

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

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

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

10 Members of the public were present and Nigel Hewitt-Cooper

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:**

3 **MINUTES:** of the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Item 12 Festival: Councillors R Kearle, Councillor Corfield and S Kearle (dispensation approved), declared a prejudicial interest (employment). Councillors Drew, Foley, King, Noble and Smith declared a personal interest (ticket). Councillor Drew "I do not have a declaration of interest in any planning applications but I might do in the future" Councillors R Kearle and S Kearle declared a personal interest in the Co-option as their sister Angela Wynn. Dispensation was approved.

5 **PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY:** Co-option of new Councillor. Eight applications for the Parish Councillor vacancy were received. Each applicant was given two minutes to talk about themselves. There was four rounds of voting, two rounds were a tie. It was then down to the Chairman to cast the deciding vote. As the Chairman was the brother of Angela Wynn the vote was decided by the toss of a coin and the two applicants Angela Wynn and Andrew Shaw called heads or tails. Angela Wynn was the successful. Completion of paperwork Acceptance of Office paperwork was completed and Councillor Wynn joined the Councillors at the table. The Chairman thanked all applicants and stated how please he was with the response to the vacancy and the calibre of applicants and hopes that at the next election the applicants will apply again.

6 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Strategy:

- Puffin Crossing: Nigel Hewitt-Cooper advised that he stated the paperwork for the Puffin Crossing. A meeting is being held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 10am with Somerset County Council to discuss Puffin Crossing.
- Other topic for discussion with Somerset County Council the amount of traffic and HGV's through the village.

- ii Highways: Updates re the following:-
- Culverts: No update this month.
  - Blocked Drains: See below.
  - Overflowing drain in East Town Lane: Nigel Hewitt-Cooper advised he has received an email from Highways confirming that the gully itself is not blocked the pipeline seems blocked with silt/detritus downstream, which is believed to be coming from an unauthorised connection into the drainage system for an adjoining property. This issue has been reported to Environmental Health at MDC. Currently awaiting news on what action will be taken.
  - Potholes East Town Lane: Neil Corp, SCC advised that an inspection has been arranged.
  - Speed Humps: It was decided by Councillors that this should not be progressed.
  - Road Markings on Stoodley Lane and Bowermead Lane: An inspection has been arranged by Highways.
  - Defects:  
Block drain by Parsons Batch on the A361.  
The Clerk was asked to thank Highways for the work carried out on the drain in West Compton.  
The Clerk was asked email Highways regarding overgrown vegetation in Back Lane in West Compton there is also a tree, fridge freezer and vehicle dumped there.
- iii Fords and Bridges:  
Nigel Hewitt-Cooper confirmed that the Council has confirmed that works to the Cockmill Ford Bridge will be complete by March 2018. Thanks were given to Nigel.
- iv Fingerposts:  
The Clerk has contacted Steve Bowler who will chase the quote from Cerdic Foundries.  
The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to ask why the top is missing from the post by Thornton House
- v Community Speedwatch: Councillor King advised that all is going well with the Speedwatch Team. They are providing figures to assist with the Puffin Crossing proposal. Councillor King stated that over half the vehicles were doing more than 30mph and the average speed recorded by Avon and Somerset Police was 42mph. HGV's tend to be slower as they are fitted with tachographs.
- Councillor Smith provided the Truck Count for September  
Trucks driving over 30mph will be monitored in future and notification of infringements will be passed to the Clerk who will write to the companies involved.
- vi The Crown Inn:  
Assets of Community Value: Councillor King advised that he is yet to meet with Reg and will contact Steve Bowler when it is an appropriate time for him.
- vii Police Report:  
Police Report for September.  
30/08 – Road Related incident – Driver reported for using mobile phone.  
02/09 – Lamberts Hill Cross Rd, Non injury RTC.  
03/09 – Top Street, Reported driving offence.  
05/09 Suspicious Irish males, showing interest in livestock, reported to Farm Watch.  
14/09 – Lamberts Hill Cross Rd – Non injury RTC.

