

Minutes of the meeting of the Pilton Parish Council
in the Pilton Village Hall
on Wednesday 6th July 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)
Steve Bowler
David Drew
Jean Foley
John Howe
Steven Kearle
Roger Noble

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

2 Members of the public were present and Councillor Nigel Woolcombe-Adams

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Holly Corfield, Joe King, PCSO Guy Dury and Councillor Nigel Hewitt-Cooper

3 **MINUTES:** of the 1st June and 12th June 2016

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Item 12 Festival: Councillors R Kearle and Steven Kearle (dispensation approved), declared a prejudicial interest (employment). Councillors Bowler, Corfield, Drew, Foley, Noble and Howe, 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". Councillors Robert Kearle and Steven Kearle declared a prejudicial interest in relation to planning application 2016/1433/TCA and Councillor David Drew declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 2016/1644/TCA

Nigel Woolcombe-Adams provided the Parish Council with an update.

The Rivers Authority is now a self-regulating body. Central Government seem in favour of devolution of the South West, a report is out next week. They are considering whether to do without a Mayor for the whole of the south west. Nigel will provide and update for the next Parish Council meeting.

Councillor Woolcombe-Adams was asked whether the responsibility for car parking was given to the Council from the Police. He confirmed responsibility has been given to SCC and District Council.

Councillor Noble asked if Pilton could be prioritised for road repairs and repairs to grass verges as tarmac is breaking up. It was agreed that Andrew Turner, SCC, would be the best person to ask.

MATTERS ARISING:

- i Highways:
- ≡ Flooding at Lower Street – This has now been rectified.
 - ≡ Emails between Angela Pearce and Andrew Turner, Service Manager, Highways, SCC re Totterdown Lane and the blocked ditch and the verge being destroyed by the builder. After numerous emails Andrew Turner has agreed to meet with Angela Pearce to see the damage and discuss the flooding. Angela asked if a member of the Parish Council would like to attend and both Councillors Noble and Howe will try to attend.
 - ≡ Maggie’s Farm, Neat Liam Trotman, managing Director of Infrastruct CS Ltd, the engineers working on the proposed residential development off Neat lane to the North of John Burns Cottages to ask whether the Parish Council wishes the new properties to have street lighting.
 - ≡ The Clerk has received an email from Jane Raynsford regarding the blocked gully which is causing flooding to her property and also the property of Mr Barnes her neighbour.
 - ≡ Councillor Howe read a letter and suggested it be sent to Highways, concerning the damage which has been done to the Highway and verges between the Pilton Playing Fields and the Fosse Way at Pylle. The Council voted unanimously in favour. Councillor Howe also has photos if required.
 - ≡ There are blocked drains near the Willows in Top Street. Lower Street and Copse Lane have been cleared.
 - ≡ The Clerk was asked to contact Steve Russell-Yarde to ask if the mud could be sweep off the road again.
 - ≡ The Clerk will contact Highways to request that the drains be sucked out.
 - ≡ The white lines in the village, especially Copse Lane and Neat Lane need redoing.
 - ≡ The bottom of Stoodley Hill is really dangerous with mud in the middle of the road.
 - ≡ The Clerk was asked to chase the Council re their previous request to check the culverts as this may alleviate the problem of flooding.
- ii Zebra crossing between bus stops on the A361: An email has been received from Ashley Elms asking what the status is of the Puffin Crossing as she has encountered an issue crossing the road and children being dropped off the bus and left them. The Clerk has emailed Nigel Woollcombe-Adams to enquire what else the Parish Council can do to push this forward. Councillor Woollcombe-Adams advised that the Council are not prepared to meet with the Parish Council to discuss this further. The advice he gave was to look at the following website www.trafficchoices.co.uk/somerset.
- iii Fords and Bridges: An email has been received from Tony Lee advising that he cannot give timescales for the proposed works to the Cockmill Ford Bridge for the foreseeable future but is on Somerset County Council’s database of works to do, however it is low priority. Councillor Noble proposed getting prices to cost the scheme. Councillor S Kearle seconded. Councillors voted six to one in favour. The Clerk will approach Andrew Pearce, Ed Moon and Liam Higgins to cost a scheme for necessary works to repair.
- iv Fingerposts Steve Bowler advised that the casting has now been completed and the fingerpost are awaiting painting. He is obtaining a paper quote from Alan Connock for erection of the posts etc and will pass this to the Clerk.

