

Minutes of the meeting of the
Pilton Parish Council
In the Pilton Village Hall on
Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)
Stephen Kearle
Holly Corfield
David Drew
Jean Foley
Joe King
Roger Noble
Debbie Smith
Angela Wynn

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

16 Members of the public were present and Nigel Hewitt-Cooper

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

I Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** None

3 **MINUTES:** of the 1st November 2017 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 Drew, Foley, King, Noble, Smith and Wynn 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" and also declared an interest in planning application 2017/2689//FUL.

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Strategy:

- Update: The Parish Council approved the updated Traffic Strategy. The Parish Clerk will arrange for it to be added to the website.
- Puffin Crossing: Nigel Hewitt-Cooper confirmed that the plans have been accepted. The Hinkley Fund is open to County Councils to apply for funding; Nigel will investigate.

Nigel asked if the Parish Council wanted double yellow lines at the bottom section of Totterdown Lane. Nigel will send further details.

The Ofsted inspection has taken place at Mendip District Council, considerable improvement has taken place and the results will be issued in January.

The Library Service is remaining under County Council control.

MDC has purchased a warehouse in Chepstow as a commercial investment to raise funds as the Council has to be self-sufficient by 2020. The premises currently has an annual turnover over £650,000.00 so should generate money.

There is still time to comment of the Bridleways documents as it is not going for discussion until the end of January.

No movement yet at Beggars Roost, Dave Woodridge is off sick so there is only one and a half enforcement officers currently working.

Nigel will chase Simon Snartt at MDC regarding removing the rubbish at Cock and Bull Drove.

- ii Highways: Updates re the following:-
 - Culverts: No update this month.
 - Blocked Drains: A lot of work has been carried out on the drains but not at Burford. The drain at Bourne Farm has been cleared but the drain outside Chanters is still blocked.
 - Overflowing drain in East Town Lane:
 - Potholes East Town Lane: Inspection has been arranged for the following locations Totterdown Lane, Winters Hill, Back Lane and Summerhill.
 - Road Markings on Stoodley Lane and Bowermead Lane: No update
 - Overgrown Vegetation: An inspection has been arranged to inspect the hedge at John Beales Hill although it is thought to be the homeowner's responsibility, an inspection has been arranged and the homeowner will be contacted if appropriate.
 - Gully outside Parsons Batch: Neil Corp, SCC advised that this is to be cleared in the next few weeks.
 - Visibility down Lamberts Hill: No update this month but there have been two further road traffic accidents.
 - Turning onto the A37 from Platterwell Lane:
 - Work on the subsidence on the A361 was due to start on the 13th November.
 - Resurfacing works due to take place in 2018/19 in Lower Westholme Road, Chessell Lane, Northtown Road and Worminster Batch. 2019/2020 Stoodley Lane.
 - Defects:
 - The gully outside Councillor S Kearle's house at Totterdown Farm is blocked.
 - Ridge Road towards Compton Lane at Compton House the ditches need digging and drains clearing.
 - Neat Lane still bad since the builders have been there. The Clerk was asked to see if Highways can do anything.
- iii Fords and Bridges:
 - There have been no further developments this month.
- iv Fingerposts:
 - Cerdic Foundries are unsure which fingerpost a quote is required for. The Clerk has requested further information from Steve Bowler but doesn't like to chase him when he's ill. Councillor King is meeting with Steve so will ask him for more details.
 - The Clerk received an email from Steve Russel-Yarde fully stating the process that was undertaken regarding the Worthy Farm signpost.
- v Community Speedwatch:
 - Councillor King advised that everything is going well. The team have recorded over 700 vehicles per hour and 99 HGV between 10-11am on the 13th November. The Clerk was asked to copy Nigel Hewitt-Cooper into the Traffic Count going forward and she will forward the CSW Activity Report to Nigel.
 - Truck Count for November

- Termination of Speed Indication Devices: The Clerk has received an email from Dave Grabham advising that the Speed Indicator Devices will be finishing in March due to lack of funding. They may be able to continue should the village wish to contribute. Community Speedwatch have their own SID's and the village could request those. Section 8 training to install the SID, Councillor King has contacted Steve Russel-Yarde.

vi The Crown Inn:

- Assets of Community Value: Councillor King has met with Steve Bowler as received all necessary paperwork. He will now meet with Reg Atherton, complete the paperwork and send it off.
- Firework display: five emails have been received from residents regarding the firework display that took place. SALC advised that the Parish Council does not have any power to intervene. It would be nice if both sides could come to a compromise prior to next year.

vii Police Report: November Police Report

Specific reports for Pilton

02/11 – Theft from vehicle parked at playing fields.

