

**Minutes of the meeting of the**  
**Pilton Parish Council**  
**in the Pilton Village Hall on**  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30pm**

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

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

9 Members of the public were present and Councillor Nigel Hewitt-Cooper

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Robert Kearle, John Howe and PSCO Guy Dury

3 **MINUTES:** of the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 need amending and will be approved at next meeting.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Item 12 Festival: Councillors S Kearle and Corfield (dispensation approved), declared a prejudicial interest (employment). Councillors Bowler, Corfield, Drew, Foley, King, and Noble, declared a personal interest (ticket). Councillor Drew declared in respect of planning applications "I do not have a declaration of interest but I might do in the future".

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Highways: Updates re the following:-

- Totterdown Lane: Work has been completed but Councillor S Kearle advised that the gird has not been replaced. The Clerk will advise Neil Corp.
- Letter to Highways re damaged verges. The Clerk advised no response has been received to date and she will chase for a response.
- Sandbags for Janet Raynsford. Councillor Bowler advised that there is a depot in Waterlip that will provide sandbags free of charge. Councillor Bowler collect some.
- Springfield Cross 30mph:
- Culverts: Email from Paul Turner
- Top Street Blocked Drains: Cathy Lowe had a meeting with Somerset County Council and felt optimistic that this would be resolved however at the meeting she was asked how she was going to fund it and SCC would not provide a plan either as if the plan was incorrect the parishioner could sue SCC. Councillor Nigel Hewitt-Cooper agreed to investigate further.
- 20 mph limit between Long House and Playing Fields: A letter was received from Vivien Goode supporting this action. The Clerk was asked to contact Steve Russell-Yarde to ask if any help may be forthcoming and also SCC to advise we

may have funding available if this is the issue in getting the speed limited implemented.

Closed meeting  
Opened meeting

Villagers in attendance advised that they were in favour of the 20MPH limit and were prepared to write letters of support to the Council.

Councillor King Proposed this action, Councillor S Kearle seconded.

The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to report the following:

- 3 potholes, one below the bridge at Winters Hill, One as you drive through West Compton, towards Stumps Cross and at 3 Corner Orchard, off the back lane.
- East Town Lane, near East Town Farm, previously repaired potholes have sunk again.

Councillor Noble advised that he could organise a talk from the Somerset Rivers Authority reference the importance of ditches. It was agreed that this could be organised for when the Parish Council have a quiet month.

- ii Zebra crossing between bus stops on the A361: The Clerk advised she has written to Councillor Nigel Woollcombe-Adams but has not received a response. The Clerk will chase.
- iii Fords and Bridges: Councillor confirmed that they were happy with the specification drawn up by the Clerk from a previous specification provided. The Clerk will email three potential builders for a quotation.
- iv Fingerposts: Councillor Bowler has contacted Mr Connock, who advised that he can erect the fingerposts but would have to fit the work in when he can and would not be able to do the work in one go. Councillor Bowler will contact Mendip District Council to see if they know anyone who can do this kind of work as it requires specialist tooling.
- v Speed Camera Devices: Councillor King update the Parish Council regarding the Speechwatch Team. All is going well, between 5pm and 6pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 976 cars passed on the A361. Observations from the team were that more and more heavy goods vehicles, possibly due to work starting at Hinkley Point and the A361 being the main thorough fair. Concerns were raised that in order for two lorries to pass at the corner near the Crown Inn, a lorry would need to mount the pavement. Councillor King will complete a lorry count and further discussion will take place at the next Parish Council meeting, including what road signs the village requires. Strategy for the A361 will be added to next month agenda.
- vi The Crown Inn:
  - Assets of Community Value: A public meeting has been arranged for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm, in the Winding Lake Room to explain what registering the Crown Inn as an Asset of Community Value means and to gauge support.

- Update re resident's letter: The Clerk advised that was drafted has not been sent in light of an email received for Jason Kirkwood, Licencing at MDC. Councillors advised that the letter was not support to request reducing licencing hour but to clarify what the licencing hours were, to ensure they were appropriate.  
The opening hours were confirmed as:

Sunday 12pm to 3.30pm and 6pm to 11pm  
Monday to Thursday 12pm to 3pm and 6pm to 12pm  
Fridays and Saturdays last orders are called at 11.50pm

The Crown Inn in licenced to 2pm but they do not use it unless it is New Year's Eve or a Bank Holiday. Councillors felt it was unusual to have a licence to 2pm but not the Parish Councils concern.

Councillor Bowler proposed no further action be taken unless further complaints are received. Councillor S Kearle seconded the proposal.

- vii Police Report: The Clerk read the August Police Report from Guy Dury.
- viii Worthy Farm Signs: The Clerk has emailed Steve Russell-Yarde to ask who at SCC approved the signs. The Clerk will chase for a response.
- ix Pilton Bus Shelters: Mendip District Council have responded to advise that MDC would own the glass bus shelter but the stone shelter may be owned by the landowner, who is Andrew Pearce. The Clerk will make contact.
- x West Pennard Primary School: Letter from Helen Burchell was received thanking the Parish Council for their contribution towards the bus guide and asking if they could agree to contribute again next year. This will be put on the agenda to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

## 6 PLANNING

- i Application Number: 2016/2238/VRC  
Proposal: Application for the variations of conditions 1,2 and 4 of consent 2009/0127 to align planning consent period to festival licence period, extending the permission from 2016 to 2024  
Location: Worthy Farm, Worthy Lane, Pilton  
Applicant: Mr Christopher Edwards  
Application Type: Variation or Removal of Conditions  
Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL  
Proposed by Councillor Bowler, seconded by Councillor Drew, vote was 4 Councillors in favour, 2 didn't vote.

