

Minutes of the meeting of the Pilton Parish Council held  
in the Pilton Village Hall on  
on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)

David Drew  
Jean Foley  
Stephen Kearle  
Joe King  
Roger Noble  
Debbie Smith  
Angela Wynn

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

3 members of the public were present.

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:**

3 **MINUTES:** of the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Councillor S Kearle and R Kearle (dispensation approved) declared interest planning application 2018/2842/FUL.

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Strategy:

- Update:
- Puffin Crossing: The Clerk has chased SCC but received no response.
- A361 meeting: Councillor King advised that the Action Group has called off their planned protest due to roadworks in the town. The next meeting will be held in the Goddess Room. No meeting date has been arranged for the Glastonbury Council Group.

ii Highways: Updates re the following:-

• **Blocked Drains/ Gullies:**

- a) Drains are blocked at Lays Lane: Ref 524665, Gullies were working at the time of inspection on 22/2/18
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) The gully at Neat Lane was washed away and not been repaired, it is sharp at the edge of the tarmac.
- e) On the right hand side going up Neat Lane the gully needs repairing as it could damage a tyre.

- f) Blocked drain on road in Neat Lane going across Springfield, it is on the left hand side going up.
  - g) Blocked drain at Parsons Batch. Councillor R Kearle showed the SCC representative the defect as he advised that it was not included as part of the cleaning rota and should be added.
  - h) An inspection of the drainage adjacent to Pilbrooke cottage has been arranged and any safety defects identified will be actioned as necessary. Ref 530124
- **Potholes**
    - a) There are very bad potholes outside Perridge Farm: Ref 524579
    - b) 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
    - c) There are bad potholes East Town Lane by East Town Farm.
    - i) There is a large pothole on Old Wells Road near the junction to West Compton. A local resident has lost a tyre at this site. *An inspection has been carried out and been marked for repair as a 28 day item. The repair is due to be completed by 7/11/18.*
  - **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' *An inspection has been carried out and no actionable defects could be identified.*
    - 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) 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.
    - f) 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.
    - g) The wall belonging to Orchard House in Pylle Road seems to be unstable, it is along the road that leads to the playing fields and there is concern that children could be walking along side it.
    - h) The road down Perridge Hill is veering to the right and the road is cracking up in the middle.
    - i) The Bridge has now been hit for a third time and the Parish Council think it's in a dangerous state. This has been reported twice previously. *SCC advised that this has been passed to the Structures Team in Taunton bridges@somerset.gov.uk*
    - j) The Clerk was asked to contact SCC regarding a request for 'Stop' signs at Burford. *SCC advised that this has been forwarded to the traffic team for consideration.*
    - k) A resident has raised concerns regarding visibility at the Lamberts Hill/ Shepton Mallet cross roads. There is poor visibility when looking right towards Lamberts Hill into Pilton.

- l) The sign at the top of Compton Lane (no through road) has been knocked over.
- m) There is a mattress in Ridge Lane between Compton Lane and Canards Grave.
- n) Paradise Quarry, Ridge Road opposite Dungeon Farm there are bags of rubbish near the tip at Dulcote.
- o) Lot of detritus in the drains, a list needs to be compiled of the locations and Councillor King will ask the ASBO's to clear the drains. Ridge Lane into Compton Lane.
- p) Shop Lane and Top Street, an ambulance couldn't get through. Nigel will chase the painting of the double yellow lines.
- q) Toll Cottage and North Wootton Road

- **New Defects:**

There are large potholes going up Neat Lane near the Springfield Crossroads.

There is a large pothole on the left hand side at Copse Hill.

The pavement at the bottom of Shop Lane has been damaged since the Water Board was working there.

The bridge at Stoodley has been hit for the fourth time. Urgent action is required.

A Councillor had a near miss due to the visibility at the Lamberts Hill/Shepton Mallet cross roads. There is poor visibility when looking right towards Lamberts Hill into Pilton.

Blocked drains below Shutwell House, Abbots Way, urgent as OAP homes and flooding, route to Post Office and Village Hall.

