

Minutes of the meeting of the
Pilton Parish Council
in the Pilton Village Hall on
Wednesday 7th June 2017 at 7.30pm

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

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

3 Members of the public was present

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Nigel Hewitt-Cooper

3 **MINUTES:** of the 3rd May 2017 were approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Item 8 Planning, Councillor Foley has personal interest in planning application 2017/1185/TCA. Councillor Drew "I do not have a declaration of interest but I might do in the future".

Item 12 Festival: Councillors R Kearle, Councillor Corfield and S Kearle (dispensation approved), declared a prejudicial interest (employment). Councillors Bowler, Drew, Foley, King, Noble and Smith declared a personal interest (ticket). Councillor Smith also declared a haulage contract.

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Highways: Updates re the following:-

- Parking issues – Totterdown Lane and Neat Lane: No issues were reported and it was agreed to remove this from next month's agenda.
- Springfield Cross 30mph: The signs are now up in the village.
- Culverts: The Clerk has received the map of culverts. The Council expressed their thanks for Charlie Pearce for providing this. The Clerk will write to Charlie thanking him and send a copy to Neil Corp, SCC.
- Top Street Blocked Drains: Councillor Noble advised that work was being carried out trying to clear the drain last Wednesday. The cameras were being used and Councillor Noble was advised that the pipe is full of limescale.
- Damaged verges – Nothing to report this month.
- 20 mph limit between Long House and Cockmill Junction: The Council would not allow permission. Due to strong feelings from village residents Councillors

Bowler and King will review the criteria again to see if anything further can be done.

- Passing places along East Town Lane: A couple of potholes have been filled. Remove from the next agenda.
- Overflowing drain in East Town Lane: This is still overflowing sewage. The Clerk will chase.
- Seat at Burfords Cross: A resident has made the Clerk aware that the slats are broken and rotten. Councillors were advised that this has already been repaired and thanks were given to the ASBO's.
- Accident at the top of Neat lane 26/5 was reported to the Police.
- Incident at Shop Lane/Conduit Square 12/5 where a cement mixer went up Shop Lane and shed its load.
- Defects: Drains at the either side of Parsons Batch Lane is blocked.

- ii Traffic Strategy: Councillor Bowler advised that Richard Raynsford has sent the Clerk an email with his thoughts in the Traffic Strategy. The Clerk will get in touch with Richard and she has not received it. Councillor Bowler has spoken with Richard regarding the road sign. Richard advised that he would prefer it to be situated in its original site rather than in his garden. Councillor Bowler will request a quotation from Cerdic Foundries for a new sign.

Councillor King has spoken with Nigel Hewitt-Cooper regarding the traffic strategy, especially the bend. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council, Nigel, Bev Norman and Jeff Bunting to discuss the strategy further.

Mark Nicholson, Avon and Somerset Police, advised at the GFEL/PPC meeting that rumble strips with cameras were available for the village to use and asked where they should be situated. The four locations suggested were A361, Neat Lane, Parsons Batch and St Mary's Lane. Councillor King emailed Mark who advised that two units need to be at each site Councillors decided that as the strips measure volumes and speed that the best sites would be Neat Lane and near the Bier House, Cumhill Hill below the cemetery. Councillor King will advise Mark Nicholson.

- iii Fords and Bridges:
- There was no update this month from Councillor King re funding
 - The Clerk has chased the quotes but still no quotes have been forthcoming.

- iv Fingerposts: Fingerposts are now completed except for the Toll Cottage fingerpost.

- v Community Speedwatch:
- Councillor King advised that over 100 plus vehicles were counted in an hour between 10-11 on the Tuesday before the Bath and West Show started. The speed indicator device was likely with someone with Chapter 8 training. Steve Russell-Yarde has contacted a gentleman in Somerton to see if Joe can be trained.
 - Debbie Truck Count: Volumes are increasing during the middle of the day volumes are up by 50% and later in the day up to 100-150%. It is normal that during the hour over 100 vehicles are six axle lorries. These are mostly local lorries. Ironically the more lorries on the road the slower the traffic is. May has been a particularly bad month for incidences of bad driving.

- vi The Crown Inn:

Assets of Community Value: Councillor Bowler advised that he has spoken with Mendip District Council and they felt it would be difficult to register the Crown Inn due to the level of community value at present. Councillor Bowler has spoken to Reg who will send the required information but this will now happen after the Festival. Councillor Bowler will then complete the paperwork. The Crown Inn have been fully supportive.

vii Police Report: May's Police Report

10/05 – Abandoned 999 call, child playing with phone.

