

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

**Present:** Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)

David Drew  
Jean Foley  
Stephen Kearle  
Joe King  
Roger Noble  
Debbie Smith  
Angela Wynn

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

10 members of the public were present

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Holly Corfield

3 **MINUTES:** of the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 to be approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Council Drew – Nothing at present but may do so in the future. Councillor Wynn – Prejudicial Interest in planning application 2018/2488/TCA.

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Strategy:

- Update
- Puffin Crossing: The puffin crossing is through to the next stage but it was not deemed urgent. It is moving through the system slowly. Nigel Hewitt- Cooper is investigating obtaining Hinkley Funding.
- A361 meeting: Councillor King advised that there are currently two action groups, one such group is organising civil disobedience for 15 minutes. Councillor King will not be attending as the Parish Council cannot condone such action.

ii Highways: Updates re the following:-

• **Blocked Drains/ Gullies:**

- a) Drains are blocked at Lays Lane: Ref 524665, Gullies were working at the time of inspection on 22/2/18
- b) The Gully was working when inspected 20/2/18. However, after an inspection with Councillor R Kearle they will now be cleared as part of the next planned works programme.
- c) 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.

- d) The gully at Neat Lane was washed away and has not been repaired. It is sharp at the edge of the tarmac.

- **Potholes**

- a) There are very bad potholes outside Perridge Farm: Ref 524579
- b) 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 a 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
- c) There are bad potholes in East Town Lane by East Town Farm.
- d) There is a large pothole on Old Wells Road near the junction to West Compton. A local resident has lost a tyre at this site. *An inspection has been carried out and been marked for repair as a 28 day item. The repair is due to be completed by 7/11/18.*

- **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' *An inspection has been carried out and no actionable defects could be identified.*
- d) Yellow Lines at the bottom of Totterdown Lane and Shop 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 is likely to be done later in the year with all other Mendip sites.
- e) Bank channels to ditches need redigging in Neat Lane: Ref 52476 Not a safety defect as they are on hill and not traffic impeding. Works will be considered for inclusion in programmed works.
- f) 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.
- g) The wall belonging to Orchard House in Pylle Road seems to be unstable. It is along the road that leads to the playing fields and there is concern that children could be walking along side it.
- h) The road down Perridge Hill is veering to the right and the road is cracking up in the middle.
- i) The Bridge has now been hit for a third time and the Parish Council think it's in a dangerous state. This has been reported twice previously. *SCC advised that this has been passed to the Structures Team in Taunton [bridges@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:bridges@somerset.gov.uk)*
- j) The Clerk was asked to contact SCC regarding a request for 'Stop' signs at Burford. *SCC advised that this has been forwarded to the traffic team for consideration.*
- k) A resident has raised concerns regarding visibility at the Lamberts Hill/ Shepton Mallet cross roads. There is poor visibility when looking right towards Lamberts Hill into Pilton.

- Toll Cottage and North Wootton Road: The cottage has been damaged by a passing vehicle. The owners have asked that a warning notice be erected to indicate the restricted width of the road between Toll Cottage and the Old Shop. The Clerk will contact Highways.

- **New Defects:**

- On the right hand side going up Neat Lane the gully needs repairing as it could damage a tyre.
- Blocked drain on footpath in Neat Lane going across Springfield, it is on the left hand side going up.
- Blocked drain at Parsons Batch.
- The sign at the top of Compton Lane (no through road) has been knocked over.
- There is a mattress in Ridge Lane between Compton Lane and Canards Grave.
- Paradise Quarry, Ridge Road opposite Dungeon Farm there are bags of rubbish near the tip at Dulcott.
- Lot of detritus in the drains, a list needs to be compiled of the locations and Councillor King will ask the ASBO's to clear the drains.
- Shop Lane and Top Street, an ambulance couldn't get through. Nigel will chase the painting of the double yellow lines.

iii Fingerposts & Signs:

- Dog Fouling Notices: Twelve signs have been requested. Ian Glover MDC will contact Councillor R Kearle to deliver.
- Sign near Toll Cottage: The signs are almost complete. The Clerk will continue to chase.

iv Community Speedwatch:

