

Minutes of the meeting of the
Pilton Parish Council
In the Pilton Village Hall on
Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 7.30pm

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

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

5 members of the public were present

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Debbie Smith and Nigel Hewitt-Cooper

3 **MINUTES:** of the 3rd January 2017 to be approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Councillor Drew "I do not have a declaration of interest in any planning applications but I might do in the future"
Planning application 201/3331/FUL – All members of the Parish Council signed a Dispensation Form due to being Custodian Trustees of the Playing Fields

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Strategy:

- Update:
- Puffin Crossing: Nigel Hewitt-Cooper advised that a decision should be forthcoming either this month or next.

ii Highways: Updates re the following:-

- Culverts: A member of the public raised concerns regarding the Culvert in Top Street. The homeowner has been maintaining it however the volume of water is too large for it to cope. Children are unable to walk in the road due to the amount of water and on some occasions the water has been above a pair of wellingtons on the resident's property. Councillor Noble confirmed he would be happy to meet with Highways to discuss this. This is not a one off incident as this has been reported to Highways on a number of occasions. The Clerk will write to Highways expressing the Parish Councils concerns regarding this not being resolved and their wish to get this resolved before the property is flooded.
- Blocked Drains/ Gullies:

- a) Top street/Meadowcroft: Has been inspected SCC Ref 523675
- Overflowing drain in East Town Lane: Councillor Noble advised that the homeowners are having a new tank put in.
- Potholes
 - a) Top street/East Town Lane: Has been inspected SCC Ref 523672
 - b) Totterdown Lane: Has been inspected SCC Ref 522404
 - c) Winters Hill: Has been inspected SCC Ref 522405
 - d) Back lane: Has been inspected SCC Ref 522406, SCC advised that this work has been completed but this is not the case.
- Road Markings on Stoodley Lane and Bowermead Lane: SCC advised work will be completed by the 1st March.
- Overgrown Vegetation:
- Visibility down Lamberts Hill: SCC advised that this is with the SIS Team for consideration.
- Turning onto the A37 from Platterwell Lane: Sign improvements are complete.
- Yellow Lines at the bottom of Totterdown Lane: The Parish Council unanimously agreed to request double yellow lines at the bottom of Totterdown Lane and on the other side of the road by the War Memorial. The Clerk will let Nigel Hewitt-Cooper know as he suggested it.
- Compton Lane Ditches and gullies: The ditches are the responsibility of the homeowner. The gullies have been inspected SCC Ref 523162 and temporary grips are in place.
- Traffic in Ford Lane: Residents are concerned over the number of heavy goods vehicles following sat nav's down the lane. It was suggested that the Parish Council request signs stating 'narrow lane' and one stating 'ford' be erected. The hedges also need trimming back. Council King will cut back his Hazel trees and the Clerk will enquire about the signs.
- Sign at Lamberts Hill: Has been inspected SCC Reference 523568
- Pothole at North Wooton down from Folly/Stoodley Hill: Has been inspected SCC Ref 523740
- Manhole at Maldene: Ref 523673
- Subsidence at Burford to Stoodley: Has been inspected SCC Ref 523673
- Damage by Badger set Westholme/Water Lane: Signs have been erected.
- Defects:
 - Blocked drain at The Lodge at Westholme
 - Blocked drain outside Thornton House.
 - Tarmac is breaking up around the drain outside Maldene on the A361
 - Bank channels to ditch need redigging in Neat Lane
 - Ditch above Totterdown Lane blocked
 - Drains are blocked at Lays Lane
 - The drain in the road of the A361 opposite Parson Batch is blocked
 - Drain on Park Hill on the A361 has broken tarmac surrounding it.
 - There are very bad potholes outside Perridge Farm
 - Severe subsidence has damaged half the road beyond Bourne Farm
 - Neat Lane and Top Street verges are in bad condition due to vehicles driving on the verges in order to pass other vehicles.
 - There a large amount of litter on the A361 at Springfiled Cross to Lamberts Hill.

iii Fords and Bridges:

- Update – Nigel Hewitt-Cooper has advised that work will be commencing on the 19th March for 2 weeks and will include a full road closure.
- It was mentioned that the 'Ford' sign seems to be missing at Cockmill Ford Bridge. Councillors will check and if missing a new sign will be requested.

