

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Pilton Parish Council
in the Pilton Village Hall on
Wednesday 5th April 2017 at 7.30pm**

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

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

9 Members of the public was present

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Councillor Nigel Woollcome-Adams

3 **MINUTES:** of the 1st February 2017 and 1st March 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 Bowler, Drew, Foley, King, and Noble, declared a personal interest (ticket). R Kearle declared a prejudicial interest in planning applications 2017/0672/FUL and 2016/2484/AGR and personal interests in planning application 2017/0532/FUL. Councillor Corfield declared a personal interests in planning application 2017/0532/FUL.

i **Highways:** Updates re the following:-

- Parking issues – Totterdown Lane and Neat Lane: There were no reported problems this month.
- Springfield Cross 30mph: It was reported that there was another bad accident at Springfield Cross on Friday 31st March.
- Culverts: The Clerk has been contacted by Angela Pearce. Charlie Pearce has marked the location of the culverts and she will send the map to the Clerk.
- Blocked Drains: Somerset County Council are aware of the problem near Pilton House Barn and will be carrying out further investigation as soon as the necessary resources are available.
- The following blocked drains have also been reported to SCC:
East Town Lane ref 298835
Westholme Road ref 29883
Parkhill Opposite Parsons Batch ref 298837
- Potholes
The following potholes have been reported:
Perridge Hill ref 298838

- Damaged verges – There was no update this month.
- 20 mph limit between Long House and Cockmill Junction:
- Passing place along East Town Lane – just waiting for the stone and machine. Councillor R Kearle with chase this up. Neil Corp will be visiting this site later this month.
- Update from Steve Russell-Yarde:-
 1. Moving of the 30 mph signs to the North East side of Pilton to include the Springfield Junction/cross roads. The locations for the start and finish signs have been identified and the requirement for repeater signs on Neat lane as it will now be included in the 30mph section. This information will be sent to the Parish council in due course.
 2. Moving the start of the 30 mph on Pylle Road away from the playing fields to a location approximately 150 to 200m to the east.
 3. Placing a give way sign at the junction of Copse Lane with Pylle Road for traffic travelling south bound to identify the junction more clearly.
 4. Improvements to the white lines at the above junction.
 5. The above works will require the following before work can commence, which will affect the timescale.
 - a. Police agreement, which has been received in principal but not following an accurate plan.
 - b. Information from statutory undertakings i.e. information form Water, Electric, Gas, Fibre and a number of other companies who need to be consulted and a reply received before works can be ordered.
 6. Once the Police response has been received then the TRO can be written and advertised
 7. Once the Statutory undertakings have been received then the works can be ordered.

- Defects:

The Clerk will report the following defects:

At Burford to Stoodley the potholes are very bad, as is the verge and road subsidence.

The concrete drain situated in West Compton is cracking up.

Potholes were reported at West Compton, Winters Lane towards West Compton House.

The Clerk was asked to forward the email from Stacey Bennett to Highways. This refers to potholes in Compton Lane.

Councillors R Kearle and King met with Bev Norman and Jeff Bunting from SCC and had the opportunity to discuss the Puffin Crossing. They asked why they rejected the crossing, they advised that Councillor Woollacombe-Adams had not brought this to their attention and they have not seen the site. They agreed to go back and look at the proposal and provide the Parish Council with the criterial required for such a crossing.

- ii Traffic Strategy: Councillor Bowler has written a traffic strategy on behalf of the Parish Council. This will form part of these minutes and be published on the website. Councillor Bowler will email the Clerk.

- iii Fords and Bridges: the Clerk read an email from Paul Tucker stating that there were no plans to carry out the work on the Cockmill Ford Bridge at this point in time, however when they look at the Bakery Lane Bridge they will look at the bridge again to see if they feel this should be reprioritised.
Discussion took place as to whether the Cockmill Ford Bridge would qualify as a Heritage Structure as grants were in the March Opportunities Bulletin. Councillor King agreed to look into this further.
- iv Fingerposts: Steve Bowler advised that the Fingerposts are now erected and complete. A cheque was signed for Alan Connock for the work.
The post at the top of Compton Lane at the East of East Town Lane on the left is leaning. Councillor R Kearle will investigate.
The post at Lamberts Hill is being painted by the ASBO's and the mile sign going towards Shepton Mallet by Beards Hill needs painting. Councillor Bowler advised that risk analysis is being carried out as this is situated on the side of a busy road. The post is down on Neat Lane as it has rusted through.
The post beyond Hartley Cottages needs turning and tightening Councillor S Kearle will repair.
- v Community Speedwatch: An email of thanks has been received from Eve Berry. Councillor King advised that over 900 vehicles passed through the village during a one hour period, 57 of these were HGV's.
Jude Glide has asked Councillor King to make the Parish Council aware that she intends to ask residents opinions re fundraising for a speed indicator device. The Parish Council has already voted that the Parish Council could not afford this but is happy for Jude to try. Councillor R Kearle asked if Speedwatch has funds available. Councillor King advised that Speedwatch do have their own SID's but nobody trained to erect them, Councillor King will forward details to the Clerk, who will then forward to Steve Russell-Yarde.
Lydford-on-Fosse have their own trained person and Councillor King will ask if they could erect ours.
Thanks were given to the Speedwatch Team.
- vi The Crown Inn:
Assets of Community Value: Councillor Bowler stated that the amount of information that is required to register The Crown in as an Asset of Community Value was immense. Councillor Bowler has spoken to Debbie the landlady. In order to meet the criteria the property needs to have value to the community and not just the customers, there also needs to be a business plan in place with how the community intends to buy the property should it be put up for sale. Councillor Bowler is meeting with Mendip District Council but does not believe this will be taken forward. He will then update Reg.
Thanks was given to Councillor Bowler for his hard work regarding this.
- vii Police Report: The Clerk read the March Police Report.
- viii Fouling on Pavements: The Clerk has received an email from Liz Elkin about horses fouling the pavements within the village. The Clerk will put a notice in the Roundabout reminding villagers that it is illegal to ride a horse on a pavement but could horse owners return with the correct equipment to clear up the mess.

