

Minutes of the meeting of the  
Pilton Parish Council  
In the Pilton Village Hall on  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm

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

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

2 members of the public were present

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Angela Wynn and Nigel Hewitt-Cooper

3 **MINUTES:** of the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were 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"

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Strategy:

- Update: There was nothing to amend this month.
- Puffin Crossing: The Clerk was asked to chase Nigel Hewitt-Cooper as a decision was imminent.

ii Highways: Updates re the following:-

- Culverts: No update.
- Blocked Drains/ Gullies:
  - a) Meadowcroft: Ref 523675, the Clerk was asked to chase
- Overflowing drain in East Town Lane: The homeowners have had a new septic tank installed. Councillor Noble will look to see if that has resolved the problem.
- Potholes
  - a) East Town Lane: Ref 523672, the Clerk was asked to chase
  - b) Totterdown Lane: Ref 522404, the Clerk was asked to chase
  - c) Winters Hill: Ref 522405, the Clerk was asked to chase
  - d) Back lane: Ref 522406, the Clerk was asked to chase
- Road Markings on Stoodley Lane and Bowermead Lane: the Clerk was asked to chase

- Overgrown Vegetation at John Beales Hill: Councillor Noble will check to see if this work has been completed.
- Visibility down Lamberts Hill Crossroads: The Clerk was asked to chase.
- Turning onto the A37 from Platterwell Lane: No signs have been erected, the Clerk was asked to chase.
- Yellow Lines at the bottom of Totterdown Lane: Chase Nigel Hewitt-Cooper.
- Compton Lane Ditches and gullies: Ref 523162, the Clerk was asked to chase
- Traffic in Ford Lane: Passed to Traffic Engineer, Hedges ref: 524662, the Clerk was asked to chase
- Sign at Lamberts Hill: Reference 523568, the Clerk was asked to chase
- Pothole at North Wooton down from Folly/Stoodley Hill: Councillors thought this had been completed.
- Subsidence at Burford to Stoodley: Ref 523673, the Clerk was asked to chase
- Damage by Badger set Westholme/Water Lane: Signs erected, the Clerk was asked to chase
- Blocked drain at The Lodge at Westholme: Ref 524574, the Clerk was asked to chase
- Blocked drain outside Thornton House: Ref 524664, the Clerk was asked to chase
- Tarmac is breaking up around the drain outside Maldene on the A361: Ref 524575, the Clerk was asked to chase as manhole cover repair not drain.
- Bank channels to ditch need redigging in Neat Lane: Ref 52476, the Clerk was asked to chase
- Ditch above Totterdown Lane blocked. Ref 524577, the Clerk was asked to chase
- Drains are blocked at Lays Lane: Ref 524665, the Clerk was asked to chase
- The drain in the road of the A361 opposite Parson Batch is blocked. Ref 524578, the Clerk was asked to chase
- Drain on Park Hill on the A361 has broken tarmac surrounding it: Ref 524578, the Clerk was asked to chase
- There are very bad potholes outside Perridge Farm: Ref 524579, the Clerk was asked to chase
- Severe subsidence has damaged half the road beyond Bourne Farm: Ref 524666, the Clerk was asked to chase
- 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, the Clerk was asked to chase
- There a large amount of litter on the A361 at Springfield Cross to Lamberts Hill. This has now been removed. To be removed from next month's agenda.
- New Defects:
  - The signposts at Springfield Cross and Park Hill have been knocked down.
  - Blocked culvert at Cockmill Lane
  - Pylle Lane past the railway line there is a blocked culvert where the stream is flowing across the road.

The Clerk was asked to add Grit bins to next month's agenda as they will need refilling.

It was decided that after the frosts have finished that any salt bags in the village will be emptied into the grit bins.

iii Fords and Bridges:

- Road closure signs have now gone up.
- TTRO Road Closure Cockmill Ford.

