

Minutes of the meeting of the
Pilton Parish Council
In the Pilton Village Hall on
Wednesday 6th June 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)
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

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Stephen Kearle

3 **MINUTES:** of the 4th April 2018 were approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** There were no declarations of interest from Councillors.

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Strategy:

- Update
- Puffin Crossing: Councillor Nigel Hewitt-Cooper has confirmed that the proposed Puffin Crossing has passed to the next stage of viability study. Councillor Wynn stated that it has been brought to her attention that the Whitstone School Bus will not wait for the children if they are not at the bus stop but on the other side of the road waiting to cross. This leaves the children with no way of getting to school and working parents may not be aware that the children have missed the bus. There have also been instances when the West Pennard School bus just drops the children and leaves, the children can be as young as four years old with the older children helping them to cross the road. It was stated that the younger children could be tempted to run across the road in front of traffic to get to their parents on the other side of the road. The Clerk was asked to write to West Pennard School, Whitstone School and the bus company and copy in Nigel Hewitt-Cooper.

ii Highways: Updates re the following:-

- **Culverts:**
 - a) Blocked culvert at Cockmill Lane: Ref 525151, the items were inspected on the 16th March and the issue relates to lack of maintenance of the landowners ditches. The Parish Council are asked to provide the landowners details to enable SCC to write to them.
 - b) Pylle Lane past the railway line there is a blocked culvert where the stream is flowing across the road; Ref 526389, an inspection of the location has been carried out and a jetting order will be issued to clear the partial blockage as soon as the necessary resources become available.

- **Blocked Drains/ Gullies:**
 - a) Meadowcroft: Ref 523675, the item has been inspected and the drainage was functioning at the time of inspection. The overall issue at this location has been referred to the flood risk management group who are based in Taunton who are now taking the lead.
 - b) Blocked drain at The Lodge at Westholme: Ref 524574, SCC were unable to locate any blocked gullies at this location, although some run off from adjoining land was noted. Grit is blocking the drain 30 yards due east of The Lodge. At the time of inspection 20/2/18 SCC were unable to locate any blocked gullies at this location, although some run off from adjoining land was noted. This enquiry has been closed.
 - c) Blocked drain outside Thornton House: Ref 524664, no flooding was found on original inspection however after inspection with Councillor R Kearle a jetting order will be issued to clear the partial blockage as soon as the necessary resources become available.
 - d) Drains are blocked at Lays Lane: Ref 524665, Gullies were working at the time of inspection on 22/2/18
The drain in the road of the A361 opposite Parson Batch is blocked. Ref 524578, it is located near the footpath leading to Gabriels Orchard. This was in working order when SCC inspected it on the 22/2/18. This has since been located further down the road under debris and will be cleared as part of the planned programme.
 - e) The Gully was working when inspected 20/2/18. However after an inspection with Councillor R Kearle will now be cleared as part of the next planned works programme.
Drain needs to be cleared, Drain on Park Hill on the A361 has /broken tarmac surrounding it: Ref 524578, inspected on 20/2/18 revealed some fretting of the tarmac surround however this is not classed as a safety defect. All gullies which require any safety works on the A361 from the top of the hill down through the village have recently been paco patched and the enquiry has been closed.
 - f) Overflowing drain in East Town Lane: SCC advised complete however Councillors advised that the drain is full and water is not running away. The drain needs sucking. SCC have requested a more precise location.
 - g) Drains and gullies need cleaning opposite Cutlers Cottage at Totterdown Lane. Ref: 526385. An order will be placed for the required works.
 - h) The drain needs clearing and the tarmac has lifted outside Shutwell House: MDC advised that the tarmac does not constitute a safety defect at this time but should the condition substantially deteriorate to notify them again – Complete
The drain ref: 526378 has been inspected and a jetting order issued when resources are available.
 - i) The owners of West Cottage have spent money on drainage by putting bigger pipes in however the access for the water to get through is not good enough.

Highways are asked to contact Councillor Noble for further information. The overall issue at this location has been referred to the flood risk management group who are based in Taunton who are now taking the lead.

- j) Blocked Drains Perridge Farm: Ref; 526379 after an inspection with Councillor R Kearle will now be cleared as part of the next planned works programme.
- k) The gully opposite the telephone exchange on Totterdown Lane needs emptying. Inspected 18/5/18 and will be included in the next programme of work.
- l) There is a significant drop to the gully under the road at Winding Lake out towards Pylle, East of Winding Lake Farm. Reported 18/5/18 this is not classed as a safety defect. Enquiry closed.