- ix Invitation from Mendip Community Transport: A representative from the Parish Council is invited to attend a reception to celebrate the charity's fifteenth birthday and to witness the MCT's new bus by the Queens Lord Lieutenant for Somerset. Councillor King will check if he is available to attend
- x Low Cost Housing: The Clerk received an email from Nina Richards advising that they will be in touch in due course regarding the next steps.
- xi Pilton Church Roof: The Clerk read and update from Maurice Davies advising that work had started on the Church Roof and thanking the Parish Council for their support.
The Parish Council asked that residents be vigilant of suspicious vehicles whilst the scaffolding is up around the church and notify the police with registration numbers if they do see anything.
In the March Opportunities Bulletin there was also an article regarding funding for Churches. Councillor King will look into this and advise Maurice if there is an opportunity to apply for further funding.
- xii Parish Councillor Vacancy: The Notice of Co-option has now been posted on the village notice boards and will be published on the website. Application forms are available from the Parish Clerk and the formal Co-opting will take place at the May Parish Council meeting.

Councillor R Kearle left the meeting and Councillor Noble took over as Chairman.

6 PLANNING

- i Application Number: 2017/0672/FUL
Proposal: Construction of a Farm Track
Location: Land at 357337 – 140305 Lower Westholme Road Pilton
Applicant: Mr Mark Franklin
Application Type: Full Application
Councillor Drew proposed approval and Councillor S Kearle seconded. The vote was unanimous in favour.

Councillor R Kearle returned to the meeting and took over as Chairman.

- Application Number: 2017/0634/TCA
Proposal: Reduce various over extended limbs by 1-2 metres. Thin crown where appropriate maximum 15%
Location: The Old Vicarage Park Hill Pilton
Applicant: Dr Newns
Application Type: Works/Felling in a CA
Councillor Bowler proposed approval, Councillor Noble seconded the vote unanimous in favour.

- Application Number: 2016/2484/AGR
Proposal: Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development – proposed road.
Location: Land between Winters Hill and Bowermead Land Burford Pilton
Applicant: Mr Christopher Bond

No vote was taken as prior approval is not required.

Application Number: 2017/0660/HSE

Proposal: Fixing of black matt log burner flue to outside wall

Location: Arch Cottage, John Beales Hill, Pilton

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Kevin Fleming

Application Type: Householder Application

Councillor Bowler proposed approval, Councillor King seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Application Number: 2017/0532/FUL

Proposal: Old Burford Farm, Winters Hill Lane, West Compton

Applicant: Mr Jason Turner

Application Type: Full Application

He clerk read an email from Hamish Leng and Mark Franklin stating his concerns regarding the application and the shooting rights/season.

Alex Turner spoke in favour of the application and advised that the yurts will be tucked away and will not be visible. The proposal is for the two brother to come back to manage the farm and get involved with the community. The aim is to do education and wellbeing courses. The Turners contacted Mr Leng and Mr Franklin some months ago to discuss the application as they didn't want to upset their neighbours and villagers and they do not want to disrupt the shoot. No response was received from either Mr Leng or Mr Franklin until the email at the Parish Council meeting. Councillor R Kearle advised that he has spoken with Mr Leng and he is only concerned with the dates of the shoot and is not objecting to the application.

Councillor Noble stated he was in objection to the application as the yurt business may expand and the business is a very beautiful valley that he does not want spoilt.

Alex Turner advised that everything would be dismantled and removed at the end of the season. Further concerns were raised about the size of the access track, this was not going to be changed to a concrete track and is currently used for vehicles, including tractors with no problems.

Councillor Bowler proposed approval, Councillor Foley seconded

Councillor Noble proposed refusal, there was no seconder.

The vote was 5 in favour of approval and 1 against.

Councillor Drew left the meeting.