- iv Fingerposts & Signs:
- Dog Fouling Notices: The Clerk asked MDC to contact Councillor Noble regarding erecting the signs. The Clerk will chase this.
  - Children Playing Signs: An invoice has been received from Steve Russell-Yarde and he will be collecting the signs on behalf of the Parish Council.
  - Sign near Toll Cottage: The sign has been ordered. All councillors agreed that the sign should be erected in its originally position. The Clerk will ask Somerset County Council to see if they would erect the signpost.
- v Community Speedwatch:
- Update from Joe King: Councillor King confirmed that all was going well. During the last 12 months 81 sessions have taken place, this includes sessions carried out by the police. During February 2273 were counted travelling through the village and 30,000 + vehicles for the year (1 hour sessions per week), out of these 42% were potentially speeding.
  - Purchase of SID Brackets: Councillor King confirmed that he has taken delivery of the SID brackets and that they can now use the Speedwatch SID at no charge.  
If the Speedwatch Team continue to use the Somerset County Council SID then the cost will be £100 per year. Councillor King will attend a meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> March to find out more.
  - Truck Count for February: Councillor Smith stated that the usual count is between 56-60 HGV's but last Tuesday the count reached 100 during the hour. The Speedwatch Team has caught one HGV speeding at 39 miles per hour, this has been reported. Thanks was given to Councillor Smith who has gone above and beyond the call of duty by doing a Truck Count at 4am!
- vi The Crown Inn: Assets of Community Value: Councillor King advised that he has set a timetable and the paperwork will be given to Councillors to discuss at the April Parish Council meeting. Advice has been taken from the Plunkett Society, so hopefully it will be a strong application. Thanks were given to Councillor King.
- vii Police Report: February Police Report
- 22/02 – Reported Travellers vehicles parked in layby at Whitstone Hill, Mendip Council dealing.
- viii Low Cost Housing: An email from Nina Richards has been received regarding the most recent Housing Needs Survey. This was emailed to Councillors for their information.
- vv Pilton War Memorial:
- War Memorial Inscription and Plaque: Councillor R Kearle advised that the plaque has been erected.  
Councillor Noble has a list of names to be added to the War Memorial, these are also in the War Memorial Book that was purchased. The next step is to chase MDC regarding listed building consent to add the names and remedial works.  
Councillors voted 4 in favour of getting the War Memorial repointed and cleaned, 2 were against this proposal. Councillors also voted of where the additional names should go. It was agreed by 4 in favour and 2 against of putting 2 names under the Great War and 3 names on the other side.
  - Update from Historic England: The Clerk will investigate funding from Historic England to complete these works.

- vvi Dementia Meeting: Councillor Smith advised that Mark Nicholson, Avon and Somerset Police provides Dementia Training, he is offering Pilton residents a 30 minute Dementia Awareness Talk. The Clerk will put in the Roundabout Magazine to ask if people are interested, if so to email the Parish Clerk, if enough people are interested a talk will be arranged.
- vii Council Deeds and Documents: An email has been received from John Boucher, he is retiring and asked if the Parish Council wanted Chubb Bulleid Solicitors to keep hold of the Deeds and Documents. The Parish Council unanimously agreed.

## 6 PLANNING

Application Number: 2018/0195/LBC  
 Proposal: An extension added to "The Cowshed / Dairy" building (Curtilage Listed building) - referred to as "Redlake"  
 Internal and external alterations to "The Cowshed / Dairy building" - referred to as "Redlake"  
 Replacement windows for "The barn / The Stable" building (Curtilage Listed building) - referred to as "Annexes"  
 Internal and external alterations to "The Loft" - not a curtilage listed building, but a building which could affect the setting of a Listed Building - referred to as "Rookwood"  
 Location: Knowle Farm, Knowle Lane, West Compton  
 Application Type: Listed Building Consent  
 Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval  
 Councillor King proposed approval, Councillor S Kearle seconded. The Vote was unanimous.

Application Number: 2018/0194/HSE  
 Proposal: An extension added to "The Cowshed / Dairy" building (Curtilage Listed building) - referred to as "Redlake"  
 Internal and external alterations to "The Cowshed / Dairy building" - referred to as "Redlake"  
 Replacement windows for "The barn / The Stable" building (Curtilage Listed building) - referred to as "Annexes"  
 Internal and external alterations to "The Loft" - not a curtilage listed building, but a building which could affect the setting of a Listed Building - referred to as "Rookwood"  
 Location: Knowle Farm, Knowle Lane, West Compton  
 Application Type: Householder Application  
 Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval  
 Councillor King proposed approval, Councillor S Kearle seconded. The Vote was unanimous.