03/11 – Highway hazard- Possible intoxicated male walking in road.

05/11 – ASB, Reported private fireworks party.

10/11 – Lamberts Hill, minor injury RTC.

14/11 – Whitstone Hill, minor injury RTC.

17/11 – Whitstone Hill, minor injury RTC.

26/11 – Lamberts Hill, minor injury RTC.

Resident's concerns regarding a 'resident' in Lower Westholme Road have been passed onto the police and Simon Snartt at MDC.

- viii Low Cost Housing: Nina Richards and Trish Baker from Mendip District Council attended the meeting. They confirmed that MDC don't allocate housing they nominate, the Housing Associations are the landlords not MDC. The process usually starts with a Housing Needs Survey. The Housing Association contact MDC to look at the Housing Register for people to go into affordable housing. Once registered you must register on Homefinders Somerset, all properties available are on this website and you can bid on a property. It needs to be very clear in the application that you have a local connection to the Parish. The Housing Association see the shortlist and apply a local filter. They then make contact with the applicant and satisfy themselves that they fully meet the local connection criteria. The Housing Association have the final decision but must follow their own and MDC policies.

Councillor Corfield advised that children are playing in the road by new Maggie's Farm houses near a blind bend. It was suggested that signs could be put up warning drivers. Steve Russell-Yarde will investigate.

- viv Laurels at the War Memorial: The work has now been completed and compliments have been received.

- vv Pilton War Memorial: Maureen Tofts is going to let Councillor Noble have a list of the missing names from the War Memorial. Councillor Noble has recently met with a gentleman about cleaning the War Memorial and adding the names. A quote will be forthcoming in the New Year. It was felt that the missing names should be added as one block so it was a clear addition and that all work should be completed by the next Remembrance Sunday to commemorate 100 years of the Great War.

Discussion took place regarding a name on the memorial that has their initial after the name and not prior and Councillors were asked if this should be changed. It was felt that as it has been that way for 70 years to leave it as it is, as it may have been that family's wish to have it that way.

Councillor King advised that copies of the Pilton War Memorial Book is now available, hard backs are £9 and soft back £5. It was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase a hard back book for future reference.

Two suggestions of the inscription was received, it was decided to combine the two to read:

Men of the Parish who gave their lives at the call of duty.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

- vvi Policies and Procedures: The Clerk has amended the parish Council's Policies and Procedures in line with SALC's most recent guidance, these include Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations and Standing Orders. A couple of points were checked and the policies will now be finalised and circulated to Councillors prior to the next meeting ready for final approval.
- vvii Mendip Local Plan Part II: An email has been received objecting to piece of land (LGSPIL004) as being listed as a Local Green Space. Eight Councillors voted in favour of the the Clerk responding stating 'The Parish Council unanimously objects to any of the land, identified on the plan being designated green open space'.

6 PLANNING

Application Number: 2017/3002/TCA

Proposal: Proposed removal of 5 Cypress stems, felling of a Horse Chestnut and reduction of a Sycamore by a third.

Location: Barrowfields House, Pilton, BA4 4BH

Applicant: Mr Leech

Application Type: Works/Felling Tree in a CA

Parish Council Recommends: Approval

Councillor Noble proposed approval, Councillor Wynn seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour.

Application Number: 2017/2940/TCA

Proposal: T1-T2 Thuja – Reduce height and sides x 1m, T2 – Yew – Reduce height and sides x 1m

Location: The Old Vicarage, Park Hill, Pilton

Applicant: Dr Newns

Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA

Parish Council Recommends: Approval

Councillor Smith proposed approval, Councillor S Kearle seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour.

