

**Minutes of the meeting of the Pilton Parish Council held
in the Pilton Village Hall
on Wednesday 5th June 2019 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)
Lynda Allen
David Drew
Colin Elkin
Stephen Kearle
Joe King
Roger Noble
Andrew Shaw

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

24 members of the public were present.

1. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Audrey Brown

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Councillors R Kearle (dispensation approved), L Allen, S Kearle, declared a prejudicial interest (employment) GFEL. Councillors Allen, Brown, Drew, Elkin, King, Noble and Shaw 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"

4. **MINUTES:** of the 15th May 2019 were approved.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Matters:

- A361 meeting: No further meetings have taken place due to the turnover of Councillors. When a new meeting is arranged Councillor King will attend.
- Highways: Clerks Report see Appendix A
- New Defects:
The grass verge has been gouged out to the tarmac at Copse Hill to Pylle Road. This is deemed urgent as will damage a tyre.
Bad gully in Neat Lane, the tarmac is very sharp on the edge. This road will be used so much in the next few weeks due to the Festival, urgent action is required.
The reflectors need replacing by the Manor House.

ii Community Speedwatch:

- Update – All going well. The Team worked on the Police stand at the Bath and West Show representing Speedwatch. Slight problem regarding the new Festival site in Neat Lane as site codes are required and the Police are unable to provide these at present. Inspector Nicholson is helping with this.
An email has been received by the Parish Council regarding a new Speedwatch system. Councillor King thought the system looked good but it is

so far untested however he will find out more. Debbie King advised that this has been discussed at the area meeting. The system has not yet been approved by Avon and Somerset Police. It costs is £1700 but is not robust so could get damaged. The police are also looking into the system.

Thanks was given to Debbie for the information.

- Truck Count: - There was no Truck Count this month.

iii The Crown Inn: Assets of Community Value: Councillor King advised that Ian Munday

from Mendip District Council called him to say the application did not include documented proof of the groups that use the Crown Inn e.g a letter from the Skittle Team. Councillor King will gather the documented proof, whilst MDC return the submitted paperwork to the Clerk.

iv Police Report: May Police Report

2nd May – Report of a road rage incident on Totterdown Rd – No further action taken.

2nd May – Report of an accident along Lamberts Hill – Emergency services attend.

2nd May – Report of aggressive behaviour and harassment following an accident in the village – No further action taken.

12th May – Report of a male collapsing while out walking along a wooded area in West Compton – Male air lifted to hospital.

15th May – Report of a large tree fallen into Ridge Lane and blocking the lane – Police attend to find tree had been removed.

15th May – Report of a vehicle broken down on the A361 Whitstone Hill – Police attend.

17th May – Report of a vehicle broken down on the A361 at 2am – Police attend.

17th May – Report of cows on the A361 East Compton – Police make enquiries to local farms and attend – Cows moved prior to arrival.

31st May – Report of a diesel spillage on the A361 Pilton – Highways dealing.

A resident advised that there was a burglary in West Compton on the 23rd May that doesn't appear on the Police Report. The burglars broke in using a sledge hammer.

A resident asked if the police were aware of the mast that has been erected in the Playing Fields. The Chairman advised that this would not be discussed at this meeting as a member of the Parish Council has received an email wishing harm upon their children. This is now in the hands of the police and the matter could not be discussed as it could jeopardise a potential police matter. The lady advised that she was going to sue the parish, then became very upset and left the meeting.

v Wells Blue School Bus: Withdrawal of Service. The Clerk has written to MP James Heapey and Nigel Hewitt-Cooper asking for support regarding the information but is yet to receive a response.

vi Update from Nigel Hewitt-Cooper: No update has been received this month.

6. **PLANNING:**

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Application Number	Proposal	Applicant & Location
2019/1283/TPO	Proposed work to a tree in a conservation area:- T1 – Bay Tree – Reduction by 1.5m on top and sides reduced to shape.	Mr Clemson Barrow House, Ford Lane, Pilton
Pilton Parish Council Recommends – APPROVAL The Parish Council voted unanimously in favour of approval.		
2019/1171/FUL	Change of use of land from agricultural to 3 No. Traveller pitches and associated works including hardstanding (Resubmission of 2018/2219/FUL	Ms E Wolliams Knowle Ground, Ridge Road, West Compton Shepton Mallet
Pilton Parish Council Recommend - REFUSAL There were 2 residents who spoke against the proposal and one letter was received. It was felt that this application was went against the Landscape Policy DP4 and DP15 as would have a significant impact to the landscape. It was felt that this would have a detrimental impact of an area of outstanding natural beauty and the wildlife. The Parish Council voted 6 in favour of refusal, 2 abstained. Residents advised that there has been no planning notices have been put up and neighbours have not been notified.		

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number	Proposal	Location	Decision
2019/0437/PAA	Prior Approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C) and for associated operational development.	Hooting Ash Farm, Lamberts Hill, Shepton Mallett	Not Permitted Development
2019/0641/HSE	Single storey extension to east elevation of dwelling	Wesley House Top Street Pilton	Approval with Conditions
2018/1675/APP	Approval of details in relation to Condition 3 (materials) and condition 16 (Ecology) under application ref: 2017/2166/FUL	Mrs Hannah Smith, 41 Healthfield Gardens, London.	Approval

iii Enforcement:

- The rubbish at Westholme is still there. There are houses for sale opposite Home Farm and this is an eyesore.
The Clerk will chase Nigel Hewitt-Cooper as he was going to help.

