

Minutes of the meeting of the Pilton Parish Council
in the Pilton Village Hall
on Wednesday 4th May 2016 at 7.30pm

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

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

4 Members of the public were present.

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

- i. Chairman – Councillor Bowler proposed Councillor R Kearle as Chairman and Councillor seconded the proposal. The vote was unanimous. Councillor R Kearle then signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.
- ii Vice Chair – Councillor Bowler nominated Councillor Noble, Councillor Drew seconded the proposal. The vote was unanimous.
- iii Committees – The committee remained as before, with Councillor Noble nominating Councillor King to remain the representative for Gabriel's Orchard, Councillor seconded the proposal and the vote was unanimous.

3 **APOLOGIES:** There were no apologies.

4 **MINUTES:** of the 12th April 2016 were approved. (Councillor Bowler could not read them as he currently has no broadband connection).

5 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Item 12 Festival: Councillors R Kearle, H Corfield and S Kearle, (dispensation approved), declared a prejudicial interest (employment). Councillors Bowler, Corfield, Drew, Foley, King 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 Bowler stated in relation to planning applications, that he has used Ray Loxton previously but this has no pecuniary effect. Councillor R Kearle stated that he knows both Ray Loxton and Owain Powell.

6 MATTERS ARISING:

- i Highways: Neil Corp has confirmed that an inspection has been arranged of the overgrown vegetation at Lower Westholme.

The Clerk has received an email from Neil Corp confirming what defects will be repaired and which were not found or deemed to be a defect. The Parish Council agreed that another inspection is required and Councillor Howe would be happy to complete the inspection with Neil Corp.

Defects reported at the last Parish Council meeting have been inspected by Highways.

Neil Corp has confirmed that the silt trap and debris grid has been added to the works programme and will update the Parish Council as soon as they have a firm date to start works.

The Clerk will respond to Neil with further details regarding landowner of the ditch on Stoodley Hill/Lane.

- ii Zebra crossing between bus stops on the A361: The Clerk has emailed Nigel Woolcombe-Adams to see if anything further can be done to progress this but not received a response to date.
- iii Fords and Bridges: Councillor Kearle stated that the contractors have done a fantastic job. The Clerk was asked to email SCC to thank them for the work and to enquire when the work will commence on the Cockmill Ford Bridge as this is now deemed dangerous, the Council would also like an indication of what it will cost to repair. Councillors Howe and Noble will be happy to meet for a site visit.
- iv Fingerposts: Councillor Bowler will contact John Pratt as work on the new fingerposts should be completed by now.
- v Speed Camera Devices: Councillor King advised that the Speedwatch Group are trained and ready to go. They were waiting for the high visibility jackets but these are back in stock now and the first Speedwatch session will take place very soon.
- vi Defibrillator: The Clerk will contact Janet Ladyman to chase the information regarding maintenance and training on the defibrillator.
- vii MDC Monitoring Officer: Further information was requested. The Clerk now has this information and will advise MDC.

7 PLANNING

- i Application Number: 2016/0866/LBC
Proposal: Proposed erection of two pairs of semi-detached affordable dwellings (2 x 2 bed and 2 x 3 bed) for discounted open market sale (80% of open market value). Conversation of attached storage building to a 1 bedroomed holiday let, reorganisation of pub car park and retention of A4 public house use and beer garden.
Location: Crown Inn, Whitstone Hill, Pilton
Applicant: Mr Bruce Ashmore

Application Type: Listed Building Consent
Council Recommends: REJECTION

Application Number: 2016/0867/LBC

Proposal: Proposed erection of two pairs of semi-detached affordable dwellings (2 x 2 bed and 2 x 3 bed) for discounted open market sale (80% of open market value).
Conversion of attached storage building to a 1 bedroomed holiday let,
reorganisation of pub car park and retention of A4 public house use and beer garden.

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34 letters of objection were received and 2 in favour.

The Planning Agent Bill Lowe spoke in support of the above applications.

Angela Webb, local resident spoke in opposition of the application.

After much discussion by the Parish Council Councillor Howe recommended rejection and Councillor Noble seconded the recommendation, the Council voted unanimously to reject both the applications for the following reasons:

- ≡ The application is in a conservation area.
- ≡ Road Safety – the road opens onto a busy, narrow road.
- ≡ Drainage issues.

Application Number: 2016/0650/CLE

Proposal: Use of land for residential use of caravan for more than ten years

Location: Beggars Roost, Pylle Road, Pilton

Applicant: Mr Owain Powell

Application Type: Certificate of Use Existing

Council Recommends: REJECTION

Proposed Councillor Bowler, Seconded Councillor King, vote Unanimous

Pilton Parish Council have previously written to Enforcement at MDC regarding this site and therefore felt that the 10 year claim is not valid.

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Application Number: 2016/0651/CLE

Proposal: Use of land for residential use of caravan for more than ten years

Location: Beggars Roost, Pylle Road, Pilton

Applicant: Mr Ray Loxton

Application Type: Certificate of Use Existing

Council Recommends: REJECTION

Proposed Councillor Drew, Seconded Councillor King, vote 7 in favour of rejection.

Pilton Parish Council have previously written to Enforcement at MDC regarding this site and therefore felt that the 10 year claim is not valid.

Application Number: 2016/0873/HDG
Proposal: To re-instate the access to this land
Location: Land at Pylle Road, Pylle Lane, Pilton
Applicant: Mr & Mrs m Edgley
Application Type: Hedgerow Removal
Council Recommends: APPROVAL
Councillor Drew Proposed, Councillor S Kearle seconded, vote 7 in favour of

approval.