Application Number: 2018/0342/TCA  
 Proposal: Proposed works to a tree in a conservation area: T1 – Copper Beech – Crown Reduction x 2 metres.  
 Location: Paddock View, Shutwell Lane, Pilton  
 Applicant: Mr John Rossiter  
 Application Type: Works/Felling in a CA  
 Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval  
 Councillor Noble proposed approval, Councillor S Kearle seconded. The Vote was 6 in favour, 1 abstention.

Application Number: 2018/0167/FUL  
Proposal: Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling with associated access works  
Location: Deo Gratis, Neat Lane, Pilton Shepton Mallet  
Applicant: Mrs P Riley  
Application Type: Full Application  
Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval  
Councillor S Kearle proposed approval, Councillor Noble seconded. The Vote was unanimous.

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2017/2166/FUL  
Proposal: Reinstatement of residential use of house involving constructing of new roof, conversion of barn to ancillary residential accomodatio, part re-building of barn to office use, formation of new access and construction of garage/stoer building. As amended by revised drawings received 03/10/2017 and 11/10/2017  
Location: Barrington Old Wells Road, Shepton Mallet.  
Application Type: Full Application  
Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2017/3296/TCA  
Proposal: Proposed crown reduction of a Red Maple (T1) and White Beam (T2)  
Location: Holes Barn, Top Street, Pilton  
Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA  
Decision: TPO Not Required (No Objection)

iii Enforcement:

The Clerk read and email from Simon Snartt, MDC, re below.

Simon is currently the sole Enforcement Officer.

- Cock and Bull Drove:  
Councillor Noble advised that there are still people living at Cock and Bull Drove.
- Beggars Roost: Currently has two enforcement notices (1) in the process of being appealed against (2) do not require the land to be vacated yet, so the site cannot be cleared
- Friars Oven Farm: Friairs Oven Farm was sent to Simons team Leader for consideration of setting up another complaint file – he will chase this up as he cannot start an investigation without a file – he gave advanced warning that in his opinion, given the location of the dwelling and the fact that he cannot undertake observations this is going to be extremely difficult to prove.
- Tanyards Lane: More information is required.
- West Compton: Simon is in extensive dialog with both complaints, the situation is also complicated by matters that he cannot divulge because of the Data Protection Act, again he has to warn the Parish Council that this is not, at this time considered worthy of the issue of a Section 215 on the land owner. .

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update: Update from Councillors

- Grass Verges: Email from Janet Lees. The ASBO's responded that this was too much for the ASBO's and has been passed to Somerset County Council.
- A reminder was given to Councillors to walk the footpaths prior to the APM.
- Councillor R Kearle has cut the tree on the footpath at Knowle Farm.

- Claire Haskin at MDC has advised Councillor King that the wooden sign were ready and Councillor King collected four signs. The ASBO's have been asked to erect them.

## 8 FINANCE:

### i Financial Statement:

		<b>Total Funds</b>
Balance b/f from 31/01/2018		<u>21,314.58</u>
Plus banked:		
	Exclusive Memorials	£ 60.00
	Forsey & Sons	£ 25.00
	Dignity Funerals	£ 280.00
		<u>£ 365.00</u>
Less cheques drawn:		
2010	Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary & o/t ( hours)	£ 301.02
	(£10 home working allowance)	£ 10.00
2011	Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary	£ 35.00
2012	Pilton Working Mens Club	£ 12.00
	Mr R England	£ -
2014	Post Office Subsidy	£ 600.00
2013	Protect Signs	£ 166.70
		<u>£ 1,124.72</u>
Balance at 28/02/2018		<u>£ 20,554.86</u>

### ii Financial News:

- Insurance Cover. Barrie Fox has raised some concerns regarding the insurance renewal. The Clerk is dealing with this.
- Request for funding from Brian Perowne for Love Musgrove. The Clerk has received a request for a grant towards the third MRI Scanner and Musgrove Park Hospital. The Parish Council felt that as their closest acute hospital was Yeovil that they did not wish to donate. The vote was unanimous.
- Mendip Community Transport Grant – The Clerk has been contact by Mendip Community Transport regarding the grant that was donated: this has never been received. A new cheque has been written and the original check will be cancelled,
- SID Contributions: See Community Speedwatch.