- iii Fingerposts & Signs:

- Dog Fouling Notices: Ian Glover advised the Clerk that he could deliver the signs and she provided him with Councillor R Kearle phone number to receive them, to date they have not been received. The Clerk will chase again.
- Sign near Toll Cottage: The signpost has been received and erected. The Raynsford's passed on their thanks to the Parish Council for organising this.

- iv Community Speedwatch:

- Councillor King advised that everything is going well however the team continue to be shocked by the speed of drivers at the Neat Lane Crossing, HGV's driving at 57 mph and cars at over 60 mph approaching the junction. The team have informed the police that they believe that the junction should be monitored more vigorously as almost every vehicle is travelling over 30 mph. Councillor Smith will discuss this when she meets with Mark Nicholson from Avon and Somerset Police in January. Councillor King advised that the reporting system has changed but the changeover has been relatively painless.
- Truck Count for November – Councillor Smith advised there is no change to the usual pattern.

- v The Crown Inn: Assets of Community Value: Councillor King stated that Nigel Hewitt-Cooper has provided the contact details for other successful parishes. Beckington didn't know too much as they have a new Parish Clerk. It was felt that they had reached the stage that just need to get on with the application as not much more could be achieved. It was felt that if we didn't move forward now it wouldn't happen. Thanks were given to Councillor King for his perseverance.

- vi Police Report: November Police Report

Specific reports for Pilton

23/11 – Reported drug driving, Pilton Road, North Wootton.

26/11 – Criminal damage, attempted break into vehicle parked at Shop Lane

- vii Pilton War Memorial:
- Remembrance Sunday – Over two hundred people attended the Remembrance Service Memorial Dedication. The Vicar did a fantastic job and thanks was given to Councillor Noble for all his hard work organising the event and the restoration of the War Memorial.
- viii Low Cost Housing: A property has become available to apply for. The Councillors felt that some of the housing is starting to look dilapidated.
- ix Overgrown Vegetation/ASBO's: The Clerk has resent the letter to Highways regarding ownership of the verges but not yet received a response. She will chase.
- x GDPR: The Parish Council now need to adhere to the Public Sector Bodies Accessibility Regulations 2018. There Clerk will review what action needs to be taken.
- xii Shepton Mallet Library: There was a good response received from Shepton Mallet Town Council and there is a chance that a lower rent could be negotiated or could be moved to the HSBC building. Councillor King tried to contact Steve Barlow, Shepton Mallet Town Council to confirm this but was unable to do so. The current Library is three times bigger that it would be at the Mendip District Council site.
- xiii Councillor Resignation/Election: Holly Corfield has resigned from the Parish Council with immediate effect. The vacancy will now be advertised. The Parish Clerk should be emailed via [piltonparishclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:piltonparishclerk@yahoo.com) for an application form. The vacancy will be advertised on the Pilton website, Twitter, Facebook, notice boards and the Roundabout Magazine. Thanks was given to Holly for her hard work and support during her time on the Parish Council.
- ivx Update from Nigel Hewitt-Cooper: Nigel did not attend so no update was given.
- ivxi Email form resident regarding planning application approved at last Parish Council meeting: A letter has been received from a resident of West Compton expressing their disappointment regarding the Parish Councils decision to approve the planning application of the traveller site at the November Parish Council meeting. They felt that the Parish Council should have made them aware of the application. It was made known that it not the responsibility of the Parish Council to notify residents of planning applications, that is Mendip District Councils responsibility.

## 6 PLANNING

- i Application Number: 2018/2178/FUL  
Proposal: Partial conversion of farm building to residential use.  
Location: Steanbow Farm, Steanbow, Pilton  
Applicant: Mr Finn Christensen  
Application Type: Full Application  
Pilton Parish Council Recommended: Approval  
Councillor S Kearle proposed approval, Councillor Drew seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour of approval.

Application Number: 2018/2733/TCA  
Proposal: Works to a tree within a Conservation Area: T1 – Beech – Crown reduction by 6m and crown thinning  
Location: Box Tree, Bread Street, Pilton  
Applicant: Joanna Roberts-Wray  
Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA  
Councillor Noble proposed approval, Councillor Drew seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour of approval.