15/ 09 – RTC – Barrow Lane. Elderly Driver taken to hospital.  
RTC West Holme Rd, RTC, Road blocked, Closure put in place.  
17/09 – Lamberts Hill Cross Rd, Non injury RTC.  
18/09 Reported glass on road Lamberts Hill, passed to Highways.  
24/09 Crown Inn – ASB 2 x males being disruptive outside, found & spoken with .  
29/09 – Crown INN – Possible drink driver reported.

- viii Low Cost Housing: Nigel Hewitt-Cooper advised that Nina Richards from Mendip District Council will be attending the December Parish Council meeting. Guinness declined an invitation to attend a Parish Council meeting.

Update from Nigel Hewitt-Cooper

Nigel advised that he declared an interest regarding the Crown Inn planning application. Nigel was named on-line as having an interest and they suggested that he withdraw. Nigel stated that it was up to Councillors to decide when they declared an interest and therefore due to this individuals actions the Parish lost their local voice and the planning application was approved.

The Sunday Market has started again in Shepton Mallet.

The library at Shepton Mallet has moved to the Mendip District Council Offices.

- viv Laurels at the War Memorial: The work to the laurels did not go ahead. Work will commence after Remembrance Sunday. Councillor Noble has spoken with Mrs Newns who is happy for the Laurels to be cut back. A date has yet to be agreed.

## 7 PLANNING

Application Number: 2017/2565/TCA

Proposal: T1 –Removal of Leylandi Hedge, T2 and T3 – Removal of No.2 Beech Trees. T4 – Removal of Flowering Cherry Tree.

Location: The Sheiling, St Marys Lane, Pilton

Applicant: Mrs Pauline Hobbs

Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA

Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL

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

Application Number: 2017/2362/HSE

Proposal: Removal of existing upvc conservatory and replacement with timber frame sunroom.

Location: Forge House, Park Hill, Pilton

Applicant: Mr Martin Sims

Application Type: Householder Application

Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL

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

Application Number: 2017/2566/TCA

Proposal: To remove a Leylandi hedge and an apple tree in a conservation area.

Location: The Bower, St Marys Lane, Pilton

Applicant: Mrs Pauline Hobbs

Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA

Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL

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

Representation at Planning Board  
Application Number: 2017/1525/FUL  
Location: Crown Inn, Whitstone Hill, Pilton  
Planning Board 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2016/3075/FUL  
Proposal: To install two conservation style rooflights into an existing single storey utility room roof.  
To install/construct a single storey timber Home/Garden Office with tool store  
Location: St Mary's Cottage, St Mary's Lane, Pilton  
Applicant: Mr Andrew Williamson  
Application Type: Full Application  
Application Withdrawn

Application Number: 2017/1908/TEL  
Proposal: Application for prior approval of telecommunications development for the erection of a 15m replica telegraph pole mast complete with 2 microwave dishes and 2 equipment cabinets.  
Location: Junction at St Peters Road and Old Wells Road, Shepton Mallet.  
Applicant: Mr Craig Horn and Vodafone Ltd  
Application Type: Telecommunication Development  
Decision: Prior Approval is Required and Given

Application Number: 2017/2231/AGB  
Proposal: Application for prior notification of an extension to an existing agricultural steel portal framed mono-pitch building (at both east and west elevations) to cover an open collecting and dispersal yard.  
Location: 1 Steanbow Park Dairy Unit Park Hill, Pilton  
Applicant: Mr Neil Christensen  
Decision: Prior Approval is Not Required

Application Number: 2016/3076/LBC  
Proposal: To install two conservation style roof lights into an existing single storey utility room roof (proposal amended to remove 'office' element, and description amended 24/8/2017)  
Location: St Marys Cottage, St Marys Lane, Pilton  
Applicant: Mr Andrew Williamson  
Decision: Approval with Conditions

Applicant Number: 2017/2215/TCA  
Proposal: Various works as per schedule provided  
Location: Church of St John the Baptist Cumhill Lane, Pilton  
Grid Reference: 358851 140815

iii Enforcement:

- Cock and Bull Drove: The last resident has now left the site. The two other village sites are now in progress.