- v Speed Camera Devices: Joe King provided the Parish Council with an update re the Speedwatch Group. Monitoring took place turning the festival from Bread Street and Pilton Playing Fields on Pylle Road as there was concern in the village that the 20mph speed limit on the Pilton Clearway was often disregarded during Festival time. Councillor King's conclusion was that the current strategy of traffic management through the heart of the village was working extremely well.
Thanks was expressed to Councillor King and the Speedwatch Team.
- vi Defibrillator: No update has been received yet form Janet Ladyman re request for funds
- vii The Crown Inn: Councillor Bowler has carried out some investigation regarding the benefits of registering the Crown Inn as an Asset of Community Value. He advised that the exercise was pointless unless there is the backing from the community and the method of raising the fund to buy the pub should it be put up for sale. Even then, the own does not have to sell the organisation who have registered the property. Councillor Bowler also advised that having a property registered have no effect on planning applications, it only reveals that the community are interested. It was agreed that it be put in the Roundabout Magazine that if anyone is interested in a public meeting to discuss registering the Crown in as a Community Asset then to let the Parish Clerk know, as the Parish Council needs the backing of the Community in order to take this forward
- viii Police Report: The Clerk read May's Police Report provided by PCSO Guy Dury. Councillor Drew advised that he has had a theft from his vehicle and this was not on the report. Councillor Drew will provide the Clerk with his crime number and she will speak to Guy Dury as to why it was not listed.
- ix Worthy Farm Signs: Michael Eavis would like signs put up directing people to Worthy Farm. It was agreed this should be something that needs to be agreed by Highways not the Parish Council. Roger will bring the information he received to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss further.

6 PLANNING

Councillor R Kearle and S Kearle left the room. Councillor Noble took over as Chairman.

- i Application Number: 2016/1354/TCA
 Proposal: Erection of WC and shower block for site crew
 Location: Worthy Farm, Worthy Lane, Pilton
 Applicant: Mr Michael Eavis
 Application Type: Full Application
 Councillors Recommended: APPROVAL
 Councillor Drew proposed approval, Councillor Howe seconded, unanimous decision.

Councillor R Kearle and S Kearle returned to the room. Councillor R Kearle took over as Chairman. Councillor Drew left the room

Application Number: 2016/1644/TCA
Proposal: Notification of proposed works to trees in conservation area; removal of Lawson Cypress Tree (T1)
Location: Vicars Cottage, Pylle Road, Pilton
Applicant: Mr Bennet
Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA
Councillors Recommended: APPROVAL
Councillor Noble proposed approval, Councillor Bowler seconded, four voted in favour, one abstention.

Councillor Drew returned to the room.

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2016/0987/TCA
Proposal: Felling of an Ash tree in a conservation area
Location: St Christopher's, Cumhill Lane, Pilton
Grid Ref: 3589939 140761
Decision: TPO NOT REQUIRED

Application Number: 2016/0889/HSE
Proposal: Proposed detached two storey car port and creation of vehicular access
Location: The Hermitage Watery Lane, Pilton
Decision: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

Application Number: 2016/0866/FUL
Proposal: Proposed erection of two pairs of semi-detached affordable dwellings (2 x 2 bed and 2 x 3 bed) for discounted open market sale (80% of open market value), conversion of attached storage building to a 1 bedroom holiday let, re-organisation of pub car park and retention of A4 public house use and beer garden
Location: Crown In, Whitstone Hill, Pilton
Decision: REFUSAL

Application Number: 2016/0867/LBC
Proposal: Proposed erection of two pairs of semi-detached affordable dwellings (2 x 2 bed and 2 x 3 bed) for discounted open market sale (80% of open market value), conversion of attached storage building to a 1 bedroom holiday let, re-organisation of pub car park and retention of A4 public house use and beer garden
Location: Crown In, Whitstone Hill, Pilton
Decision: REFUSAL

Application Number: 2016/1005/HSE
Proposal: Single Storey Oak framed orangery to rear and replacement window
Location: Midsomer House, East Compton Road, East Compton
Decision: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

iii Enforcement:

- ≡ Cock and Bull Drove: No Update
- ≡ Tannery Barn, Tanyard Lane: No Update

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update:

- ≡ Weir Lane – Council Bowler has emailed Claire Haskins, SCC Footpaths for Mendip, requesting a contribution towards the cost of renting a digger and surface material e.g. scalping’s. No response has been received as yet.
Councillor Noble has spoken with both residents, Sandy Leach advised that they would like to see the footpath tidied up. Councillor Noble also mentioned the willow. Councillor Bowler has spoken to Delva Simpson and she is happy to help.