- **Potholes**

- a) East Town Lane: Ref 523672 the potholes were repaired when inspected on 18/1/18. This has now been closed.
- b) Totterdown Lane: Ref 522404, SCC advised complete
- c) Winters Hill: Ref 522405, No safety defects were identified, complete.
- d) Back lane: Ref 522406 SCC advised complete
- e) Perridge Hill Farm: Ref 524579 Repaired 5/3/18. Councillors advised that there are still potholes near the Farm. This was inspected on the 20/2/18 and the safety defects identified were repaired on 5/3/18.
- f) Pothole at North Wooton down from Folly/Stoodley Hill: A more precise location has been requested by SCC.
- g) There are very bad potholes outside Perridge Farm: Ref 524579
- h) Potholes at the Ford in the middle of the village: An inspection was carried out on 9/5 and completed on 21/5/18.
- i) A large hole has appeared at Westholme Junction by the Old Shop. An inspection was carried out and this does not constitute a safety defect. SCC has advised that the main road is inspected on a monthly basis and any safety defects will be actioned as necessary.
- j) Pothole at the bottom of Park Hill on the A361 at the Retreat, No Safety defects identified at this location. At Burford Crossroads and Stoodley Hill. The ditch at the same location needs clearing. Ref 526381, it is SCC's intention to put this location forward for patching as soon as the landowner has cleared the ditches. SCC have asked if the Parish Council are able to approach the landowner or provide their details to that they could write to them to request that they clear their ditches.
- k) Bad potholes as you approach Cockmill Ford: An inspection was carried out on 9/5 and completed on 21/5/18.
- l) It has reported to Councillor Wynn that a resident has tripped over a pothole near the sheltered housing by the Post Office/Village Hall. The resident is fine however this is obviously a concern as this area is busy area and used by the residents in the sheltered housing. Ref:526688, Inspected in 18/5/18 safety defects identified and works ordered to be completed by 15/6/18
- m) There is a pothole adjacent to Ashfield House in Bakery Lane. Ref 526689, Inspected 18/5/18 safety defects identified and works ordered to be complete by 15/6/18.
- n) There is a pothole in Totterdown Lane by Two Oaks. Ref: 526690, Inspected 18/5/18 safety defects identified and works ordered to be complete by 15/6/18.

- **General**

- a) Road Markings on Stoodley Lane and Bowermead Lane: These have been inspected and passed to traffic for inclusion in their works programme.
- b) Overgrown Vegetation: This has been referred to the 'Traffic Section'
- c) Visibility down Lamberts Hill: This has been referred to the 'Traffic Section'
- d) Yellow Lines at the bottom of Totterdown Lane: This has been added to the next Mendip Traffic Regulation Order with the support of Nigel Hewitt-Cooper. This is now only done once a year and likely to be done later in the year with all other Mendip sites.
- e) Compton Lane Ditches and gullies: Ref 523162, temporary grips cut, further works to improve grips through verge to be programmed. Ditch clearance rests with the homeowner.
- f) Traffic in Ford Lane: Passed to Traffic Engineer, Hedges ref: 524662, Inspected as is not classed as a safety defect. Details of homeowner required should it become necessary to take this up with them in the future. Enquiry closed
- g) Sign at Lamberts Hill: Reference 523568 This was inspected on 15/1/18 and was repaired on 15/1/18. The enquiry is now closed.
- h) Manhole at Maldean: Ref 523673 Cover was secure at the time of inspection with some minor fretting around cover which is not classed as a safety defect.
- i) Subsidence at Burford to Stoodley: Ref 523673 Inspected 30/18/18 the safety defects were identified and repaired 27/2/18. The enquiry is now closed.
- j) Damage by Badger set Westholme/Water Lane: Signs erected, site works to be programmed when permit can be obtained.
- k) Tarmac is breaking up around the drain outside Maldene on the A361: Safety defect repair complete.
- l) Bank channels to ditch need redigging in Neat Lane: Ref 52476 Not a safety defect as on hill and not traffic impeding. Works will be considered for inclusion in programmed works.
- m) Ditch above Totterdown Lane blocked. Ref 526384, an inspection of the location has been carried out and a jetting order will be issued to clear the partial blockage as soon as the necessary resources are available. Ditches are the landowners responsibilities.
- n) Severe subsidence has damaged half the road beyond Bourne Farm: Ref 524666, no carriageway subsidence was evident at the time of inspection the only item was verge overrun (not classed as a safety defect) which will be put forward for consideration for inclusion for future works. Enquiry closed.
- o) Neat Lane and Top Street verges are in bad condition due to vehicles driving on the verges in order to pass other vehicles: Ref 524580, Verge overrun does not constitute a safety defect and any topsoiling would be abortive due to vehicle parking. Enquiry closed.
There a large amount of litter on the A361 at Springfield Cross to Lamberts Hill. Litter should be reported to <https://www.mendip.gov.uk/streetclean?formid=10982>
- p) The signposts at Springfield Cross and Park Hill have been knocked down. Ref 525150, SCC advised that damaged fingerposts and arms are now undertaken by parish councils who may employ their own contractors as long as certain assessments and codes of practice is met. Details can be found on <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/policies-and-plans/schemes-and-initiatives/somerset-fingerpost-restoration-project/>
- q) Drop at Ford Lane/Weir Lane: Ref 526693 is on the programme for this financial year to install warning signs and a depth board.
- r) The finger on the sign at Stumps Cross to Shepton Mallett/Croscombe has been broken off. (See q above)