- Friers Oven Farm: The Clerk was asked to contact Mendip District Council to ask why they don't believe there is a problem.
- Tanyards Lane: Councillors will keep an eye on the situation when work has finished.

8 **FOOTPATHS:**

- i Update: Councillor King will contact Steve Bowler to ask whether he wishes to continue as the liaison between the Parish Council and the ASBO's or whether he wishes to hand this role to another councillor.

There is an overgrown footpath off Platterwell Lane, Councillors King and Noble will pass this information onto the ASBO's.

9 **FINANCE:**

- i Financial Statement:

Balance b/f from 31/08/2017					£ 24,180.59
Plus banked:					
					£ -
Less cheques drawn:					
1980	Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary & o/t (7 hours)				£ 260.08
	(£10 home working allowance, stationery £9.76, ink cartridges £47.95)				£ 67.71
1981	Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary				£ 35.00
1982	Pilton Working Mens Club				£ 12.00
	Mr R England				£ -
1984	Heads Up				£ 200.00
1985	Grant Thornton (External Auditor)				£ 120.00
					£ 694.79
Balance at 31/08/2017					£ 23,485.80

- ii Financial News:

A letter of thanks received from Head Up for the donation of £200.

10 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Public Sector Executive Online 30/8
- Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest 31/8
- Public Sector Executive Online 31/8
- Public Sector Executive Online 4/9
- Rural Services Network Call for Information 5/9
- Rural Opportunities Bulletin, Rural Services Network 6/9
- Somerset Prepared 7/9
- Weekly Update from James Heappey
- Weekly Email News Digest – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 25, 2017
- Countryside Alliance 11/9
- Public Sector Executive Online 11/9
- Public Sector Executive Online 12/9

- xiii. Parish Council Information Bulletin 12/9
- xiv. Rural Services Network – Rural Fuel Poverty Newsletter 13/9
- xv. Public Sector Executive Online 14/9
- xvi. Road Closure TTRO (A361) Chilkwell Street, Fishers Hill and Bere Lane
- xvii. Weekly Update from James Heapey 15/9
- xviii. Rural Services Network 18/9
- xix. Public Sector Executive Online 18/9
- xx. Temporary Road Closure TTRO Cary Road Alford
- xxi. Rural Services Network 19/9
- xxii. Rural Services Network, Rural Economy Spotlight 20/9
- xxiii. Public Sector Executive Online 21/9
- xxiv. Mendip Visitor Economy Conference
- xxv. Public Sector Executive Online 21/9
- xxvi. Age UK Somerset Communications 22/9
- xxvii. Weekly Email News Digest Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September
- xxviii. Public Sector Executive Online 25/9
- xxix. Rural Services Network, Rural Spotlight on Heart of the Village 27/9
- xxx. Family Support Services & Children’s Centre’s Consultation
- xxxi. Countryside Alliance – Rural Oscars 2017
- xxxii. Public Sector Executive Online 28/9

**11 BURIAL GROUND:**

- i Maintenance reports:  
Two reports were received both were fine.
- ii Cutting of vegetation:  
Councillor Noble advised that the hedge has been cut and that the Clerk will receive an invoice from Norton Garden Machinery for servicing to the mower.

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

- i Roundabout report  
  
The Parish Council is delighted to announce that after four rounds of voting, a tie and a flip of a coin (examined by Joe King) Angela Wynn was elected the new Parish Councillor.  
  
Holly Corfield requires signatures which will be passed on Broadband companies to improve Fibre Broadband within the village. To sign up please contact Holly.  
  
The next GFEL/PPC meeting is taking place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm.  
  
The Clerk advised that the Parish Councillors documentation needs to be reviewed and updated in line with new guidelines. It was agreed that the Clerk should work on this.  
  
Councillor Noble advised that the vision down Lamberts Hill was virtually nil due to the trees. Councillors were asked to take a look. The hedge line also needs attention.

**13 FESTIVAL:**

- i Festival General:  
Councillors approved the Festival Feedback Report which will now be issued to GFEL, Avon and Somerset Constabulary and Mendip District Council.

ii GFEL/PPC minutes: Dates of next meetings:  
Monday 16th October 2017

14 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.40pm