12/05 – Shop Lane – Cement Lorry shed part of load onto vehicle and Highway. Cement cleared by workmen details exchanged, Council and Highways informed.

15/05 – Report of speeding vehicle through village. Police Obs passed no trace of vehicle.

22/05 – Bowermead Lane – High value Ram stolen from field. Rural Crime Team Investigating.

26/05 – Whitstone Hill – Two vehicle RTC. All emergency services in attendance. Road closed for approximately two hours.

28/05 – Conduit Square – Criminal damage to vehicle, one adult male detained for public order.

6 **PLANNING**

- i Application Number: 2017/1075/FUL
Proposal: Proposed menage in existing horse paddock
Location: Land Adj Barrowfields House Barrow Lane Pilton
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Leach
Application Type: Full Application
No paperwork was forthcoming from Mendip District Council although requested therefore Councillors are unable to make a recommendation.

Application Number: 2017/1185/TCA

Proposal: Removal of fir tree

Location: Stonecroft Bread Street, Pilton

Applicant: Mr James Foley

Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA

Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL

Councillor Drew proposed acceptance, Councillor Bowler seconded. Six voted in favour, one abstention.

Application Number: 2017/1388/TCA

Proposal: T1 Yew – crown raise by 1 metre approx., T2 Bay – fell (multi stem, leaning lower shoots); T3 Willow – Fell; T4 Ash – fell; T5 Willow – fell; T6 Rowan – reduce laterals by 1 metre.

Location: Laurel Cottage Shop Lane Pilton

Applicant: Mrs Brigid McConville

Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA

Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL

Councillor Noble proposed acceptance. The vote was seven in favour.

Application Number: 2017/1389/TCA

Proposal: T1 Ash – reduce height by approx. 8 metres.

Location: St Christophers Cumhill Lane Pilton

Applicant: Mr Godfrey Gingell
Application Type: Works/Felling in a CA
Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL
Councillor Bowler proposed acceptance, Councillor King seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Application Number: 2017/1266/HSE
Proposal: Alterations to existing garage and a single-storey side extension which will include an accessible garage to accommodate the requirements of a wheelchair user.
Location: East Town House, East Town Lane, Pilton
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Richard & Annie Maw
Application Type: Householder Application
Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL
Councillor Noble proposed acceptance, Councillor Bowler seconded. The vote was unanimous.

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2017/0672/FUL
Location: Lamd at 357337 – 140305 Lower Westholme Road, Pilton
Proposal: Construction of farm track (additional info – FRA received 6 April 2017)
Decision: Approval with Condition

Application Number: 2017/0712/TCA
Proposal: Felling of an Ash Stem
Location: Barrow Cottage Barrow Lane, Pilton
Gris Ref: 359175 140775

Application Number: 20017/0786/HSE
Proposal: Replacement Conservatory
Location: 1 Rose Cottages Compton Lane, West Compton
Decision: Approval with Condition

Application Number: 20017/0532/FUL
Proposal: Change of use of field to glamping site and upgrade of existing store access track.
Location: Old Burford Farm Winters Hill Lane, West Compton
Decision: Approval with Condition

iii Enforcement:

- Cock and Bull Drove: Nigel Hewitt-Cooper emailed to advise that Elizabeth Sutton has left the site and David Woodridge MDC is visiting the site regularly to monitor progress.
- Tanyards Lane:
- Friers Oven Farm: Simon Snartt has emailed to state that he is satisfied with his email response that there has been no increase in the number of residents. The Clerk was asked to forward the email to Nigel Hewitt-Cooper.
- The Clerk was asked to contact Enforcement to advise that Stumps Cross has a licence for one dwelling and currently has two caravans and two sheds.

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

- i Update: Councillors Bowler, R Kearle and Noble will review what work is required at Weir Lane after the Festival.

There are lots of weeds around the Village Hall. This is the responsibility of the Village Trust and they need to ask the ASBO's to carry out this work.

8 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

The Clerk stated that a bill has been received for £23 from Water2Business. Councillor S Kearle advised that the tap at the burial ground is taken from a metered water supply at Worthy Farm and therefore we should not be charged. The Clerk will speak to the water company to advise them of this.