Application Number: 2017/2776/HSE

Proposal: Single storey extension to rear of property

Location: Hartley House, Higher Westhome Road, Pilton BA4 4EB

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Blakeney-Edwards

Application Type: Householder Application

An extension was not granted from MDC and therefore the Parish Council could not vote as they were not meeting prior to the closing date.

Councillor Drew left the room.

Application Number: 2017/2689//FUL

Proposal: New 2 Bedroom detached dwelling and retention of existing garage.

Location: Minda, Top Street, Pilton

Applicant: Ms G Drew

Application Type: Full Application

Parish Council Recommends: Approval

Councillor Smith proposed approval, Councillor Wynn seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour.

The family stated that they were humbled by the level of support from the village and wished to pass on their thanks.

Councillor Drew returned to the meeting

Application Number: 2017/3043/HSE

Proposal: Proposed natural stone and oak stone porch to dwelling within a conservation area.

Location: Vicars Cottage, Pylle Road, Pilton

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Bennet

Application Type: Householder Application

Parish Council Recommends: Approval

Councillor Noble proposed approval, Councillor King seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour.

Application Number: 2017/0912/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing cowshed. Replace with one storey safari style tent with canvas sides on raised wooden decking (amended location plan received 24.11.17)

Location: Pennard Hill Farm, Stickleball Lane to Pennard Hill Farm East Pennard.

Applicant: Mr David Chambers

Application Type: Full Application

Grid Ref: 358195 138278

Parish Council Recommends: Approval

Councillor Noble proposed approval, Councillor Drew seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour.

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2017/2476/HSE

Proposal: Erection of conservatory

Location: Knowle Farm Bungalow, Knowle Lane, West Compton

Application Type: Householder Application

Decision: Approval with Conditions.

Application Number: 2017/2687/TCA

Proposal: Proposed felling of conifer (T1) and apple tree (T2) in a conservation area.

Location: Manzano, St Mary's Lane, Pilton

Application Type: Works/Felling in a CA

Decision: TPO Not Required

Application Number: 2017/2198/LBC

Proposal: Alterations to Perimeter Walling to Enable Repositioning of Access Car Park and Highway Visibility Improvements as required by the Highway Authority

Location: Crown Inn, Whitstone Hill, Pilton

Application Type: Listed Building Consent
Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2017/2362/HSE

Proposal: Removal of existing upvc conservatory and replacement with timber frame sunroom.

Location: Forge House, Park Hill, Pilton

Application Type: Householder Application

Decision: Approval with Conditions

iii Enforcement:

- Cock and Bull Drove:
- Beggars Roost: No further forward as Mendip District Council's Enforcement Team as short staffed.
- Friars Oven Farm: This is being investigated.
- Tanyards Lane: Building work is not yet finished and therefore accommodation can remain.

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update: Update from Councillors

- Overgrown footpath off Platterwell Lane: This work has been completed and can be removed from the agenda for the next meeting. Thanks were given to the ASBO's Team.
- Councillor King has met with Steve Bowler and Barrie Fox, who is producing a Footpaths Report. A Footpaths meeting and walk will take in the New Year to ascertain what work is required for the coming year.

8 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

						Total Funds
Balance b/f from 31/10/2017						£ 22,722.29
Plus banked:						
		Dignity Funerals				£ 140.00
		Dignity Funerals				£ 230.00
						£ 370.00
Less cheques drawn:						
1993	Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary & o/t (21 hours)					£ 394.84
	(£10 home working allowance, £ 23.99 black ink cartridge)					£ 33.99
1994	Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary					£ 35.00
1995	Pilton Working Mens Club					£ 12.00
1996	Mr R England					£ 20.00
1997	Harvey Bailey					£ 60.00
						£ 555.83
Balance at 30/11/2017						£ 22,536.46

ii Financial News:

- Request from Mendip Community Transport: A letter has been received from Mendip Community Transport asking for financial support. The Parish Council agreed to grant £250.
- Precept – The Clerk advised that she has emailed interested parties to advise of the Precept meeting in January to asked be advised of any requests for funding. The ASBO's have requested £400.
The Clerk has been asked to contact West Pennard School to see if they require funding for the school bus.
- Nigel Hewitt-Cooper stated that he has received a request for a grit bin at the bottom of Barrow Lane. It was unanimously agreed to purchase the new grit bin, Councillor S Kearle will advise the Clerk what size to purchase.

