

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

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

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

17 Members of the public was present

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Holly Corfield, Debbie Smith and Nigel Hewitt-Cooper

3 **MINUTES:** of the 7th June 2017 were approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS: Item 12 Festival:** Councillors R Kearle, and S Kearle (dispensation approved), declared a prejudicial interest (employment). Councillors Bowler, Drew, Foley, King and Noble declared a personal interest (ticket).

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Highways: Updates re the following:-

- Culverts:
- Top Street Blocked Drains: Councillor Noble reported that the drain is still blocked.
- Damaged verges – Nothing to report this month. Remove from the agenda.
- 20 mph limit between Long House and Cockmill Junction: Councillors Bowler and King has reviewed the required guidelines to introduce and 20mph limit and as we do not meet the required criteria it was agreed to remove this from the agenda.
- Overflowing drain in East Town Lane: The drain is still overflowing. The Clerk was asked to contact Nigel Hewitt-Cooper to see if he could help to resolve this issue.
- Defects:
- At the top pf Burford Cross to the top of Stoodley the road is breaking up also at Neat Lane. The Clerk was asked to contact Neil Corp, SCC to request a drive round the village with Councillor Noble.

Councillors were disappointed that the rumble strips that were promised were not in place for the Festival. Councillor King advised that Mark Nicholson could not get the strips back from Taunton in time. It was agreed that plenty of notice will be given next time they are required.

- ii Traffic Strategy:
- Nigel Hewitt-Cooper is trying to arrange a meeting with Jeff Bunting and Bev Norman to discuss the Traffic Strategy.
 - An email was received from Richard Raynsford with his thoughts on the Traffic Strategy. These will be incorporated into the Traffic Strategy.

- iii Fords and Bridges:
- Councillor King advised that funding is only available if the Parish Council owned the Cockmill Ford Bridge. The Clerk was asked to email the Council to ask if the Council would be in agreement to the Parish Council taking over ownership and repairing the bridge as this has not been carried out by the Council. The Clerk will email Nigel Hewitt-Cooper to ask who to contact.

The Clerk advised that no further quotes have received despite numerous emails chasing them.

- iv Fingerposts:
- Councillor Bowler has been in touch with Cerdic Foundries and will respond in due course. The fingerpost at Pilton/Croscombe by Natchets Cottage by the West Compton turning may need to be considered for repair. Councillor Bowler will investigate.
 - Fingerpost Ridge Lane/Compton Lane: The fingerpost is still standing and this should be removed from the agenda.

- v Community Speedwatch:
- Councillor King provided an update re the Speedwatch Team. It has been a busy month for heavy traffic but everything has gone well. The Police have also been active in the area.
- Councillor Smith produced the Truck Count for June, 20% of vehicles within an hour were HGV's.

- vi The Crown Inn:
- Assets of Community Value: Steve Bowler advised that there was no update this month as he is waiting for Reg to provide information.

- vii Police Report: June's Police Report was not available for the meeting but has since been provided.

06/06 – Pylle Rd, Neighbour dispute.

13/06 – Lambert Hill – Cow in Road.

15/06 – Winters Hill Lane, 1 vehicle Non injury RTC. Road obstructed one adult male detained for failing roadside breath test.

18/06 – A361 Pilton, minor non injury RTC.

19/06 – Conduit Square – Incident of graffiti on garden fence.

Festival related local occurrences

20/06- Pylle Village Hall, 2 males handed bag of blue pills to security staff for disposal via Amnesty bins.

22/06 -Westholme Road, Activated house alarm, Police attended all found in order.

Crown Inn, suspicious incident five males detained.

Suspicious vehicle reported A361.

Vehicles parked in Crown Inn car park, clearway policy to remove and

Highways to ticket.

Whitstone Hill, 2x vehicle minor injury RTC, 1x vehicle failed to stop.

23/06 – Totterdown Lane, Suspicious males located and stopped, no offences found.

Two agitated Irish males, travelled from Belfast to pray in Church. No offences found and males left.

24/06 – Vehicle reported stolen from Mary's gate, Worthy Farm.

26/06 – Reported theft of vehicle from Crown Inn car park.

Platterwell Lane, Theft of painting from garage.

viii Low Cost Housing: Nina Richards

viv Gypsy and Traveller Count: Councillor Noble agreed to complete the Gypsy and Traveller Count that needs to take place on Thursday 13th July.