8 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

Balance b/f from 01/04/2016	31/04/2016	<u>£ 29,167.53</u>
Plus banked:		£ 0.00
Less cheques drawn:		
Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary/expenses (expenses £10 home working allowance, £2.50 paper, £3.78 stamps, £39.60 travel)		£196.40 £55.88
Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary		£35.00
R England (Groundsman) - wages		£60.00
Pilton Working Men’s Club (May & June)		£ 24.00
HMRC		£195.40
Total cheques drawn:		<u>£566.68</u>
Balance at	30.06.2016	<u>£28,600.85</u>

The Clerk was asked to check the balance of the Capital Account.

Councillor Corfield requested to undertake Councillor Planning training at a cost of £95 per session, three sessions in total. The Parish Council felt this was too expensive and not an essential course.

9 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i Mendip District Council, Affordable Housing Day 21st July
- ii Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest – 31/5/16
- iii Rural Services Network – Rural Opportunities Bulletin 1/6//2016
- iv Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest – 6/6/2016
- v Rural Services Network, Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Transport – June 2016
- vi Recycle SWP June 2016 monthly briefing
- vii Rural Vulnerability Service, Fuel Poverty – June 2016
- viii Rural Services Network – Invitation to Rural Conference 2016
- ix SALC – Bridging the Gaps – Somerset Town Forums Conference 28/6/2016
- x Rural Services Network, Rural Economy Spotlight

- xi Somerset Rivers Authority Newsletter
- xii SCC Listening, Learning, Changing
- xiii Rural Services Network – Weekly Email News Digest – 13/6/2016
- xiv PRS for Music 23/6/2016
- xv Rural Services Network – Weekly Email News Digest – 21st June 2016
- xvi Rural Services Network – Weekly Email News Digest – 27th June 2016
- xvii Temporary Road Closure, RCN557781
- xviii Rural Services Network, Spotlight on Older People from RSN
- xix Joint Strategic needs assessment 2016

10 **BURIAL GROUND:**

- i Maintenance reports:
Two reports were received both were fine.

The Clerk will contact Harvey Bailey to ask for the grass to be cut.

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

- i Roundabout report

The Parish Council would like to hear your feedback on this year's Festival, please contact the Parish Clerk or any Councillor.

The next GFEL meeting is being held on Wednesday 14th September at 6pm, all welcome to attend.

The Parish Council would like to hear if anyone is interested in a public meeting to discuss registering the Crown Inn as a Community Asset as the Parish Council needs the backing of the Community in order to take this forward.

A caravan has been dumped in the layby at Steanbow and a branch is also down and needs removing. The Clerk will inform Highways.

The Clerk asked Councillor Noble to complete the Gypsy and Caravan Count on the 14th July. The Clerk has asked MDC what happened to this information, as this has been requested many time but no details has been forthcoming.

12 **FESTIVAL:**

- i Festival General: Councillor Howe presented the Parish Council with a traffic count taken between Sunday 19th June and Monday 27th June.
Councillor Noble advised that local businesses had been to Mendip District Council for loss of earnings due to the problems with traffic.
There is still rubbish in the village and West Pennard. Councillor Kearle advised that he will arrange collection.
Councillor Howe advised that the Parish Council needed hard facts to take to GFEL and had drafted three letters, to the River Authority, Avon and Somerset Police and the Environmental Agency. Councillor Bowler felt that the letters were too specific Councillor Howe amended it accordingly. Councillors voted five on favour and one abstention to send the letters.

Parking needs to be added to the list of topics to be discussed at the next GFEL meeting.

It was agreed that the traffic leaving via Copse Lane better than leaving via Hedge Lane.

The Clearway works well and Bread Street was wonderful.

It was felt that not having Stewards at Copse Lane on Tuesday was not good. The one way system at Springfield Hill didn't work.

Concerns were raised regarding the parking between the playing fields should not have been allowed as there were Stewards manning the area. East Compton and Whitstone Hill should not have allowed parking on the grass as visibility is poor and it was dangerous.

The Clearway and Speedwatch Group worked well together.

ii GFL/PPC minutes: Wednesday 14th September at 6pm

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 3rd August 2016 at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed 8.59pm