- It was confirmed that the GFEL meeting that Cock and Bull Drove and Beggars Roost sites will be allowed to have offsite camping during the Festival. This was different from what was said at the previous GFEL meeting. The Clerk will ask MDC for who provided their legal advice as these sites are currently being cleared but more people will now be moving onto these sites.
- The building opposite Beggars Roost has been tidied and is looking better. IS MDC aware? The Clerk will email them for an update.

7. **FOOTPATHS:**

- i Update: A sheep has been badly mauled by a dog. Councillor King has obtained strongly worded footpath signs which also has the Police Farm Watch logos on. These will be erected by the ASBO's. Councillor Shaw will liaise with owners of sheep to see if they would like some of these signs.

Councillor Noble asked for the nettles to be cut on the island at Neat Lane/Lamberts Hill. This will improve visibility and improve the look of the area. Councillor Shaw will take this forward.

Joint ASBO/PPC committee meetings: Councillor King has spoken to Barrie Fox regarding joint meetings. This was agreed. It was felt that Colin Watts should also attend.

Jobes Lane is now on the list area's for the ASBO's to cover.
The Ragwort on the A361 has been cleared.

8. **FINANCE:**

- i Financial Statement:

						Total Funds
Balance b/f from 30/04/2019						<u>21,561.22</u>
Plus banked:						
	Mr A Wrintmore					£ 80.00
	Mr W Robertson					£ 390.00
	R Kearle					£ 1.50
	Bank Interest					£ 1.74
						<u>£ 473.24</u>
Less cheques drawn:						
2108	K Buckley					£ 319.15
	(£10 home working allowance, £5.50 Insurance, Stamps £4.25,					£ 19.75
2109	W Lynn					£ 37.00
2110	R England					£ 98.40
2111	Pilton Working Mens Club Hall Hire					£ 15.00
2107	Mrs A Brown (Littlepick and APM refreshments)					£ 65.00
2112	Chalmers Chartered Accountants					£ 310.80
						<u>£ 865.10</u>
Balance at 31/05/2019						<u>£ 21,169.36</u>

- ii Financial News/ Requests for Grants: The AGAR (External Audit was signed by the Chairman ready for the Internal Audit to take place)

Playing Fields request: As there was a new Parish Council the Chairman asked if the Councillors were in favour of providing a grant of £10k to the Playing Fields Trust for a Pavilion extension for the Youth Club and other community users.

Councillor Noble felt that all the money from the sale of the Bier House has gone in that direction and he wanted to keep some of the money back.

Councillor Drew felt that money being invested in children can only be a good thing. Councillor Elkin agreed.

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council paid towards the running costs of the Playing Fields. It was confirmed that they do not. The Playing Fields have applied for other grants which are dependent on the Parish Council providing the £10k. The total cost of the extension is £100k.

Councillor Noble proposed Refusal, there was no seconder,

Councillor Roberts proposed Approval, Councillor Drew seconded, the vote was 5 in favour of the grant, 1 against and 1 abstention.

- iii Funding for Courses: Councillor King felt that funding should be provided by the Parish Council for Councillors to attend appropriate courses to be an effective councillor. The vote was 3 in favour of the Parish Councillor receiving funding and 4 abstentions. The Clerk will email SALC to approve his courses.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i. Clerks report: See Appendix B
- ii. Any correspondence requiring further discussion:

10. **BURIAL GROUND**

- i Maintenance reports:
Two reports were received both were fine.
- ii Report of sunken graves and holes in grass:
The Burial Groundsman had advised Councillor Noble that there are two sunken graves and holes that could be a hazard.
Councillor Noble also advised that he has been told that it is difficult to mow with the items left on the grave. The Clerk was asked to check with the Burial Secretary what items are permitted. The Clerk will add this to the July agenda.
It was agreed that Councillors, Noble, Drew, King, R Kearle and the Burial Groundsman will meet at the Burial Ground to discuss what work needs to take place. Councillor Noble will arrange the meeting and also order topsoil in order for the necessary work to take place.

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

- i Roundabout report
Items proposed for last month's report to be included (as meeting was after submission deadline).
Also to include the following:
Dog owners are requested to keep their dogs on lead the Playing Fields and to take their dog mess home, not to leave on branches, gate posts or the entrance to the Tithe Barn.
The Parish Council have been advised that emergency services require 3.4 metres in order for emergency vehicles to pass. Please remember this when parking your vehicles on the roadside.
Residents are reminded that the Pilton Parish Agenda is published on the Website, the village notice board and the Post Office notice board. Minutes can be found on the Post Office notice board and the website.

A resident brought to the Council's attention that there was no opening hours submitted with the original planning application for the Co-Op and asked if they knew it was to be 7am – 11pm. As there is a new Parish Council some of the Councillors were not familiar with the planning application. The resident also asked if Councillors were aware of the details in the Transport Report. It was confirmed that the Parish Council had not been sent a copy. The resident advised that it is on the Mendip website. The report states that parking is proposed on the A361 and in Shutwell Lane, St Mary's Lane and Shop Lane. There are concerns regarding emergency vehicle access. There should be 3.4 metres clear for safe passing. None of the roads mentioned would allow that, this would put residents at risk. Councillors thanked the resident for bringing the matter to the Parish Council's attention.

12. **GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL:**

13. **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at 7.30pm

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