Balance b/f from 30/04/2017	£28,531.68
Plus banked:	
Pilton Playing Fields Trust (Contribution to Insurance)	£448.84
	£448.84
Less cheques drawn:	
1955 Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary & o/t (hours)	£308.08
(£10 home working allowance)	£10.00
1956 Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary	£35.00
1957 Pilton Working Mens Club	£12.00
Pilton Working Mens Club Hire & APM refreshments	£32.00
1958 Mr R England	£96.00
1959 ASBO's funding	£300.00
1960 Water2Business (Water Bill)	£23.00
1952 Audrey Brown - Refreshments for APM	£40.00
1954 RM Penny (2 tonne of Topsoil)	<u>£100.80</u>
	<u>£956.88</u>
Balance at 31/05/2017	£28,023.64

Audit: The Clerk advised that the external auditor Grant Thornton are being very thorough regarding the Parish Council finances but all queries have been responded to satisfactorily.

ASBO: The ASBO funding of £300 has been provided to the ASBO team.

9 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i Parish Council Information Bulletin 28/4
- ii Somerset Remembers 1/5
- iii Public Service Sector Online 2/5
- iv Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest – Tuesday 2nd May
- v Rural Services Network, Rural Opportunities Bulletin 3/5
- vi Rural Services Network, RSN Seminar 4/5

- vii Public Sector Executive Online 8/5
- viii Rural Services Network, Weekly Email news Digest Monday 8th May
- ix Public Sector Executive Online 9/5
- x Rural Services Network, Rural vulnerability Service, Rural Transport 10/5
- xi Public Sector Executive Online 11/5
- xii Somerset Prepared, Cyber Secure in Somerset 12/5
- xiv Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest Monday 15th May
- xv Public Sector Executive Online 15/5
- xvi Jemma Lawson – Total Transport Meeting 16/5
- xvii Mandy Winter – Item for notice boards or village choir 17/5
- xviii Rural Services Network, Rural Spotlight on Young People 17/5
- xix Public Sector Executive Online 18/5
- xx Elini Christ – paint a star for a missing child of the refugee crisis 18/5
- xxi Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest Monday 22nd May
- xxii Public Sector Executive Online 22/5
- xxiii Public Sector Executive Online 23/5
- xxiv Rural Services Network, Invitation to Rural Conference 23/5
- xxv Rural Services Network, Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Broadband 24/5
- xxvi Public Sector Executive Online 25/5
- xxvii Glastonbury Abbey Extravaganza 26/5
- xxviii Rural Email News Digest – Tuesday 30/5
- xxix Rural Services Network, Rural Vulnerability Service, Fuel Poverty 31/5
- xxx Rural Services Network, Rural Opportunities Bulletin 31/5
- xxxi Parish Council Information Bulletin June 17
- xxxii Public Sector Executive Online 1/6
- xxxiii Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day 3rd September 2017

10 **BURIAL GROUND:**

- i Maintenance reports:
Two were received, both were fine.
- ii Memorial Bench – Councillors advised that the memorial bench is now in situ and looks lovely. A letter of thanks will be send to Charlie Pearce.

Wendy Lynn has advised her expenses were due in April. She has not kept copies of receipts but last year she received expenses of £30. It was agreed that she should receive expenses of £35 for 2016/17 but receipts should be kept for this financial year were possible.

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

- i Roundabout report:
The Parish Council seek your feedback regarding this year's Glastonbury Festival. Please email your comments to the Parish Clerk at karen.buckley75@icloud.com

The Council were made aware that three two bedroom low cost houses were now available. Councillors wish to know who has been allocated these properties and their connection with the village, also what criteria is used. The Clerk will email MDC (Nina Richards) to request this information. The next five properties will be allocated in three weeks.

There are overhanging bushes behind Grey Gables and these have not been cut for several year.

The top of Springfield is also overgrown. Councillor Noble wants the hedge cut back now. The Council felt this needed to be done once nesting season is complete.

The Clerk will write to the owners as it was felt this was a danger.

12 **FESTIVAL:**

i Festival General:

- Glastonbury Festival Communications – Jen has requested Councillors phone numbers so they can be kept up to date during the Festival.
- Pilton Party Application – Councillors confirmed they have seen this application can be removed from the agenda.
- Traffic Management – the 24 hour clearway has been agreed and can be removed from the agenda
- 30 mph Speed Limit Order – this has been agreed and can be removed from the agenda.

ii GFEL/PPC minutes: Dates of next meetings:

Tuesday 16th October at 6pm

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 5th July 2017 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.56pm