton

Applicant: Joy James

Application Type: Approval of Conditions

Decision: Approval

iii Enforcement:

- Cock and Bull Drove:
- Beggars Roost: Unauthorised Festival (see planning application 2018/1158/FUL above)
- Friars Oven Farm:
- Tanyards Lane:
- West Compton:

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

- i Update: The Clerk was asked to chase up the report on Weir Lane from Mendip District Council as a response has not yet been received.

8 **FINANCE:**

- i Financial Statement:

Balance b/f from 31/05/2018				25,235.61
Plus banked:				
				£ -
Less cheques drawn:				
2043	K Buckley			£ 342.50
	(£10 home working allowance, Maps)			£ 64.18
2044	W Lynn			£ 36.00
	Ron England			£ -
2045	Pilton Working Mens Club Hall Hire			£ 12.00
2047	McAfee (Security)(pay K Buckley)			£ 89.99
2041	HMRC (K Buckley £247.40, R England £45.00)			£ 292.40
2046	Harvey Bailey			£ 65.00
				£ 902.07
Balance at 30/06/2018				£ 24,333.54

ii Financial News: There was nothing to report.

- 9 **CORRESPONDENCE:** Recycle SWP May 2018 Briefing
- i. Parish Information Bulletin – May 2018
 - ii. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 31/5/18
 - iii. Public Sector Executive Online 31/5
 - iv. Motor Event Application 1/6
 - v. Weekly Email News Digest 4/6
 - vi. Public Sector Executive Online 4/6
 - vii. Rural Opportunities Bulletin June 2018
 - viii. LCPAS Support Service for Parish & Town Councils
 - ix. Nicola Fensham, Planning Board 7/6
 - x. Public Sector Executive Online 8/6
 - xi. Weekly Email News Digest – Monday 11th June
 - xii. Public Sector Executive Online 11/6
 - xiii. Public Sector Executive Online 12/6
 - xiv. Rural Economy Spotlight 13/6
 - xv. Remembrance Day Silhouette Installation 13/6
 - xvi. Public Sector Executive Online 15/6
 - xvii. Improving Lives Strategy for Somerset 15/6
 - xviii. Report of Glastonbury Public Meeting 14/6
 - xix. Weekly Email News Digest 18/6
 - xx. Public Sector Executive Online 18/6
 - xxi. Parish Newsletter 21/6
 - xxii. Invitation to Zero Carbon Towns: Making it Happen 20/6
 - xxiii. Rural Services Network, Spotlight on Older People form RSN 20/6
 - xxiv. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 21/6
 - xxv. SWP June 2018 Monthly Briefing – Recycle 21/6
 - xxvi. Star Council Awards 22/6
 - xxvii. RCNSS9949 Temporary Road Closure – Cary Road, Alford
 - xxviii. RCNME9946- Temporary road Closure – Old Wells Road, Pilton
 - xxix. Public Sector Executive Online 22/6

- xxx. Weekly Email News Digest 25/6
- xxxi. Rural Conference 2018, Rural Services Network 25/6
- xxxii. Public Sector Executive Online 25/6
- xxxiii. Chairman Awards 27/6
- xxxiv. Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Transport 27/6
- xxxv. Public Sector Executive Online 27/6
- xxxvi. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 28/6
- xxxvii. Somerset Rivers Authority 28/6
- xxxviii. A361 Committee Meeting 5th July

10 **BURIAL GROUND**

- i Maintenance reports: Two reports were received both were fine.
- ii New Burial Fees: The Burial Secretary has confirmed to the Clerk that she has informed the Funeral Directors of the new fees.

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

- i Roundabout report

Residents are requested to cut back overgrown vegetation, especially in Bread Street.

Parish Council meetings Agenda's and Minutes are available from the Pilton Website, on village notice boards and in the Post Office.

Concerns were raised regarding the Crown Inn Car Boot Sale, cars were parked in the road and blocking driveways. This was reported and it was stated that it is illegal to park 10 metres from a junction.

The Clerk advised that she has contacted West Pennard School, Whitstone School and the bus companies regarding the safety of the children. All confirmed that their priority is the safety of children. A letter has been sent to parents reminding them that ultimately it is their responsibility to ensure that children are safely put on and off the school busses.

12 **GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL:**

- Licence Application: Adrian Coombes from Glastonbury Festivals explained to the Parish Council details of the Licence Application, they are as follows:
 1. The licence plan remains unchanged
 2. Imperpituity – reduces the number of new applications required.
 3. Sound checks – this eliminates the need to do sound checks between the hours of 8pm and 3am.
 4. Flexibility to increase festival numbers from £203k to £210K if required. More land would need to become available in order to do this. The increase in numbers is for contingency only.

Further details are available from the Operating Schedule sections 3,4 and 5 which covers these issues.

Adrian will clarify with MDC whether the Parish Council will receive documents in order to vote. The licence application closes on the 20th July.

The process for Glastonbury Festival is as follows:

1. Apply for the licence
2. Submit the Operating Schedule
3. Operational Plan, Security, Traffic etc with partners.

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 1st 2018 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.05pm

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