- s) Road breaking up in dip past Winding Lake Farm: Ref 526376, Barriers have been erected in the interim period and any necessary works will be arranged as soon as possible.
- **New Defects:**
 - The sign at Burford Cross has been knocked over.
- iii Fingerposts & Signs:
- Dog Fouling Notices: Councillor Noble has called Mendip District Council a number of times to arrange erection of the dog fouling signs but received no response. The Clerk will chase this.
 - Children Playing Signs: These have now been erected.
 - Sign near Toll Cottage: The signs are not ready yet but the Clerk will be contacted when they are. The delay is due to the foundry not Somerset Forge.
- iv Community Speedwatch:
- Councillor King stated that during the Bath and West Show there were 1100 vehicles travelled through the village during one hour but HGV's seem to be lower than normal.
 - Truck Count for May - At 10am on a Monday 107 HGV's were counted. The amount went down in May this may be due to the Bank Holidays and the Bath and West Show.
- v The Crown Inn: Assets of Community Value: Councillor King advised that a response has been received from the Packhorse Hotel who were successful in their application. Contact has been made with all other pubs and community centres in Somerset that have been successful to ensure that Pilton have the strongest application possible.
- vi Police Report: May Police Report
- 01/05 – Whitstone Hill, Temporary traffic lights not working.
 04/05 – Reported black dog running on A361, area patrol no sighting.
 08/05 – Reported erratic driving towards Whitstone Hill.
- vii Pilton War Memorial:
- War Memorial Inscription and Plaque – The Listed Planning Application has been submitted to Mendip District Council.
 - Update from Historic England re funding – no response has been received to date. The Clerk will chase.
- viii Grit Bins: As Councillor S Kearle was not present no update could be given.
- iv General Data Protection Regulations GDPR – The Clerk has attended a SALC Training Course and confirmed that there are a lot more actions required than initially thought. The Clerk has drawn up a list of actions required and will update the Parish Council at the next meeting.
- vx Village Bench: An email of thanks has been received thanking Councillor R Kearle for the generous donation of the new bench on Bowermead Lane.

6 PLANNING

Application Number: 2018/1147/FUL
 Proposal: Erection of new dwelling

Location: Two Oaks, Totterdown Lane, Pilton

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Oatley

Application Type: Full Application

Parish Council Recommended: Approval

28 letters of support of the application were received.

Councillor Drew proposed approval, Councillor King seconded, the Parish Council voted unanimously in favour.

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

There were none this month.

iii Enforcement: There were no updates regarding the below this month.

- Cock and Bull Drove:
- Beggars Roost:
- Friars Oven Farm:
- Tanyards Lane:
- West Compton:

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update: Update from Councillors

Thanks was given to Andrew Shaw of the ASBO Team for walking and assessing all 57 footpaths in the village.

The Clerk was asked to contact Claire Haskins, Footpaths SCC to ascertain whether the surface drop at Weir Lane to Ford Bridge has been surveyed and if so, request a copy of the report.

- Footpath from St Mary's to Barrow Lane – It has been brought to Councillors attention the good work that the homeowners of Barrowfields House have done keeping the footpath open and usable during the inclement weather. The Clerk will send a letter of thanks.

