

Minutes of the meeting of the
Pilton Parish Council
in the Pilton Village Hall on
Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 7.30pm

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

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

6 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:** Holly Corfield

3 **MINUTES:** of the 5th October 2016 and 2nd November 2016 were approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Item 12 Festival: Councillors R Kearle and S Kearle (dispensation approved), declared a prejudicial interest (employment).

Councillors Bowler, Drew, Foley, Howe, 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" Councillor King advised that the planning application was a friend of his and he would abstain from voting.

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Highways: Updates re the following:-

- Parking issues – Totterdown Lane. The police have spoken with resident with regards to parking.
- It was reported that a car has been parked on the pavement for over a month registration number ND04 DTX. The Clerk will advise PCSO Dury
- Damaged verges – The Clerk has received an email from Andrew Turner advising that SCC will not be repairing the verges as although unsightly do not constitute a safety defect. Steve Russell-Yarde advised that he drove around the village last week with Neil Corp. Michael Eavis has agreed to fund and carry out the repairs at the end of February. Andrew Turner is aware of this.
- The verges at the top of Stoodley are damaged, also at Lower Westholme Road adjacent to Hearne Farm.
- At East Compton the water was right across the road near East Compton Farm on the A361.

- The Parish Council was advised that Neat Lane has up to 7 vehicles parked on the verges. It was felt by the Council that vehicle owners should be advised that vehicles should be kept on site, although it does slow vehicle down. Michael and Rob Richards have received an email concerning this. If this continues over the next week Councillor Noble will let the Clerk know and she will contact Steve Russell-Yarde who sent the email.
- Sandbags: Councillor Bowler confirmed he collected 5 bags and these have been given to Richard Raynsford. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to ask that the drain outside the Raynsford house be cleared.
- Springfield Cross 30mph
- Culverts: The Clerk will chase Andrew Turner re the Culvert at Conduit Square. GFEL have agreed to fund half of the cleaning of the blocked drains. The Clerk was asked to obtain a map of the village and send it to Angela Pearce to identify the culverts.
- Top Street Blocked Drains – this is an existing problem in this location due to the blocked drains and underground pipes not being large enough to deal with the rainfall. The Clerk will chase Neil Corp.
- 20 mph limit between Long House and Cockmill Junction – update within Traffic Strategy
- Defects: Email from Neil Corp
- Traffic Calming: Email from Angela Pearce
- The grit bin by the church needs topping up but the other bins have sufficient grit.
- The Clerk was asked to get prices for a salt bin for Copse Lane. Councillor King has collected bags of salt and will store them until they are required.
- The signpost at Lambert Hill is still down as of 6th December.

ii Traffic Strategy: Discussion took place regarding the Parish Council Traffic Strategy. Steve Russell-Yarde confirmed that he has been in discussions with Jeff Bunting and Bev Norman from the Council regarding a traffic order extending the 30mph zone between the crossroads and the layby. A works order will be issued at the end of February and work will take place in the new financial year. It will hopefully be installed by April/May if nobody objects. The road markings will need to change and there will be two Pilton signs put up like a gateway to the village. Michael Eavis has agreed to contribute towards a solar powered vehicle activated sign that either flashes '30mph' or flashes a warning. The cost is £5500. This needs to be added to the agenda for the Precept meeting to be held in January.

The requested 20mph limit for between Long House and Cockmill Junction section of the road does not fit any criteria so will not be approved. The request to extend the 30mph zone would also be refused. The Parish Council now need to pursue this with Highways. Steve Russell-Yarde will email Councillor R Kearle with what the Parish needs to do and Councillor Howe asked for a copy of the criteria.

Councillor Bowler stated the need for action regarding the 90 degree bend at Conduit Square and there is a need for some sort of traffic management e.g. priority traffic. This is mainly due to the heavy traffic due to works at Hinkley Point. Councillor Noble suggested a meeting with Highways at 3.45pm to see the impact of traffic when children are leaving school. He also suggested that traffic is monitored.

Steve Russell-Yarde stated that this would be evidence to support the case. Debbie Smith volunteered to carry out a lorry count as part of Speedwatch.

Councillor King reported a 6 axle lorry doing 34mph whilst on a mobile phone to Terry Drake but the police are helpless to take action. Councillor King will send the Clerk the details and she will write to Terry Drake. James Bolton is the company that the driver works for. Councillor S Kearle will send me James Bolton's contact details.

