

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Pilton Parish Council**  
**in the Pilton Village Hall**  
**on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)  
Steve Bowler  
Holly Corfield  
David Drew  
Jean Foley  
John Howe  
Stephen Kearle  
Joseph King  
R o g e r  
Noble  
Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

4 Members of the public were present.

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Nigel Hewitt- Cooper

3 **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October were approved.

4 **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).

Councillors R Kearle and R Noble declared a personal interest in planning item 6i, planning application 2015/2225/REM and Councillor Drew declared in respect of planning applications "I do not have a declaration of interest but I might do in the future".

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Highways: The Clerk has received a copy of an email from Angela Pearce to Neil Corp, SCC Highways, stating her concerns regarding damage to a ditch due to building works, which could result in flooding onto Todderdown Lane, Back Lane and onto the A361.

Neil Corp responded stating that the damage to the ditches is not just due to the building works and hopes to clear the ditch as soon as building works have finished. In the interim he will arrange for a further inspection and should any defects be identified, they will be actioned.

The Clerk was asked to respond to Neil Corp, stating this work hasn't been done and to the side is sinking away and could flood. The Clerk will copy in Councillor Woollcombe-Adams.

The manhole cover between the Crown in and Top Street has not been repaired and the Clerk was asked to chase this. Further repairs required are at Burford Cross toward Stoodley. Water is collecting where the road is scuffed near Meadow Croft on Top Street. At Lamberts Hill the manhole cover is set too low in the road, so drivers try to avoid them. The Clerk will report these to Highways.

- ii Zebra crossing between bus stops on the A361: The Clerk sent an email to Councillor Woollcombe-Adams reminding him to apply for funding.
- iii Fords and Bridges: No update this month. The Clerk will write to Paul Tucker reminding him that work was due start back in August.
- iv Fingerposts: Cerdic Foundries in Chard has quoted for the fingerposts. The Clerk will forward the email to Councillor Bowler, who will liaise with the ASBO's to ensure that the quote covers all their requirements. The Clerk emailed Sign of the Time to ask if they needed anymore information in order to provide an updated quote. No response has been received.
- v Mendip Community Transport Service (Slinky Bus): The Clerk received an email from Mike Curtis, Mendip Community Transport, re presentations which will take place at Glastonbury TC on 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. Councillor Corfield will attend and the Clerk will confirm details and advise Councillor Corfield.

The Clerk has received notification from Somerset County Council that there will be cuts to subsidised local bus services and discretionary concessionary fares. Affected services are listed at [www.somerset.gov.uk/concessionaryfareconsultation](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/concessionaryfareconsultation) and [www.somerset.gov.uk/bussubsidysurvey](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/bussubsidysurvey).

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It was agreed that this should be put in the Roundabout magazine.

- vi Speed Camera Devices: The Clerk has received an email from Andrew Shaw offering to be part of the Speedwatch Group. An email has also been received from Dave Grabham, SCC, regarding the Speed Indicator Device (SID) results, from the device located in Whitstone Hill, between the 14<sup>th</sup> October to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The median speed was calculated at 36mph. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was calculated at 43mph. It was confirmed that this location will continue to receive a temporary SID on a regular basis.  
The Clerk was asked to forward this email to the police asking what action is to be taken.  
Another notice will be put in the Roundabout magazine stating that we have enough people for a basic Speedwatch Group but more support would be appreciated.  
The Clerk was asked to contact SCC to see if they would consider putting double white lines (no overtaking) between Top Street and the Crown Inn and to ask the Council to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss proposals.

- vii Local Resident: There were no reported incidences this month.

- viii Unauthorised Business at Kenton Farm: MDC have confirmed they are looking into this matter.
- ix Rave at Platterwell Lane: No further update. This will be removed from the agenda for next month.
- x Confirmation of Road Extent: The Clerk has emailed MDC confirming the location of Totterdown Lane.
- xi Vegetation growing beside the roads on Top Street, Barrow Lane, John Beals Hill, and several other locations. Top Street and Barrow Lane has been cut, however John Beal Hill has not.
- xii Introduction to Assets of Community Value Course: Councillor Bowler will try to attend.
- xiii Low Cost Housing: Councillor King will draft a letter for the Clerk to send to MP James Heapey regarding the Councillors concerns regarding low cost housing within the village and the loss of its infrastructure.
- xiv Transparency Fund: The opportunity has arisen to apply for funding for equipment/ hours required in order to comply with the new Transparency Code. The Clerk will investigate what the Parish Council requires and apply if for funding if necessary.
- xv Trustees: The Chairman has received a letter from the Trustees requesting a steady income stream from the people of Pilton via the Precept. The Parish Councils discussed in detail, what they felt the responsibility was of the council, regarding providing funding for the Trustees. The finances of the Trustees were also discussed and it was felt that their current financial position did not warrant a regular income stream from the Parish Council. Should they however, have a specific project in mind they require funding for, the Council would be happy for them to present a business case and this would then be considered by the Council on a case by case basis. The Council voted on this proposal 6 for 1 against. The Clerk will response to the Trustees.

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- xvi Remembrance Sunday Wreath: A wreath will be laid on behalf of the Parish Council by Councillor Noble. The wreath will be collected from Liz Elkin. The Chairman thanked Mrs Elkin of behalf of the Parish Council.

6 **PLANNING:**

- i **Application Number:** 2015/2225/REM  
**Applicant:** Mr A Bailey

**Address:** Harvest Gate, Mount Pleasant, Pilton, Shepton Mallet  
**Proposal:** Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 2014/0860/OTS sought for appearance, landscaping and scale of the site.  
**Application Type:** Reserved Matters Application  
**Parish Council Recommends:** APPROVAL  
Proposed by Councillor Drew, seconded by Vote 7 for, 1 abstention.