- Update from Councillor King – The Speedwatch Team were subjected to a nasty incident where they were abused and threatened. Councillor King has received a letter of apology. The driver who swerved to threaten the team is not being followed up with Police action as they live in London. Councillor King is going to write an article in the Roundabout. Thanks was given to Councillors King and Smith for their continuing good work.
- Request for a Bodycam for the Speedwatch Team: It was felt by the Speedwatch Team that this was not necessary at present.
- Truck Count for October – Councillor Smith advised that the numbers are decreasing slightly during the day.

v The Crown Inn: Assets of Community Value: Councillor King has now been given the details of three councils in which he has emailed but Beckington and Litton have bounced back. He has spoken with Mere Parish Council

vi Police Report: October Police Report

02/10 - Reported road hazard cottage on road, Grassby, near bridge, near the  
 04/10 - Reported road hazard cottage on road, Grassby, near bridge, near the  
 05/10 - DWelling burglary, 4th, Peals Hill  
 06/10 - Reported possible intoxicated driver A37 Pyrie.  
 09/10 - Non dwelling burglary, workshop unit, Steanbow Farm. Various high value tools & equipment taken.

21/10- Minor non Injury RTC, vehicle collided with road sign outside The Old Vicarage. Highways made aware

- vii Pilton War Memorial:
- Remembrance Sunday – It was confirmed that everything is in place for the service. Thanks was given to Councillor Noble for organising the event.
  - Poppies – Councillor Smith purchased the last thirty poppies for the Poppy Pop Up Shop. Councillor Smith paid for the poppies and the Parish Council voted unanimously in favour of refunding her.
- viii Low Cost Housing: The Parish Council has been notified that a house in Pilton is becoming available in the next few weeks.
- ix Overgrown Vegetation/ASBO's: The letter has been sent to Somerset County Council but no response received. Councillor R Kearle has met with Nigel Hewitt-Cooper and he will chase for clarification.
- x GDPR: No further action has been taken this month.
- xii Shepton Mallet Library: It is still unknown where the library will be located but it will not be closed.
- xiii Update from Nigel Hewitt-Cooper:  
Things are going pretty well at MDC. There are two new planners starting in the next couple of months, this includes a Head Planner, so the department is up to its full complement again.  
Twenty fixed penalties have been issued for littering and are going through the legal process at present.  
The Housing Needs Assessment has been completed but roads were missing so will have to be redone.  
In Somerset County Council the Street Library is in jeopardy. A decision is yet to be made on Shepton Mallett Library but it will remain open.  
SCC are reducing precautionary gritting, Pilton and surrounding areas will not be affected.  
Nigel is sending details regarding older people staying in their homes. It looks at lifestyle for healthcare needs. It is being held in Shepton Mallett on the 15<sup>th</sup> November between 10am and 2pm.

## 6 PLANNING

- i Application Number: 2018/2478/FUL  
Proposal: Erection of single storey and a half rear extension with dormer window and a single storey side extension with alterations (Resubmission)  
Location: Rosse, Pylle Road, Pilton  
Applicant: Mr Robert Smith  
Application Type: Full Application  
Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval  
Councillor Drew proposed acceptance, Councillor S Kearle seconded the vote was unanimously in favour of approval.
- Councillor Wynn left the meeting
- Application Number: 2018/2488/TCA

Proposal: Proposed works to a tree in a conservation area:- T1 – Conifer – Reduce overall height to 8 feet tall.

Location: The Vantage, Whitstone Hill, Pilton

Applicant: Mrs Angela Wynn

Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA

Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval

Councillor Noble proposed acceptance, Councillor King seconded the vote was unanimously in favour of approval.

Councillor Wynn returned to the meeting.

Application Number: 2018/2486/TCA

Proposal: Proposed works to a tree in a conservation area:- T1 – Sycamore - Fell

Location: Old Orchard House, Bread Street, Pilton

Applicant: J B Wheat

Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA

Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval

Councillor Smith proposed acceptance, Councillor King seconded the vote was unanimously in favour of approval.

Application Number: 2018/2413/HSE

Proposal: Conversion of coach house into self-contained annex

Location: Cedar House, John Beales Hill, Pilton

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Davey

Application Type: Householder Application

Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval

Councillor Drew proposed acceptance, Councillor Smith seconded the vote was unanimously in favour of approval.

Application Number: 2018/2360/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of outbuilding to self-contained dwelling

Location: Two Elms, Bowermead Lane, Pilton

Applicant: Mr & Mrs P Allen

Application Type: Full Application

Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval

Councillor King proposed acceptance, Councillor Drew seconded the vote was unanimously in favour of approval.