8 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

Balance b/f from 31/04/2018						<u>25,091.14</u>
Plus banked:						
		Pilton Playing Fields Committee				£ 565.01
		VAT Refund				£ 225.33
						<u>£ 790.34</u>
Less cheques drawn:						
2039		K Buckley				£ 302.12
		(£10 home working allowance, stamps)				£ 16.96
2034		W Lynn				£ 36.00
2040		Ron England				£ 79.20
2035		Pilton Working Mens Club Hall Hire				£ 12.00
		Pilton Working Mens Club Wine for APM				£ 72.50
2032		R England (Petrol)				£ 19.61
2033		A Brown (APM Refreshments)				£ 30.00
2036		GDPR - SALC Training				£ 25.00
2037		LCR Subscription				£ 17.00
2038		Chalmers Accountance Fees				£ 297.60
		Information Commissioners Office Fee				£ 40.00
						<u>£ 645.87</u>
Balance at 31/05/2018						<u>£ 25,235.61</u>

ii Financial News:

- War Memorials Trust – Councillors refused this request for a donation at the last meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

- i. Public Sector Executive Online
- ii. Weekly Email News Digest, Rural Services Network – Monday 30th April
- iii. Parish Council Information Bulletin – April 2018
- iv. Public Sector Executive Online 30/4
- v. Parish Forum 19th April Feedback 1/5
- vi. Group Manager Contact Details MDC 1/5
- vii. Consultation on Draft Statement of Principles for 2019
- viii. MDC Statement on Unitary Proposal 2/5
- ix. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin Thursday 3rd May
- x. Mendip District Council Draft Car Park Strategy Update 3/5
- xi. Public Service Executive Online 4/5
- xii. Public Service Executive Online 8/5
- xiii. Weekly Email News Digest, Rural Services Network 8/5
- xiv. Rural Vulnerability Service, Rural Transport May 18
- xv. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 3/5
- xvi. Public Service Executive Online 11/5
- xvii. SALC – Somerset Convergence 14/5
- xviii. Public Service Executive Online 14/5
- xix. Weekly Email News Digest – Rural Services Network 14/5
- xx. Patient Engagement weekly Bulletin 15/5
- xxi. Spotlight on Rural Health & Social Care, Rural Services Network 17/5
- xxii. Public Service Executive Online 18/5
- xxiii. Weekly Email News Digest, Rural Services Network 21/5
- xxiv. Public Service Executive Online 21/5

- xxv. Weekly Update from James Heapey 21/5
- xxvi. Day Opportunities for people with Dementia Survey 18/5
- xxvii. Working together for the communities of Somerset 22/5
- xxviii. Somerset Waste Partnership Member Briefing – Progress on Plastic
- xxix. Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Broadband May 2018
- xxx. Public Meeting of the Standards Committee 5th June 2018
- xxxi. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 24/5/18
- xxxii. Westminster Bulletin 25/5
- xxxiii. Public Sector Executive Online 25/5
- xxxiv. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 25/5
- xxxv. Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest 29/5
- xxxvi. Recycle SWP May 2018 Briefing

10 **BURIAL GROUND**

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

A pile of soil has appeared by the gate of the burial ground which is of no use for filling graves.

The Clerk was asked to contact Harvey Bailey to request that the grass be cut.

- ii Proposed New Burial Fees: The Clerk was asked to contact the Burial Secretary to ensure she received the new fees.

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

- i Roundabout report

It has been confirmed that the Parish Councils request for a Puffin Crossing has passed to the next stage of viability study.

Residents are asked to slow down when driving along East Town Lane and not to park on the pavement in Shop Lane as concerns have been raised to the Parish Council.

Anyone interested in faster Broadband? Check out www.truespeed.com a local Bath based company who are looking for interest from villages in the district to allow them to plan work to bring full fibre into our homes. You only have to register your interest at this stage. I urge you to take a look as we are being sorely let down by the giants in the industry, BT and Open Reach who are giving poor service in our rural communities. I am happy for you to contact me and I can fill you in on details: Holly Corfield - holly@stages.co.uk

A public meeting is being held on Thursday 7th June at Glastonbury Town Hall regarding an East –West cross Somerset new road or upgrade, to resolve the problems of heavy traffic on the A361/A39. Councillor King is hoping to attend this meeting and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

GFEL have requested to attend the next Parish Council meeting. This will be added to the agenda.

Councillor Foley agreed to be the Councillor representative for SALC.

As the defibrillator has recently been used it has been suggested that another be situated in Conduit Square. This will be put on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

There is a car parked in Top Street that is restricting the number parking spaces available to allotment holders. As the car is taxed, insured and has an MOT they are entitled to park there.

Friend of Shepton Mallet Library have contacted a councillor to ask for the Parish Councils support regarding the consultation which ends shortly. As this missed being added to this month's agenda it could not be discussed but Councillor were advised that they could respond as individuals.

12 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 4th July 2018 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.14pm