Councillor S Kearle spoke in favour of the application and then left the meeting.

Application Number: 2018/2842/FUL  
Proposal: Proposed erection of an agricultural building for cattle housing and feed store  
Location: Worthy Farm, Worthy Lane, Pilton  
Applicant: Mr Michael Eavis  
Application Type: Full Application  
Councillor Noble proposed refusal, Councillor King seconded as they felt the building could be closer to the farm and not in open countryside as it was visually intrusive.  
Councillor Drew proposed acceptance, Councillor Foley seconded.  
The vote was 3 in favour of approval, 2 for refusal, 1 abstained.  
The application was approved.

Councillor S Kearle returned to the meeting.

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2018/2486/TCA  
Proposal: Proposed works to a tree in a conservation area:- T1 – Sycamore - Fell  
Location: Old Orchard House, Bread Street, Pilton  
Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA  
Decision: TPO Not Required

Application Number: 2018/2488/TCA  
Proposal: Proposed works to a tree in a conservation area: T1 – Conifer – Reduce overall height to 2.5 metres tall.  
Location: The Vantage Whitstone Hill, Pilton  
Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA  
Decision: TPO Not Required

Application Number: 2018/1415/HSE  
Proposal: Demolish part of dwelling and replace with two and single storey side and rear extensions with the addition of a front porch, two windows to rear and alterations to existing dormer windows.  
Location: Bridge Cottage, Compton Lane, West Compton  
Application Type: Householder Application  
Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2018/2421/HSE  
Proposal: Conversion of existing garage, erection of first floor extension, creation of a new porch and detached car port.  
Location: Long Barn, Compton Lane, West Compton

Application Type: Householder Application  
Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2018/2343/HSE  
Proposal: Refurbishment of detached orangery to create ancillary accommodation  
Location: Orchard House, East Compton Road, East Compton  
Application Type: Householder Application  
Decision: Conditions

Application Number: 2018/2413/HSE  
Proposal: Conversion of coach house into self contained annex  
Location: Cedar House, John Beales Hill, Pilton  
Application: Householder Application  
Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application: 2018/1147/FUL  
Proposal: Erection of a new dwelling  
Location: Two Oaks, Totterdown Lane, Pilton  
Application: Full Application  
Decision: Approval

iii Public Enquiry

Application Number: 2017/0935/CLE  
Proposal: Use of land for residential use of caravans for more than 10 years  
Location: Beggars Roost, Pylle Road.  
Applicant: Mr Ray Loxton  
To be held at the Council Chamber Mendip District Council Offices, Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet has been changed to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018.  
This has now been cancelled

iv Enforcement: Updates from MDC.

- Cock and Bull Drove:
- Beggars Roost:
- Friars Oven Farm:
- Tanyards Lane:
- West Compton:

There is still a caravan in the lane down by the old railway bridge. The Clerk will chase Mendip District Council.

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update: Councillor King has taken the old metal signs back to Somerset County Council. The Council are requesting views on the Footpaths and Councillor King asked the ASBO's for their comments; which he has now received.

There was no update regarding the new gatepost. Councillor Wynn will speak to Mendip Bridleways regarding getting the gate repaired.

8 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

Balance b/f from 30/10/2018						21,088.76
Plus banked:						
						£ -
						£ -
Less cheques drawn:						
2069	K Buckley					£ 329.90
	(£10 home working allowance, £5.50 Insurance, £68.96 Ink, paper )					£ 84.46
2070	R England					£ 30.90
2071	W Lynn					£ 36.00
2072	Pilton Working Mens Club (Hall Hire)					£ 12.00
2073	ASBO's Grant					£ 100.00
2074	Citizens Advice Grant					£ 100.00
2075	West Pennard School School Bus					£ 2,000.00
2068	Audrey Brown Litter Pick Refreshments					£ 35.00
2076	Debbie Smith (Village Poppies x 30 @ £5 each)					£ 150.00
2077	Somerset Forge (Fingerpost)					£ 1,722.00
						£ 4,600.26
Balance at 30/11/2018						£ 16,488.50

ii Financial News:

- A request for funding has been received from Mendip Community Transport. It was decided that as the Parish Council sent a grant in March this year no further grant would be considered until March 2019. The Clerk will advise Mendip Community Transport.

iii Pilton Youth Club funding: No request was received this month.