Application Number: 2018/2343/HSE

Proposal: Refurbishment of detached orangery to create ancillary

Location: Orchard House, East Compton Road, East Compton

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Ives

Application Type: Householder Application

Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval

Councillor Noble proposed acceptance, Councillor Drew seconded the vote was unanimously in favour of approval.

Application Number: 2018/2219/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of land from agricultural to 3 No. Traveller pitches and associated works including hardstanding.

Location: Land at Ridge Lane, West Compton.

Applicant: Ms E Wolliams

Application Type: Full Application

Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval

There were 8 letters of support of this application. The applicant spoke on behalf of themselves and the other couples. A member of the public spoke against. Councillor Noble proposed refusal, nobody seconded Councillor Wynn proposed acceptance, Councillor S Kearle seconded. The vote for 4 in favour and 3 against approval.

Application Number: 2018/2511/HSE  
Proposal: Erection of a car port and alternations to existing driveway  
Location: Wynton, Higher Westholme Road, Pilton  
Applicant: Mr Phillips  
Application Type: Householder Application  
Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval  
Councillor Smith proposed acceptance, Councillor S Kearle seconded the vote was unanimously in favour of approval.

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2018/1977/HSE  
Proposal: Erection of a timber carport over existing parking area  
Location: Stonecrest, Weir Lane, Pilton  
Application Type: Householder Application  
Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2018/1699/APP  
Proposal: Approval of details for Condition 3 (internal materials) and 6 (internal joinery) under application ref: 2017/0328/LBC  
Location: Ebenezer Chapel, Pylle Road, Pilton  
Application Type: Approval of Details - Cond  
Decision: Approval

Application Number: 2018/1729/HSE  
Proposal: Erection of replacement garage and curtilage outbuilding.  
Location: Bridge Cottage, Compton Lane, West Compton  
Application Type: Householder Application  
Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2018/2296/FUL  
Proposal: Erection of single storey garden room extension to east elevation  
Location: Barrington, Old Wells Road, Shepton Mallet  
Application Type: Full Application  
Decision: Approval with Conditions

iii Public Enquiry

Application Number: 2017/0935/CLE  
Proposal: Use of land for residential use of caravans for more than 10 years  
Location: Beggars Roost, Pylle Road.  
Applicant: Mr Ray Loxton  
To be held at the Council Chamber Mendip Distrit Council Offices, Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet has been changed to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

iv Enforcement: Updates on the following from MDC.

- Cock and Bull Drove: Simon Snartt MDC advised that he has been to the site and made a report back to MDC Legal Services. This is a breach of the injunction and it is up to legal to advise him how to proceed.

- Beggars Roost: Simon advised that there is an appeal on both the main parcels of land at Beggars Roost, this was postponed recently until there is a new date there will be no action taken.
- Friars Oven Farm: The advertising on AirBnB is not an offence. MDC have no powers under the Town and Country Planning Act to undertake observations, as such the file remains closed.
- Tanyards Lane:
- West Compton: A specific location is required. Details given if off Summers Hill Lane by Brook Farm. The Clerk was asked to look up the grid reference and reply to Simon.

A caravan is parked by Society Farm to Ridge Lane Road Bridleway by the old railway line.

The noise at Beggars Roost coincides with events at the Bath and West Showground, this has been reported to MDC.

## 7 FOOTPATHS:

- i Update: Councillor King has provided the Clerk with an email address for Claire Haskins at Somerset County Council. The Clerk will ask Claire to meet with Councillor R Kearle to discuss the drop at Weir Lane.  
Opposite East Town Lane the Farm Gate post has rotted. Councillor R Kearle will provide the post for the ABSO's to replace.

## 8 FINANCE:

- i Financial Statement:

Balance b/f from 30/09/2018							<u>23,099.12</u>
Plus banked:							
	MJ Sheppard Funeral Directors					£	80.00
						£	<u>80.00</u>
Less cheques drawn:							
2060	K Buckley					£	318.95
	(£10 home working allowance)					£	10.00
2061	R England					£	39.50
	R E Expenses ( Strimmer line & Petrol cord)					£	24.11
2062	W Lynn					£	36.00
2063	Hobbs Marble & Granite Ltd					£	1,576.80
2067	Remembrance Wreath (P Cheetham)					£	25.00
2065	PKF Littlejohn (External Auditors)					£	48.00
2066	Pilton Working Mens Club (Hall Hire)					£	12.00
						£	<u>2,090.36</u>
Balance at 31/10/2018							
						£	<u>21,088.76</u>