6 PLANNING

i Application Number: 2017/1525/FUL

Proposal: Proposed erection of a building comprising of four holiday lets with layout improvements to car park and retention of beer garden.

Location: Crown Inn, Whitstone Hill, Pilton

Applicant: Mr Bruce Ashmore

Application Type: Full Application

Parish Council Recommends: REFUSAL

The Parish Clerk has received 34 letters strongly objecting to this planning application.

The reasons for refusal are as follows:

Car parking, removing parking spaces from the car park will have a detrimental to the surrounding area, already cars park in the adjoining Totterdown Lane which is too narrow for parked cars.

Why when the Crown is a grade II listed building in a conservation area can buildings be built adjacent yet no require listed building consent?

The new car parking is shown occupying a current green space. A green space within a conservation area need preserving.

The addition of holiday lets would constitute over development of the site adding additional pressure on adjacent resident due to one commercial venture become two.

The proposed buildings are intended for families but the one entrance is onto a busy pub car park the other is a pub beer garden. There would also be noise from the pub, especially on BBQ night which often have loud music, impacting on the families renting these properties. This is hardly ideal for the nature of the business.

The garden surrounding the pub is an essential amenity and part of the pubs character therefore the pub would be adversely affected by the loss of part of the garden.

Concerns were raised regarding the additional traffic and drainage. No impact assessment is available to be seen. Pilton already have a sewage problem, the drains of the 1960's can no longer cope with the increase in housing.

It was felt that the removal of pub parking spaces from 23 spaces down to 13 will too much pressure on the surrounding area, residents and cause problems with vehicles parking and manoeuvring.

The adopted local plan is prohibitive of such developments.

There would be no benefit to the village from this development.

Councillors were advised that the build would approximately four months this would cause increased pressure in parking in the car park and surrounding area, increased noise and traffic, all a negative impact on local resident.

Councillor Noble proposed refusal, Councillor King seconded.

Councillor Bowler proposed acceptance, no-one seconded.
Five councillors voted in favour of refusal and one against.

Application Number: 2017/1535/TCA
Proposal: Yew Tree -T1- Reduce all lateral branches by up to 2 metres and reduce height by up to 2 metres
Location: Malt Cottage, Ford Lane, Pilton
Applicant: Mr Michael Chitty
Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA
Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL

Application: 2017/0912/FUL
Proposal: Demolition of existing cow shed. Replace with one storey safari style tent with canvas sides on raised wooden decking.
Location: Pennard Hill Farm Stickleball Lane to Pennard Hill Farm East Pennard.
Applicant: Mr David Chambers
Application Type: Full Application
Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2017/0955/TEL
Proposal: Installation of 1x Column A 20m high Monopole and associated equipment cabinets.
Proposal: Location: 1 Steanbow Park, Park Hill, pilton
Decision: PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED

Application Number: 2017/1063/TCA
Location: Stonecroft, Bread Street, Pilton
Parish: Pilton Parish Council
Grid Ref: 359040 140674
Decision: TPO NOT REQUIRED

Application Number: 2017/1075/FUL
Proposal: Proposed Menage in existing horse paddock
Location: Land Adj Barrowfields House, Barrow Lane, Pilton
Decision: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

Application Number: 2017/1360/AGB
Proposal: Timber framed mono pitch lambing barn. Timber clad & open sided with a juniper green steel clad roof.
Location: Knowle farm, Knowle Lane, West Compton
Decision: APPROVAL IS NOT REQUIRED

Application Number: 2017/0888/APP
Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (joinery details) on listed building consent 2015/097/LBC
Location: Durston Cottage, Park Hill, Pilton
Decision: APPROVAL

Application: 2017/0328/LBC &2017/0327/HSE
 Proposal: Alterations and two storey rear extension to a listed building
 Location: Ebenezer Chapel Pylle Road Pilton
 Decision: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

iii Enforcement:

- Cock and Bull Drove: The Clerk was asked to request an update from Nigel Hewitt-Cooper on Cock and Bull Drive and Beggars Roost and whether these sites were monitored over the Festival period.
- Tanyards Lane: No update, remove from agenda
- Friers Oven Farm: No update this month.

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update:

It was agreed that the review of Weir Lane will take place on Tuesday 11th July at 5pm.

Councillor Bowler advised that there are 52 footpaths to be worked on.