9 **CORRESPONDENCE:** Surviving Winter Appeal 1/11

- i. Public Sector Executive Online 2/11
- ii. SALC Chief Executives Bulletin 5/11
- iii. Public Sector Executive Online 5/11
- iv. SALC Mobile Temporary Speed Indicator Device Programme 5/11
- v. SALC Tree Conference 5/11
- vi. Rural Services Network, The Rural Bulletin 6/11
- vii. Women in Local Government 6/11
- viii. Recycle, SWP monthly briefing November 18
- ix. Nigel Hewitt-Cooper – More funds available to support Somerset Libraries Redesign.
- x. Nigel Hewitt-Cooper – Somerset County Press Release 6/11
- xi. Public Sector Executive Online 6/11
- xii. Nigel Hewitt- Cooper – Somerset County Council Press Release 7/11
- xiii. RSN Rural Funding Digest, Rural Services Network November 18

- xiv. The Executive Magazine 7/11
- xv. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin, 6/11
- xvi. Evo North 7/11
- xvii. Traffic Management County Wide Traffic Review 8/11
- xviii. Get Set Consultation 8/11
- xix. Public Sector Executive Online 8/11
- xx. Public Sector Executive Online 12/11
- xxi. SALC, Falmouth Town Council Re-submitting Toilet Tax SCA 12/11
- xxii. The Rural Bulletin, Rural Services Network 13/11
- xxiii. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 14/11
- xxiv. News from St Margarets Hospice 14/11
- xxv. Evo North 15/11
- xxvi. Parish Paths Consultation 16/11
- xxvii. Public Sector Executive Online 16/11
- xxviii. Consultation on the Somerset Homelessness Strategy 16/11
- xxix. Public Sector Executive Online 19/11
- xxx. The Rural Bulletin, Rural Services Network 20/11
- xxxi. Mendip Fostering Info Event 20/11
- xxxii. Evo North 20/11
- xxxiii. Fit for my Future NHS Somerset CCG 21/11
- xxxiv. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 22/11
- xxxv. Public Sector Executive Online 23/11
- xxxvi. Evo North 26/11
- xxxvii. Nigel Hewitt-Cooper – Somerset buzzing about pollinator action plan
- xxxviii. SALC AGM Notice and Papers 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018
- xxxix. Women in Local Government Conference 26/11
- xl. Public Sector Executive Online 26/11
- xli. Standards Committee 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018
- xlii. The Rural Bulletin, Rural Services Network 27/11
- xliii. Public Sector Executive Online 27/11
- xliv. Broadband User Survey 27/11
- xlv. James Heapey MP, Your Views on Brexit 27/11/18
- xlvi. Evo North 28/11



xlvi. Public Sector Executive Online 29/11

xlviii. MDC Winter Maintenance 2018/19 Update 29/11

xlix. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 29/11

10 **BURIAL GROUND**

i Maintenance reports:

Two reports were received both were fine.

Councillor S Kearle advised that the hedges will be cut when the weather improves.

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

i Roundabout report

In an emergency, every second counts. We urge people to park sensibly and to show consideration for emergency vehicle access. Nobody would want an ambulance to be delayed by other vehicles when they or their loved ones are most in need of emergency help. When parking, please allow at least 10 feet for emergency services vehicles to pass by safely. If there's not enough space, don't park there."

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council if you would like to apply please email the Parish Clerk via [piltonparishclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:piltonparishclerk@yahoo.com) for application form.

The next Glastonbury Festival/Pilton Parish Council meeting is being held on the 5th February at 6pm in the Village Hall.

Please ensure that your vegetation is cut back to ensure the safety of pedestrians and for greater visibility for drivers.

12 **GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL:**

i. Dates of the GFEL/PPC meetings:

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Councillors were asked to consider items for discussion with GFEL such as Conduit Square and Bowermead and raise them at the January Parish Council meeting.

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.59pm