- ii Financial News:

- iii Pilton Youth Club funding: No funding has been requested but this will stay on the agenda.
- iv ASBO's, Citizens Advice and West Pennard School Grants:  
The ASBO's have asked for £100 grant, the council voted unanimously in favour. The Citizens Advice have asked for funding. The Parish Council voted unanimously in favour of donating £100.  
It was agreed that the Parish Council will write the cheque for West Pennard School Bus.
- v Laptop Insurance:  
To date the Parish Clerk has paid the Laptop Insurance which covers loss of data, repair/replacement etc. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council take over this payment.

## 9 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i. Parish Bulletin – September
- ii. Public Sector Executive Online – 28/9
- iii. The Executive Magazine – 1/10
- iv. Public Sector Executive Online – 1/10
- v. The Rural Bulletin, Rural Services Network – 2/10
- vi. Question Time Event for PC's
- vii. RSN Rural Funding Digest, Rural Services Network – October 2018
- viii. Public Sector Executive Online – 4/10
- ix. Community Resilience Day – Somerset Prepared – 4/10
- x. Planning Board – 5/10
- xi. Public Sector Executive Online – 5/10
- xii. SALC – Councillors Essential Training 8/10
- xiii. Public Sector Executive Online – 8/10
- xiv. Wells Food Festival – 8/10
- xv. The Rural Bulletin, Rural Services Network -9/10
- xvi. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018
- xvii. RCNME10305 – Temporary road closure – Stoodley Lane, Pilton
- xviii. RCNME10306 – Temporary road closure – Stoodley Lane, St Cuthbert Out
- xix. Libraries Week focuses on wellbeing 11/10
- xx. St Cuthbert Parish Council – Battles Over Event on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 @ Wookey Hole
- xxi. Pilton Parish Forum Agenda
- xxii. SALC, All areas meeting 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018
- xxiii. Innovation in Local Council Services – Talk
- xxiv. Public Sector Executive Online – 12/10



- xxv. Somerset Prepared Community Resilience Day: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October
- xxvi. Public Sector Executive Online – 15/10
- xxvii. SWP Extra: jobs, welcome pack Christmas 15/10
- xxviii. The Rural Bulletin, Rural Services Network – 16/10
- xxix. Somerset County Council Press Release 16/10
- xxx. Recommendations for future of Somerset's Libraries Service 16/10
- xxxi. 0% Bulk Buy Fuel Loan Scheme from Somerset Councils 17/10
- xxxii. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 17/10
- xxxiii. Winter Maintenance 2018/19
- xxxiv. Macmillan Cancer Care coming to Somerset 18/10
- xxxv. LCAS Risk Topic Update – October 2018
- xxxvi. SALC All area Meeting 19/10
- xxxvii. Public Sector Executive Online – 19/10
- xxxviii. National Care Leavers Week – 19/10
- xxxix. Question Time Event to encourage more candidates at district elections 22/10
- xl. Public Sector Executive Online – 22/10
- xli. The Rural Bulletin – Rural Services Network 23/10
- xlii. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin – 23/10
- xliii. Contractors Work – North Wootton Parish Council 24/10
- xliv. Evo North 24/10
- xlv. SCC News Release: Shepton Mallet Library Location Decision Deferred 25/10
- xlvi. Sing for Somerset Rings in the Christmas Season 25/10
- xlvii. Westfest event at the Bath & West Showground 25/10
- xlviii. Public Sector Executive Online – 26/10
- xlix. New ways of working for your Local Policing teams
- l. November Parish Bulletin 31/10/18
- li. Patient Engagement Bulletin 31/10
- lii. Surviving Winter Appeal 1/11

10 **BURIAL GROUND**

- i Maintenance reports:  
Two reports were received both were fine.  
The hedges need trimming, Councillor S Kearle will organise this.

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

- i Roundabout report

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Village Litterpick, a Landrover full of rubbish was collected.

The GFEL/PPC dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 6pm
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 at 6pm
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 6pm

Residents are asked to be considerate when parking in the village. There have been two instances recently where ambulance couldn't get through due to irresponsible parking.

The Pilton Parish Council would like to wish everyone A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

12 **GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL:**

i. Dates of the GFEL/PPC meetings:

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.05pm