- iv Fingerposts & Signs:
- Update re quote: Councillor King has obtained two quotations, the cheapest is from Somerset Foundries. Councillors voted unanimously in favour of ordering the fingerpost. Councillors will then decide where to locate the sign.
 - Dog Fouling Notices: Mendip District Council have confirmed that signs are available and where the Parish Council would like them situated. It was decided that they should be sited at the Bus Stops, the new houses in Neat Lane, the Allotments, the Tithe Barn and Playing Fields. The Clerk will pass Councillor Nobles contact details to MDC.
 - Children Playing Signs: The Clerk will progress this with Steve Russell-Yarde.
 - Missing Sign near Raynsford Property – SCC advised that they do not have any spare posts etc and that the previous sign was collected by the Parish Council in December 2013.
- v Community Speedwatch:
- Update: Councillor King advised that the team is out every week and everything is going well although it is a bit chilly at the moment! Since the 30mph signs have been pushed back Councillor King is trying to get a Speedwatch location at the Top of Whitstone Hill.
 - Purchase of SID Brackets: Councillor King has measured the upright posts as there is a variety of sizes, now Councillor King will order the brackets.
 - Truck Count for January: The Truck Count was down earlier in the month but on the 23rd January between 10-11am the team counted 132 HGV's. Councillor Corfield stated that there has been a noticeable decrease in speed in East Town Lane and Neat Lane.
Thanks was given to Councillor King and the team.
- vi The Crown Inn: Assets of Community Value: Councillor King has received information from the Plunkett Society which advise people going through this process Councillor King and Reg are setting themselves a deadline in which to complete the application.
- vii Police Report: There were no crimes or incidents reported in January.
- viii Low Cost Housing: There was nothing to report this month.
- vv Pilton War Memorial:
- War Memorial Inscription and Plaque: Councillor Noble has the missing names to be added to the War Memorial. He has received a quotation from Hobbs, in Midsomer Norton. The cost to clean, repoint and inscribe new names on granite plate etc, is approximately £1600. The Clerk will forward the quote to all Councillors. Councillors were asked to look at the War Memorial and decide at the next meeting whether to have a brass plaque added or the repairs carried out with Hobbs.
 - Update from Historic England: A letter has been received from Historic England confirming that the War Memorial has been given Grade II status. The Clerk was asked to check with MDC what works can be completed to the War Memorial prior to the next meeting.
- vvi Dementia Meeting: Councillor Smith emailed the following update:
This was the first meeting for the forum, with attendees from Parish Councils, district council, NHS, various charities and Tesco.

Its mission is to share information, educate and support people living with dementia. The aims are to encourage as many people as possible to be dementia champions. Not as onerous as it possibly sounds: talks are regularly given on dementia awareness and being dementia friendly by 'champions' and you too then become a champion following attending a talk. Inspector Mark Nicholson, is himself a very experienced champion giving frequent talks.

Parish councils, employers and societies/groups are being encouraged to do the training and to also look at their environments to review their 'dementia friendliness'. For example, the Park surgery are reviewing their environment and signposts, as are Tesco. A building developer is working with relevant parties to ensure the new developments in Shepton Mallett are dementia friendly. Simple small things that make a huge difference

- vii Gypsy and Traveller Count: Councillor Noble has completed the count. There are still people living at Cock and Bull Drove site. Two possible places still being lived in and looking occupied. Councillor Corfield advised that she has received complaints regarding the site from residents. The Clerk will provide details of the count and Cock and Bull Drove to MDC and copy in Nigel Hewitt-Cooper.
- viii Mendip District Council Scrutiny: A questionnaire has been received from MDC asking for feedback on how the Parish Council feels about their relationship with MDC. Councillor R Kearle has responded.

6 PLANNING

Application Number: 2017/3331/FUL

Proposal: Proposed side extension to sports pavilion for a youth club

Location: Sports Pavilion Pilton Playing Field, Pylle Road Pilton

Applicant: Pilton Parish Council

Application Type: Full Application

Parish Council Recommended: APPROVAL

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

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2017/0660/HSE

Proposal: Fixing of black matt log burner flue to outside wall

Location: Arch Cottage, John Beales Hill, Pilton

Application Type: Householder Application

Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2017/3043/HSE

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

Location: Vicars Cottage, Pylle Road, Pilton

Application Type: Householder Application

Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2017/3002/TCA

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

Location: Barrowfields House, Pilton

Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA

Decision: TPO Not Required

- iii Enforcement:
- Cock and Bull Drove:
 - Beggars Roost:
 - Friars Oven Farm: Simon Snartt thanked the Parish Council for the pictures of Friars Oven on AirBnB.
 - Tanyards Lane:
 - West Compton: Highlighted by Janet Ray –Simon Snartt, MDC confirmed that he is waiting for an update from the new Interim Enforcement Officer.
 - A trailer and other rubbish is still in the lane in West Compton often blocking the lane. The Clerk will advise Enforcement.

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

- i Update: Councillor King has met with Barrie Fox and Colin Watt. They advised that they are running short of way markers which have been ordered. They have also spoken with Claire Haskins, Footpaths, MDC regarding Footpath Signs as letters have fallen off. The metal signs are going to be phased out and replaced by new wooden signs.