**Application Number:** 2015/2408/HSE  
**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs R Long  
**Address:** Beechcroft, Top Street, Pilton, Shepton Mallet  
**Proposal:** New dormer windows and roof light inserted on the front elevation roof slope.  
**Application Type:** Householder Application  
**Parish Council Recommends:** APPROVAL  
Proposed by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Bowler, vote was unanimous.

**Application Number:** 2015/2401/HSE  
**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Keaveny  
**Address:** Midsummer House, Compton Lane, West Compton, Shepton Mallet  
**Proposal:** Proposed conversion of existing out building to form ancillary accommodation to main house.  
**Parish Council Recommends:** APPROVAL  
Proposed by Councillor Bowler, seconded by Councillor King, vote was unanimous.

- ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:
- iii Enforcement:  
Cock and Bull Drove: Email to James Heapey re request for copy of Planning Policy for Traveller Sites. Freedom of Information response.

The Grey Gables: The Clerk has emailed MDC. The verge has now been damaged.

## 7 FOOTPATHS:

- i Update: The Clerk read the ASBO report 2015 from John Pratt.  
Councillor Bowler confirmed that he receives an update report, from the ASBO's each month and confirmed all necessary Health and Safety requirements are carried out. The Clerk will ensure that the insurance also covers the ASBO's work.  
The Clerk was requested to write to the ASBO's thanking them for their hard work during 2015.

## 8 FINANCE:

- i Financial Statement:

Plus banked:

Fine Memorials Ltd (Appleby & Childs) £55.00

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Less cheques drawn:	
Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary/expenses	£200.80
Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary	£30.83
R England (Groundsman) - wages	£0.00
Pilton Working Mens Club (June, July, Aug, Sept)	£56.00
Heads Up Somerset Grant	£200.00
Mendip District Council - Election Services	<u>£1,171.00</u>
Total cheques drawn:	<u>£1,658.63</u>
Balance at 04.11.15	<u>£38,427.32</u>

- ii Pension Regulations: The Clerk has instructed Chalmers Accountants to act of behalf of the parish Council regarding the new pension regulations. They will write to Mr England and Mrs Buckley in due course as no action is required, until the summer of 2016.
- iii Grant Request: A cheque for £200 has been approved to be sent to Heads Up Somerset. The Clerk will send the cheque to them this month.
- ix Filing Cabinets: Brian Derrick collected the old filing cabinets and asked how much the Parish Council wanted to sell them for. The Council decided that Brian should make a donation to the charity of his choice. The Clerk will contact Mr Derrick.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE:

- i Weekly Email News Digest - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October
- ii LCR Opinion Survey – Public Toilets
- iii Rural Opportunities Bulletin - 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015
- iv Mind Charity Fundraising Event in Frome - 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015
- v Rural Services Network – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015
- vi Rural Housing Spotlight – October 2015
- vii Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Broadband – October 2015
- viii Elections of Small Councils Committee 2016/17
- ix SW Regional Conference -10<sup>th</sup> November 2015
- x SCC – Listening /Learning/ Changing the £30million Challenge Survey
- xi Somerset Waste Partnership – October Monthly Briefing
- xii Rural Services Network – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015
- xiii Rural Vulnerability Service Fuel Poverty – October 2015
- xiv British Heart Foundation Public Access Defibrillator
- xv Rural Services Network – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015
- xvi MDC Built Environment Group Newsletter October 2015

The Council felt it was a good idea to pursue the possibility of having a Defibrillator at the village hall. Councillor Foley stated that she was trained to use one. The Clerk was asked to forward the email to Mrs Elkin as she is already looking into this.

## 10. BURIAL GROUND:

- i Maintenance reports: Two reports were received, both were fine. Councillor Kearle will organise for the burial ground to be cut.

- ii Mrs Whiteway: The Clerk will investigate further the money that was donated for the upkeep of Mrs Whiteway's headstone. The stone needs to be straightened, the Clerk will arrange for a quote and if the work costs less than £100, will ask for the work to go ahead.

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

i Roundabout report:

A village litter pick will take place on Saturday 9th January. Meeting at the Village Hall at 9am.

Pilton Parish Council would like to hear your views on off-site camping at Festival time within the village. Please email the Clerk with your thoughts.

Village Trust Elections are taking place, forms are available from the Post Office.

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Councillor Noble stated that rubbish needs to be collected from Whitestone Hill. The Clerk will contact MDC.

12 **FESTIVAL:**

- i Festival feedback: The Clerk was asked to chase MDC for their Festival Report.

Councillors were asked for their top issues to take forward.

It was agreed that the following issues would be taken forward for further discussion:

1. The Clearway System
2. Traffic problems around Conduit Square/parking and road management.
3. Noise at night

4. The growth of off-site camping. Ensuring that GFL maintain their policy on hospitality tickets. The Council agreed that they need a strategy for the Parish Council.
5. Drop off point on the west side for taxi's.
6. Speed of traffic and volume of traffic though the village and Parish as a whole.
7. Vehicles/HGV's before and after the Festival, after the Stewards have gone.
8. Stewards – lack of knowledge, especially at Neat Lane. The possibility of villagers training stewards.
9. Neat Lane – traffic and stewards.
10. Enforcement/Clearway.

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The Clerk was asked to email the above list to Councillors prior to our next meeting.

- ii Clearway System and Enforcement: Two responses have been received regarding the Clearway System and enforcement, both were in favour of full enforcement. These emails will be taken to the next GFL/PPC meeting
- iii GFL/PPC minutes: Date of next meeting is in January date TBC

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 7.30pm

Meeting Closed 9.23pm