- iii Village Agent: An email from John Lapwood was read introducing himself and his role as the Village Agent, working for the Community Council. The Parish Council felt that this was duplicating services that already exist. The Clerk will forward his email to Liz Elkin.
- iv Zebra crossing between bus stops on the A361: No update this month.
- v Fords and Bridges: A quote has been received from Andrew Pearce. The Clerk will chase the other two quotes.
- vi Fingerposts: Councillor Bowler confirmed that the finial has been fitted to the signpost at Lamberts Hill. The post outside Mary's Gate has not been completed yet. The signpost at Totterdown Lane is pointing in the wrong direction. Councillor Bowler will ask Alan Connock to tighten it up.
- vii Community Speedwatch:
Councillor King advised that the Police are approaching all Parish Councils with Speedwatch groups to request a donation of £200 towards the cost of setting up the groups. This includes the speed gun which cost over £200, training, high visibility jackets, putting up signs etc in which the village would like another three. Councillor King advised that this money would be spent in the village but concerns were raised that the money would be out in a central pot and not spend on the village. It was suggested that a budget be put aside especially for the Village Speedwatch Group but this would be discussed at the Precept meeting.

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The Clerk was asked to check with SALC if the Parish Council are able to give money to these organisations.

An email has been received confirming that the dates for the Speed Indicator devices will be:

A361 Whitstone Hill – weeks commencing 27th March and the 18th September.

Due to the increased number of SID locations throughout the county Somerset County Council can only deploy a SID on two occasions during 2017.

- viii The Crown Inn:
 - Assets of Community Value: Councillor Bowler has completed the necessary forms and will be meeting with Reg and then with Ian Mundy from Mendip District Council.
- ix Police Report: October and November's Police Reports were read out.

It was reported that the road was closed twice by the crematorium due to accidents at Old Wells Road. These were not mentioned in the Police Reports.

- x Worthy Farm Signs: Steve Russell-Yarde confirmed that the signs would be located at the bottom of Copse Lane, Lower Street and the top of Copse Lane at Pylle Road. The intention was to direct traffic to Mary's Gate and keep the traffic out of the village. There will be no sign at Springfield Cross. Councillor Noble was not in agreement of this. Copse Lane signpost already has four signs on it.
- xi Pilton Bus Shelters: An email has been received from Paula Jordan stating that nothing will now happen until the new year when the art group starts meeting again.
- xii Next Phase of Low Cost Housing: Three emails of support of low cost housing have been received from residents of Pilton. It was stated that the Parish Council needs to write to MDC requesting a Housing Needs Survey. Councillor King proposed that a request to carry out a Housing Needs Survey is submitted, Councillor Bowler seconded, seven were in favour. The Clerk will write to nina.richards@mendip.co.uk.

Councillor Hewitt-Cooper advised that in order to obtain one of these houses you have to go on the waiting list at Mendip District Council. When they carry out a Housing Needs Survey the people listed are taken into account however the people on the register are not indicative of need as if no houses are currently being built, people don't register as people feel there is no point.

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- xiii War Memorial:
 - Laurels – Liz Elkin confirmed that the laurels are not owned by the British Legion. A response was received from Dr Newns stating that he want the laurels pruned and not removed. The Council voted 5 in favour and 1 against pruning the Laurels.
Councillors Noble, King and S Kearle will carry out the pruning. Councillor S Kearle will organise a suitable date with Dr Newns.
 - Notification of Designation of Application – An email has been received from Joanne Gould advising that Historic England is considering the Pilton War Memorial for addition to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. It was unanimous that the Parish Council were in favour of this and the Clerk will respond copying in Councillor Newitt-Cooper.
- xiv Statutory Pruning of Vegetation for Western Power: An email has been received from Gareth Mansfield Hi-Line Contractors stating that they will be carrying out vegetation management to maintain a statutory safety distance from the overhead powerlines.

6 PLANNING

- i Application Number: 2016/2748/TCA
Proposal: Remove 6 ash trees that have grown out of a hedge
Location: Ashfield, Bakery Lane, Pilton
Applicant: Mr Stephen Tofts

Parish Council Recommended: Approval

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

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, BA4 4BY

Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2016/2399/FUL

Proposal: Proposed conversion of outbuilding into a design studio and artist workshop

Location: Brook Cottage, Tanyard Lane, Pilton, BA4 4EL

Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2016/1308/FUL

Proposal: Removal of existing hedge providing an opening for road access and the construction of field gates.

Location: Clover Hill Farm, Pylle Road, Pilton

Decision: Approval with Conditions

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

Decision: Approval with Conditions

iii Enforcement:

- Cock and Bull Drove: Councillor Nigel Hewitt-Cooper confirmed that the court case was won. Four people are left on site named and persons unknown. They must be off site by July and September. The owners have now asked for the site to be a holiday let. This has to be determined on its own merit. This will not delay the eviction process and the Parish Council will receive a planning application in due course.

Councillor Noble reported that at Tanyards Lane the barn has been demolished when the plans stated that the wall was to stay. The Clerk will report this to MDC.

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update:

- Weir Lane: Councillor Bowler produced a schedule of works for footpath SM16/17. Councillor Bowler will speak to Somerset County Council and then it will be discussed at the Precept meeting to estimate the funding required for the project.