9 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i. Weekly Email News Digest, Monday 30th October 17
- ii. Public Sector Executive Online 30/10
- iii. James Heapey – Weekly Update
- iv. Countryside Alliance 31/10
- v. Rural Opportunities Bulletin, Rural Services Network 1/11
- vi. Public Sector Executive Online 2/11
- vii. DSFRS Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan Consultation
- viii. Virgin Media Business 2/11
- ix. Public Meeting of the Standards Committee 5th December
- x. Somerset County Council Highways Winter Service 2017/18
- xi. Public Sector Executive Online 3/11
- xii. Weekly Email News Digest, Rural Services Network 6/11
- xiii. Public Sector Executive Online 6/11
- xiv. Recycle, Somerset Waste Partnership 7/11
- xv. Spotlight on Rural Health, Rural Services Network 8/11
- xvi. Email from Chris Loughlin Project and Improvement Officer

- xvii. RCNSS9101 Temporary Road Closure B3153 Cary Road, Castle Cary & Alford
- xviii. Parish Council Information Bulletin – November 2017
- xix. Weekly Email News Digest – Monday 13th November 2017
- xx. Public Sector Executive Online 13/11
- xxi. Weekly Update from James Heappey 13/11
- xxii. Update from St Margaret’s Hospice
- xxiii. Rural Vulnerability Service, Fuel Poverty, November 2017
- xxiv. Public Sector Executive Online 16/11
- xxv. Launch of New Hinkley Point C Community Fund 16/11
- xxvi. Weekly Email News Digest – Monday 20th November
- xxvii. Public Sector Executive Online 20/11
- xxviii. Tristram Cary – Parish Online
- xxix. Somerset Conservatives 25/11
- xxx. Rural Vulnerability Service, Rural Transport November 17
- xxxi. Public Sector Executive Online 25/11
- xxxii. Surviving Winter 2017/18
- xxxiii. Public Sector Executive Online 27/11
- xxxiv. James Heappey – Weekly Update 27/11
- xxxv. Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest, Monday 27th November
- xxxvi. Recycle 28/11
- xxxvii. Rural Services Network, Rural Broadband 29/11
- xxxviii. Public Sector Executive Online 30/11

10 **BURIAL GROUND:**

- i Maintenance reports:
Two reports were received both were fine.
- ii Cutting of vegetation: A working party will meet in January to discuss what work need to take place.

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

- i Roundabout report

The Parish Council intend to add the five names currently missing from the War Memorial. Please make the Parish Council aware if there are any other names of Pilton residents that have been missed off.

There have been a number thefts and attempted thefts from vehicles, please be vigilant and do not leave valuables in your vehicle.
Please be aware of children playing on and around the roads within the village and drive with caution.

Residents are reminded not to park on junctions or pavements within the village.

Councillor Wynn advised that the Application to add a Bridleway to the Definitive Map was first raised in 1980 but was never completed but now it is likely to be passed.

She advised that there are four gates across the bridleway, none of which are bridleway gates and that the bridleway has been allowed to become very overgrown. It was agreed that the Parish Council would respond by thanking them for the information and that they are in support.

Councillor Corfield advised that the signatures have been submitted regarding Broadband within the village.

12 **FESTIVAL:**

i Festival General:

- Festival Feedback – As there is no Festival in 2018 it was agreed to remove the Festival from the agenda until January 2019.

ii GFEL/PPC minutes: Dates of next meetings: TBC

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Precept Meeting Wednesday 3rd January 2017 at 7.00pm followed by the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 3rd January 2017 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.09pm.