Application Number: 2016/2171/FUL  
Proposal: Single storey 'lemonary' to the south east side of the main house  
Location: Cockmill Croft Farm, Cockmill Lane, East Pennard, Shepton Mallett  
Applicant: Mrs Jennifer Lederman  
Application Type: FULL APPLICATION  
Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL  
Proposed by Councillor S Kearle, Seconded by Councillor Drew, Unanimous decision.

- ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:
- iii Enforcement:
  - Cock and Bull Drove: Court case 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

- i Update:
  - Weir Lane: Councillor Bowler has hear nothing back from MDC re the funding request. It was agreed that something needs to be done ourselves, alongside, landowners who are willing to help.
  - Councillor Bowler confirmed that the ASBO's are still working and that he will be meeting with Barrie Fox shortly.
  - Councillor Noble advised that the owners of Barrow House are building a retaining wall and opened up the river, although they do need to remove roots from the riverbed. Councillor Noble will ask them if they intend to remove the bushes further down the river.

8 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

The Clerk advised that the increase in the Clerks salary was due to 6 months overtime. This equated to 2 hours paid overtime per week.

Balance b/f from 30/09/2016	<u>27,233.68</u>
Plus banked:	
Forsey & Sons Ltd	£280.00
	£280.00
Less cheques drawn:	
1906 Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary/expenses (expenses £10 home working allowance)	£670.16 £10.00
1907 Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary	£35.00
1908 R England (Groundsman) - wages	£24.00
1909 Pilton Working Mens Club	£12.00
1910 Harvery Bailey	£60.00
TBC HMRC (£319.62, Clerk, £26.00, R England)	£345.62
1905 Grant Thornton	£120.00
Total cheques drawn:	£1,276.78
Balance at 30.09.2016	<u>£26,236.90</u>

9 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i Rural Opportunities Bulletin 31/8
- ii Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest 6/9
- iii Rural Vulnerability Service, Rural Broadband 9/9
- iv Sam Winter, Neighbourhood Planning Bill
- v Michael Hardwill Motor Event 23/10
- vi Laura Jeffery, Wells Cathedral School, New Concert Venue
- vii Sam Winter, Cemetary Management

- viii Not for Profit Bulletins 2/9, 10/9, 18/9
- ix Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest 19/9
- x Sandy Keating – ACM Training
- xi Stephen Marsh, Information on GIS Mapping System
- xii Sam Winter – Capping Consultation
- xiii Rural Services Network, Rural Economy Spotlight
- xiv Somerset Community Justice Partnership
- xv Rural Services Network, Free RSN Seminar, Rural Economies
- xvi Recycle SWP Sept 16
- xvii Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest 26/9
- xviii Daisy Blacklock Could your Parish get involved 26/9
- xix Road Closures TTPO 28/9

Discussion took place regarding the urgency of a response regarding the Capping Consultation.

It was decided that Councillor Bowler would draft a letter for the Clerk to forward in response.

Councillor Bowler proposed and Councillor seconded this proposal. The vote was unanimous.

10 **BURIAL GROUND:**

i Maintenance reports:

Two were received both were fine.

Councillor Noble advised that he has not ordered the top soil as some may be forthcoming from another source.

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

i Roundabout report

The Speedwatch Team confirmed all is going well and can report that between 5pm and 6pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 976 cars passed them on the A361.

The Parish Council would like to hear your views in making the A361 a Clearway during the Festival period and your thoughts on making the Neat Lane Junction 'No Entry'. It would be one way only. Please email the Parish Clerk or pass your views onto a Parish Councillor.

This will be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting being held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm.

GIS Mapping

Report it' is now available at <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/problems-on-the-road/> and allows users to report any issues across all 4,206 miles of Somerset's highways. Residents can now go on the website to report issues they find on a highway such as a pothole, blocked drain or poor road surface. Simply log the issue on the map by location and then fill in the details of the problem using an online form. People can also leave an email address to receive updates on potholes they have reported.

When residents report a road defect it will be inspected within 3 working days, and programme repair work will be scheduled where required.

**Introduction – Explore Somerset – (Public Footpaths and Rights of Way)**

A new online mapping system to help people find their way around Somerset's extensive rights of way network has been launched by Somerset County Council. Explore Somerset is now available at [www.somerset.gov.uk/rightsofway](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/rightsofway) and allows users to plan their route across all 9,000 public rights of way in Somerset. The interactive system can also be used to simply report any issues you find on a right of way – such as a broken stile or blocked path

Councillor Noble will find out who owns the hedges near the War Memorial, as they need cutting back. This will improve traffic visibility. Councillors were asked to look at the hedges prior to the next meeting. This will be added to next month's agenda.

12 **FESTIVAL:**

i Festival General:

- A361 Clearway (including layby)
- Neat Lane Junction (No entry)

It was decided by Councillors to ask for feedback from the village and discuss these points further at the next Parish Council meeting.

ii Festival Feedback: The Clerk has completed the Festival Report and will forward to Councillors for approval prior to sending to GFEL and MDC.

iii Off Site Camping: Ziggucamp was discussed at the last GFEL meeting and it was confirmed that it did not affect Pilton as it was discussed in another Parish.

iv GFL/PPC minutes: Dates of next meetings:

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.23pm