## 9 CORRESPONDENCE:

- i. Community Council for Somerset, 1<sup>st</sup> February
- ii. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin, 1<sup>st</sup> February
- iii. LCAS – Blurred lines who owns the risk? 2/2
- iv. SWP briefing February 2018, Recycle 2/2
- v. Public Sector Executive Online 2/2
- vi. Public Sector Executive Online 5/2
- vii. Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February
- viii. Weekly Update from James Heapey MP

- ix. Zurich – Helping you to support local Community Organisations 6/2
- x. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 6<sup>th</sup> February
- xi. Rural Opportunities Bulletin, Rural Services Network 7/2
- xii. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 8<sup>th</sup> February
- xiii. SALC Newsletter February 2018
- xiv. Public Sector Executive Online 9/2
- xv. Weekly Update from James Heapey MP 9/2
- xvi. Weekly Email News Digest, Rural Services Network, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February
- xvii. Parish Forum 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018
- xviii. Rain Maintain 12/2
- xix. Public Sector Executive Online 12/2
- xx. SALC Mendip Area Meeting
- xxi. Public Sector Executive Online 13/2
- xxii. Rural Vulnerability Services Network – Rural Broadband
- xxiii. Public Sector Executive Online 14/2
- xxiv. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 15<sup>th</sup> February
- xxv. Public Sector Executive Online 15/2
- xxvi. Public Sector Executive Online 16/2
- xxvii. Weekly Email News Digest, Rural Services Network, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February
- xxviii. Public Sector Executive Online 19/2
- xxix. Keep Britain Tidy 20/2
- xxx. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 21<sup>st</sup> February
- xxxi. Western General Hospital A & E 21/2
- xxxii. Spotlight on Rural Health & Social Care, Rural Services Network 21/2
- xxxiii. Somerset County Council Press Release – Balanced Budget & Major Investment
- xxxiv. Rural Affordable Housing Seminar 28<sup>th</sup> March
- xxxv. SALC – Consultation: Crime and Poor Performance in the Waste Sector
- xxxvi. Public Sector Executive Online 23/2
- xxxvii. Weekly Update from James Heapey MP 24/2
- xxxviii. Weekly Email News Digest, Rural Services Network – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February
- xxxix. Public Sector Executive Online 26/2
- xl. Parish and Town Council Information Bulletin – February 2018
- xli. SID Briefing event POSTPONED
- xlii. RCNME9381 Temporary Road Closure, Cockmill Road
- xliii. Rural Vulnerability Network Fuel Poverty – February 2018

## 10 **BURIAL GROUND**

- i Maintenance reports:  
Two reports we received both were fine.
- ii Cutting of vegetation:  
The vegetation has been cut, thanks were given to Councillors Drew and R Kearle.
- iii Extension of Burial Ground:  
The Burial Ground is filling up, Mr Strickland owns the adjacent land, Councillor Noble will ask him if he would consider selling the land to secure space for the future. In the short term the land could be rented as pasture land, providing an income for the Parish Council.

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

- i Roundabout report

Mark Nicholson, Avon and Somerset Police provides Dementia Training, he is offering Pilton residents a 30 Dementia Awareness Talk. If you are interested please email the Parish Clerk, if enough people are interested a talk will be arranged.

### **Rural Broadband & Community Fibre Partnerships**

Is anyone in Pilton unhappy with their broadband speed?

I am trying to get a campaign off the ground to achieve better speeds for those in Pilton who do not benefit from the fibre cabinet which has been installed by Open Reach in Totterdown Lane and who are still struggling with download/upload broadband.

Also happy to hear from anyone who is interested in finding out about the “True Speed” government scheme.

Please contact me on [holly@stages.co.uk](mailto:holly@stages.co.uk) or 01749 890107 for more information.

The Annual Parish Meeting is being held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm, everyone is welcome.

Councillor Corfield updated the Parish Council regarding Broadband. In order to qualify for the Openreach Scheme the village would need to fund a certain amount, this equates to £1300 each. If 79 premises wanted Broadband then the cost would reduce to £500 per household.

Councillor Corfield is investigating what other schemes are available but may need 2 or 3 villages involved to qualify for it to be installed for free. Councillor Corfield will make contact with Lydford and will also speak to Mark Cann at GFEL regarding what they do for the Festival.

Thanks were given to Councillor Corfield.

- 12      **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm  
Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.46pm