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Application Number: 2016/0987/TCA
Proposal: Felling of Ash Tree in a conservation area
Location: St Christopher, Cumhill Lane, Pilton
Applicant: Mr Godfrey Gingell
Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA
Council Recommends: APPROVAL
Councillor Noble proposed, Councillor Bowler seconded, vote 7 in favour of

approval.

Application Number: 2016/0889/HSE
Proposal: Proposed detached two storey car port and creation of vehicular access
Location: The Hermitage, Watery Lane, Pilton
Applicant: Mr Nick Caleb
Application Type: Householder Application
Council Recommends: APPROVAL (Unanimous)
Councillor Howe proposed, Councillor Noble seconded, vote unanimous.

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2016/0439/APP
Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (materials) and 4 (joinery) on planning permission 2015/1877/HSE
Location: Red House Farm, Stoodley Lane, North Wootton
Decision: APPROVAL

Application Number: 2016/0440/APP
Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (materials) and 4 (joinery) on planning permission 2015/1878/HSE
Location: Red House Farm, Stoodley Lane, North Wootton
Decision: APPROVAL

Application Number: 2016/0559/TCA
Proposal: Proposed felling of two apple trees in a conservation area
Location: Shutwell House, Shutwell Lane, Pilton
Gris Ref: 358958 140971
Decision: TPO Not Required (No Objection)

iii Enforcement:

- ≡ Cock and Bull Drove: The Clerk will obtain an update from Councillor Hewitt-Cooper for the next meeting.
- ≡ Tannery Barn, Tanyard Lane – the Clerk has received has an enforcement notice from MDC.

8 **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update:

Councillor Bowler agreed to contact Claire Haskins, SCC to request she contact Mr Loxton re work needed to be carried out on his land.

Councillor Noble has seen the owner of Barrow House and confirmed he intends to carry out work on his boundary. Councillors Bowler and Noble will walk the path to see what work needs to be completed but it is thought to be in a bad state of repair and report back to the Council at the next meeting to vote to see if the Council will contribute financially.

9 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

Plus banked:

Precept	8,000.00
Council Tax Support Grant	239.77
W J Trotman	100.00
A C & A J Pearce	240.00
C Pearce	240.00

8,819.77

Less cheques drawn:

1878	Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary/expenses	190.80
	(expenses £10 home working allowance)	10.00
1879	Mrs W Lynn	30.83
1880	R England (Groundsman) - wages	84.00
1877	Pilton Working Mens Club	12.00
1868	Zurich Insurance	1,273.84
1876	LCR Subscription	17.00

Total cheques drawn: 1,618.47

Balance at 31.04.2016 39,660.82

- ii Audit Update: The Clerk confirmed that the first part of the audit process is now completed and the Chairman signed the necessary paperwork. The next step is to pass the information to the Internal Auditor.

- iii Insurance: The Clerk as renewed the Insurance with Zurich and invoiced the Playing Fields for their contribution.
- iv Wages: Wendy Lynn has contacted the Clerk to enquire about an annual pay increase, the Council voted for and annual salary of £400 per annum, 4 in favour and an alternative proposal of £420 per annum again 4 in favour. The Chairman cast the deciding vote of £420 per month, and monthly salary of £35.

10 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i Rural Services Network, Weekly Email Digest – Monday 11th April
- ii Recycle – SWP April 2016 briefing
- iii Temporary Traffic Restrictions Order 2016 (Glastonbury Festival)
- iv Rural Services Network – Rural Vulnerability Network – Rural Broadband 14/4/2016
- v Get up to Speed – upcoming digital skills sessions – 19/4/2016
- vi Rural Services Network – Rural Housing Spotlight 20/4/2016
- vii Gillingham Skate Ramps for Sale – 20/4/2016
- viii Rural Services Network – Weekly Email News Digest Monday 25th April
- ix Parish Council Information Bulletin – May 2016
- x Rural Services Network- Rural Vulnerability Service – Fuel Poverty – April 16

11 **BURIAL GROUND:**

- i Maintenance reports:
Councillor King advised that one of the duties of the Parish Council is to look after the burial ground. When a new grave is dug initially the soil is humped up after the burial and slowly over the years the soil settles. It does not always settle evenly and in places the ground is surprisingly uneven, potentially creating trip hazards.
It was agreed that Councillor Noble will arrange for some top soil to be delivered to improve the evenness of the surface.

The Clerk was asked to contact A.J.S Memorials about straightening Miss Hiscox grave stone.

- ii Burial Ground Fees: The Burial Secretary advised that she felt that the burial fees should rise this year by a flat fee of £5. The Council voted 7 in favour of the new fees. The Clerk will advise Wendy.

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

- i Roundabout report
The date of the next Glastonbury Events and Festivals/PPC meeting is on the 7th June at 6pm. All residents welcome to attend.

The footpath on Weir Lane is in a bad state of repair. The Parish Council would like your ideas and to what you would like to see happen to it.

PCSO Guy Dury will be monitoring speed on Top Street as there have been a number of reports regarding speeding.

13 **FESTIVAL:**

i Festival General:

≡ The Parish Council requested feedback on frequently asked questions for GFEL to assist in training stewards. No feedback was received and it was suggested that the Stewards should be asked.

ii GFL/PPC minutes: Dates of next meetings
6pm on 7th June 2016

14 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 1st June 2016 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.59pm