Councillor King will send the Clerk a list of the Footpath Committee Members.

- Grass Verges: Email from Janet Lees, the ASBO's have responded advising that the work was too much for them and has been passed to Highways to carry out.
- Footpaths to be walked prior to APM. The ASBO's asked for help in walking the Footpaths. Councillors met after the meeting to decide who would and report on which Footpath.

8 **FINANCE:**

- i Financial Statement:

							Total Funds
Balance b/f from 31/12/2017							£ 21,877.66
Plus banked:							
	H.F. Miles						£ 120.00
	M.J. Sheppard Funeral Directors						£ 185.00
							£ 305.00
Less cheques drawn:							
2007	Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary & o/t + back pay (6 hours)						£ 486.60
	<i>(£10 home working allowance, paper, £1 difference for ink)</i>						£ 13.29
2006	<i>Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - ink cartridges</i>						£ 54.99
2008	Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary						£ 35.00
2009	Pilton Working Mens Club						£ 12.00
2005	HMRC (R England £23.00, K Buckley £243.20)						£ 266.20
	Mr R England						£ -
							£ 868.08
Balance at 31/01/2018							£ 21,314.58

ii Financial News:

9 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i. Weekly Email News Digest, Rural Services Network Tuesday 2nd January
- ii. Public Sector Executive Online 2/1/18
- iii. Westminster Briefing 2/1
- iv. Rural Services Network, Rural Vulnerability Service, Rural Broadband 31/1
- v. County Council Regulation Committee 3/1
- vi. Public Sector Executive Online 5/1
- vii. Weekly Email News Digest, Rural Services Network Monday 8th January 2018
- viii. Public Sector Executive Online 8/1
- ix. Rural Opportunities Network, Rural Services Network 10/1
- x. Parish Forum 18th January 2018
- xi. RCNME9328 – Temporary Road Closure Main Street/Junction and South Street
- xii. Public Sector Executive Online 12/1
- xiii. Public Sector Executive Online 15/1
- xiv. Weekly Email News Digest, Rural Services Network Monday 15th January 18
- xv. Youth & Community Development & Networking Event 15/1
- xvi. Update from St Margaret's 15/1
- xvii. Public Sector Executive Online 16/1
- xviii. Rural Vulnerability Service – Fuel Poverty – January 2018
- xix. Invitation to be a Dementia Friend 18/1
- xx. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin – Thursday 18th January
- xxi. RCNME9355 Temporary road closure – Fosse Way, Lynford on Fosse
- xxii. Rural Affordable Housing Seminar Wednesday 28th March 18
- xxiii. Public Sector Executive Online 19/1
- xxiv. Community Energy Funding 19/1
- xxv. Weekly Email News Digest Monday 22nd January 2018

- xxvi. Public Sector Executive Online 22/1
- xxvii. Library Services Consultation 22/1
- xxviii. Somerset County Council Press Release re Devolution Bid 22/1
- xxix. Public Sector Executive Online 22/1
- xxx. Recycle, SWP Briefing 22/1
- xxxi. Falls Prevention & Peoples Mental Health Courses 24/1
- xxxii. Rural Services Network, Rural Housing Spotlight 24/1
- xxxiii. Library Consultation
- xxxiv. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin, 25/1
- xxxv. Developer payments to local communities 25/1
- xxxvi. Public Sector Executive Online 26/1
- xxxvii. Weekly Email News Digest, Rural Services Network Monday 29th January
- xxxviii. Public Sector Executive Online 29/1
- xxxix. Weekly Update from James Heappey MP
- xl. Parish and Town Council Information Bulletin – January 18
- xli. Nigel Hewitt-Cooper OFSTED inspection
- xlii. Public Sector Executive Online 30/1
- xliii. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 30/1
- xliv. Rural Services Network, Rural Vulnerability Network, Rural Transport 31/1

10 **BURIAL GROUND:**

- i Maintenance reports: Two were received both were fine
- ii Cutting of vegetation: It was confirmed Councillors, R Kearle, S Kearle and Drew will identify what work needs to be completed after the Village Litterpick on Saturday 17th February.

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

- i Roundabout report

The Pilton Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting is taking place on Wednesday 18th April at 7.30, everyone is welcome!

Councillor Corfield advised that she will be filling the turning point in East Town lane with hardcore.

Councillor Wynn stated that there are two defibrillators within the village, one at the Playing Fields and one at the Village Hall. These have been listed with SW Ambulance. This means that if someone calls 999 from the village they may suggest use of the Defib. The equipment is being checked each week to ensure it is in full working order.

Mendip Bridleways have passed the Bridleway.

The Clerk received an email regarding Community Energy Funding. Councillor Wynn took the paperwork to investigate.

12 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.55pm