Councillor Bowler has send Barrie Fox an email re the ASBO's works remit.

A complaint has been received from Angela Pearce stating that she does not want the ASBO's to weed kill by the bus shelter or adjacent to their land. Councillor Bowler will discuss this with the ASBO's and make them aware of the complaint.

The Clerk will reply to Angela Pearce advising her that permission has not been given for the weed killing Councillor Bowler will be discussing this with the ASBOS's.

- Email from Barrie Fox

8 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

Plus banked:

Forsey & Son	60.00
	<u>60.00</u>

Less cheques drawn:

1917	Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary & o/t £77.12 (8 hours)	269.72
	(expenses £10 home working allowance)	10.00
1918	Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary	35.00
	R England (Groundsman) - wages	0.00
1920	Pilton Working Mens Club	24.00

Total cheques drawn:	<u>338.72</u>
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Balance at	30.11.2016	<u>25,806.58</u>
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ii Overtime

The Clerk asked whether the Parish Council were in agreement to overtime being payed monthly as otherwise it could affect her pension. The Council agreed stating it was not overtime it was additional hours as no increased hourly rate was given.

The Clerk also advised that her printer has gone wrong and requested permission to purchase a new one. Permission was given.

9 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i Public Sector Executive 26/10/016
- ii Recycle SWP October Monthly Briefing
- iii Rural Services Network, Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Broadband 28/10/16
- iv Parish Council Information Bulletin – November 2016
- v James Heapey MP 28/10/16
- vi Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest – Monday 31st October
- vii Rural Services Network, Rural Opportunities Bulletin 2/11/16
- viii Country Roads – Mendip Winter Service 2016/17
- ix Rural Services Network, Free RSN Seminar – Grants and Funding
- x Public Sector Executive 3/11/16
- xi SALC – Structure for Sale 7/11/16

- xii Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest 7/11/16
- xiii Mary Hancock – Surviving Winter 2016/17
- xiv Julia Jones – Poster to encourage county council candidates
- xv Rural Services Network, Rural Vulnerability Service – Fuel Poverty November 16
- xvi Public Sector Executive 10/11/16
- xvii Communications – Somerset Sustainability Transformation Plan 10/11
- xviii Jonathan Hudston – Latest Somerset Rivers Authority Newsletter
- xix James Heapey MP- Email Update
- xx Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest Monday 14th November 16
- xxi Public Sector Online 14/11/16
- xxii Rural Services Network – Spotlight on Rural Health
- xxiii Adults Transformation – Adult Social Care
- xxiv Planning Policy – Support Planning Applications
- xxv Public Sector Online 17/11/16
- xxvi Public Sector Online 20/11/16
- xxvii Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest Monday 21st November
- xxviii Rural Services Network Free RSN Seminar – Grants and Funding
- xxix Funding Circle
- xxx Rural Services Network, Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Transport 23/11
- xxxi Road Closure TTRO, RCNME8119
- xxxii Recycle SWP November 2016 monthly briefing
- xxxiii James Heapey MP – Email Update 24/11/16
- xxxiv Public Sector Executive 28/11/16
- xxxv Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest Monday 28th November 16
- xxxvi SALC – Request to Complete & Promote Dependant Carers Survey 28/11/16
- xxxvi Rural Services Network, Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Broadband

10 **BURIAL GROUND:**

- i Maintenance reports: Two reports were received.
The tap was leaking and Councillor R Kearle has organised the repair and a bill will follow.
- ii Bench Request: Charlie Pearce has requested an oak bench be situated on slabs on the grass near his late wife’s grave, for anyone to sit on and at his expense.
Councillor King proposed acceptance and the vote was unanimous.
The Clerk will respond to Charlie Pearce.

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

- i Roundabout report
The Parish Council request that any blocked drains in the village are reported to Councillor Noble.

12 **FESTIVAL:**

- i Festival General:
 - A361 Clearway (including layby) – Email from Hugh Berry
 - Neat Lane Junction (No entry). Discussion took place and resident’s letters have been received. Councillor Bowler proposed Neat lane remaining as it is. Councillor King seconded. The vote was unanimous.
 It was agreed that at the February parish Council meeting further discussion will take place as to what the Parish Council wants.

- ii Festival Feedback: Update and Report
- iii An email was received from MDC re GFEL/PCC meetings confirming that there is nothing stipulated in their licence to say that three meetings must be held with the Parish Council. Councillor Howe proposed that it remain at three meetings, Councillor King seconded. The vote was four in favour. A meeting should be planned for May prior to the Parish Council meeting.
- iv GFL/PPC minutes: Dates of next meetings:
Tuesday 7th March 2017
Tuesday 6th June 2017

13 **NEXT MEETING:** The Parish Council Precept meeting will commence at 7pm followed by the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 4th January 2017 at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed 9.42pm