8 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

	Total Funds
Balance b/f from 31/05/2017	£27,570.04
Plus banked:	
Forsey & Son	£60.00
W.J. Trotman	£105.00
Dignity Funerals	£230.00
HMRC VAT Refund	£168.29
Water2Business - cheque never cashed, Churches responsibility (£23)	£563.29
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Less cheques drawn:	
1962 Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary & o/t (hours)	£269.72
(£10 home working allowance & Stamps)	£10.00
1963 Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary	£35.00
1964 Pilton Working Mens Club	£12.00
Mr R England	£0
1967 HMRC (K Buckley £252.80, R England £29.00)	£281.80
1966 SALC/NALC Affiliation Fees	£340.80
1965 H Bailey Garden Services	£60.00
1962 McAfee Annual Subscription (paid to K Buckley)	£89.00
1963 Burial Clerks expenses for 2016/17	£35.00
	£1,133.32
Balance at 30/06/2017	£27,000.01

Audit: The Clerk advised that there have been no further requests for information from the Auditors but they have been happy with the information received to date.

Grants: Request for Grants have been received from the Scouts, War Memorials Trust and West Pennard School.

The Scouts have requested £200 Councillors voted 2 in favour and 3 against.

The vote was 4 in favour and 3 against sending £50 to the War Memorial Trust.

Discussion took place regarding how much should be given to West Pennard School. 3 Councillors were in favour of donating £1000 and 4 were in favour of donating £2000. The Clerk will arrange this.

9 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i. Public Sector Online 2/6
- ii. Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest Monday 5th June
- iii. Public Sector Online 5/6
- iv. Public Sector Online 8/6
- v. Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest Monday 12th June
- vi. Public Sector Online 12/6
- vii. Public Meeting of Standards Authority
- viii. Somerset Prepared, Safe this Summer 13/6
- ix. Rural Services Network, Rural Economy Spotlight 14/6
- x. Jen Crawley – Free NHS Health Checks
- xi. Rural Services Network, Rural Residents 15/6
- xii. Public Sector Online 15/6
- xiii. James Heappey
- xiv. Public Sector Online 19/6
- xv. Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest Monday 19th June
- xvi. Rural Services Network, Rural Conference 2017
- xvii. Public Sector Online 22/6
- xviii. Rural Services Network, Spotlight on Rural Health 22/6
- xix. Public Sector Online 23/6
- xx. Public meeting of Standards 23/6
- xxi. James Heappey 23/6
- xxii. Public Sector Online 26/6
- xxiii. Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest 26/6
- xxiv. Growing a Rural Community Survey for Mendip
- xxv. Parish Council Information Bulletin 29/6
- xxvi. Public Sector Online 29/6

10 **BURIAL GROUND:**

- i Maintenance reports: Two reports were received both were fine.
- ii Memorial Bench – The bench has now been repaired. Remove from the agenda.

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

- i Roundabout report

Please see the Parish Council notice board for details of a free NHS Health Check for the over 40's.

Defibrillators are now located outside the Village Hall and at the Playing Fields.

Your feedback regarding this year Festival is required, please email the Parish Clerk with you thoughts.

The village has been cleaned post Festival, as it is looking so clean please can we kept it that way!

Please note that the Parish Clerk has a new email address which is:-

piltonparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk

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A Volkswagon Golf has been abandoned since before the Festival outside the chapel. The Clerk was asked to report this to the police.

Three sheep have been slaughtered in the road and three cattle stolen. Residents should keep a close eye on livestock.

12 **FESTIVAL:**

i Festival General:

- Festival Feedback

Parking permits were being sold on social media for £30.

Cock and Bull Grove asked for 40 tickets.

Tickets were also collected against somebody else's name.

Helicopter arriving on Monday an issue.

A Honda CRV was parked in Copse Lane three days prior and after the Festival. This was raised with the Stewards three time.

Traffic and security was better this year, although security at Hedge Lane was lapse.

Councillor King advised that the noise at 2.30am was substantial.

Generally the Stewards were good.

There is some litter in Top Street that needs collecting.

- An email was received from MDC re offsite camping.

Scott Baldwin provided a report of crime statistics at festivals. The Council felt it was up to Scott whether he puts this on the website.

The Clerk was asked to contact MDC to ask if they inspected Cock and Bull Drove during the Festival period and request feedback. The Parish Council also require a list if the 21 off site camping sites.

ii GFEL/PPC minutes: Dates of next meetings:

16th October 2017 at 6pm

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 2nd August 2017 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.50pm