Application Number: 2017/0712/TCA

Proposal: Barrow Cottage, Barrow Lane, Pilton

Applicant: Mr Blyth

Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA

Councillor Bowler proposed approval, Councillor S Kearle seconded. The vote was unanimous.

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2016/2836/FUL

Location: Mead Lane Industrial Estate North Wootton Shepton Mallett

Proposal: Proposed erection of 3 light industrial units (amended site plan received 17/2/17)

Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2016/2740/FUL

Proposal: Change of use from agriculture to stationing of eight static caravans for use as holiday lets.

Location: The Old Guppy Barn, Land Off Copse Lane, Pilton

Decision: Refusal

iii Enforcement:

- Cock and Bull Drove: Update from Nigel Hewitt-Cooper
- Tanyards Lane: Update from Nigel Hewitt-Cooper
- The Clerk was asked to chase an update on Beggars Roost and report the site at Stumps Cross as currently got three caravans and is looking a mess.

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update:

Concerns have been raised by the ASBO's that the Ramblers were completing 'their' work. The Parish Council agreed that the ASBO's should carry on with their planned work.

- Weir Lane – Councillors Bowler and Noble have a plan but work cannot take place now due to nesting birds.

8 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

Plus banked:		
Wallace Stuart Funeral Directors		105.00
Bank Interest		11.16
		116.16
Less cheques drawn:		
1936 Mrs Audrey Brown refreshments for litter pick		30.00
1937 Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary & o/t (10 hours)		289.00
(plus expenses £10 home working allowance)		10.00
1938 Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary		35.00
1939 Pilton Working Mens Club		12.00
1940 Mr K Buckley McAfee licence (from Aug 16)		49.99
Total cheques drawn:		425.99
Balance at 31/03/2017		23,686.16

Audit: The Clerk advised that she is meeting with the Internal Auditor in the next week or two and Paul Warry will be checking the accounts as well. There is a current discrepancy of £26 and therefore an adjustment may need to be made in the end of year accounts.

It was agreed that the Clerk will renew the subscription to the War Memorials Magazine.

9 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i Public Sector Executive Online 27/2/17
- ii Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest, Monday 27th January
- iii Parish Council Information Bulletin 28/2/17
- iv Rural Services Network, Rural Opportunities Bulletin 1/3/17
- v Sally Grubb - Free Neighbourhood Planning
- vi Public Sector Executive Online 2/3/17
- vii Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest – Monday 6th March
- viii Public Sector Executive Online 6/3/17
- ix Rural Services Network – Spot on Rural Health
- x Public Sector Executive Online 9/3/17
- xi Public Sector Executive Online 13/3/1
- xii Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest, Monday 13th March
- xiv Mark Ford, Somerset County Council Elections 14/3/17
- xv Somerset Prepared - Spring Newsletter
- xvi Rural Services Network, Rural Vulnerability Service – Fuel Poverty March 17
- xvii Public Sector Executive Online 16/3/17
- xviii Public Sector Executive Online 20/3/17
- xix Rural Service Network, Weekly Email News Digest Monday 20th March
- xx Rural Services Network, Rural Economy Spotlight 22/3/17
- xxi Public Sector Executive Online 24/3/17
- xxii Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest Monday 27th March
- xxiii Planning Policy, Progress on Local Plan Part II
- xxiv Rural Services Network, Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Transport 29/3
- xxv Parish Council Information Bulletin 30/3
- xxvi Public Sector Executive Online 30/3

10 **BURIAL GROUND:**

- i Maintenance reports: Two reports were received both were fine. Councillor Noble will order the soil for the burial ground and will liaise with Councillor R Kearle regarding completing the work.
- ii Memorial Bench – The Clerk advised that she has emailed Councillor Drew a number of times regarding liaising with the Pearce family regarding the memorial bench. Councillor R Kearle gave the Clerk Councillor Drew’s phone number to chase.

The roadside work to the hedges will now take place in the autumn due to nesting birds.

The Clerk was asked to put in the Roundabout a notice regarding Floral Tributes at the Burial Ground. These need to be at the head of the grave so mowing can be carried out.

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

- i Roundabout report
Please see the notice board or village website to view the Parish Council Traffic Strategy. Your comments would be appreciated.

Residents are asked that any floral tributes be placed at the head of the graves at the burial ground to ensure that mowing can easily be carried out.

The Parish Council kindly ask villagers that ride their horses on the pavements to return with the correct equipment to clear up any mess left behind.

Whilst repairs are carried out on the Church please be vigilant of any suspicious vehicles. If you are concerned please notify the police with the vehicle registration number.

12 **FESTIVAL:**

i Festival General:

Traffic Management – Temporary Traffic Restriction Order Glastonbury Festival

An email has been received from Colin Watt, this will be forwarded to Jen at GFEL to be discussed at the PCC/GFEL meeting.

ii GFL/PPC minutes: Dates of next meetings:

Tuesday 11th April 2017

Tuesday 6th June 2017

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 19th April 2017 at 7.30pm
Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 7.30pm

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