

**Minutes of the meeting of the Pilton Parish Council held
in the Pilton Village Hall
on Wednesday 6th November 2019 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)
Lynda Allen
Audrey Brown
David Drew
Colin Elkin
Stephen Kearle
Joe King
Roger Noble
Andrew Shaw

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

29 members of the public were present.

1. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2. **APOLOGIES:** None

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Councillors R Kearle (dispensation approved), declared a prejudicial interest (employment) GFEL. Councillors Allen, Brown, Drew, Elkin, S Kearle, King, and Noble and Shaw declared a personal interest (ticket).

4. **MINUTES:** of the 2nd October 2019 were approved.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Matters:

- A361 meeting: Update see below.
- A361 Bypass: Councillors R Kearle and King were recently invited to a Briefing meeting at Mendip District Council, confidentiality was not mentioned at the meeting therefore the Parish Council has distributed the information to the residents of Pilton. A meeting of the Mendip Cabinet is meeting on Monday. It was felt that residents had no knowledge of what is happening yet MDC have know about this for two years. The scheme is being backed by a private building development. Still no straight answers are being received. There was approximately 50 Pilton residents at the last meeting of the Mendip D.C Cabinet Meeting.
It was stated there was no desire for a bypass from North Wootton, Pilton Parish Councils or Glastonbury Town Council for either of the proposed bypass routes.
There is deep concern regarding the secrecy of the proposal. People are offended at having to attend closed meeting and having to keep the details secret. Need to ensure that this does not happen going forward.
An official consultation period starting in May has been suggested

There is widespread public concern and residents have called for the Parish Council to oppose the bypass as it would fundamentally change the village and there would be a huge environmental cost.

Thousands of acres of land, habitats for bees, bats and other fauna and flora. Would be degraded, the land needs to be protected for future generations. The institute of Ecology has data on this organic land. Houses and private land will also be affected by this proposal.

Residents want to know, who is behind the proposal as it has not come from the local populous.

The Parish Council needed to make GFEL aware. GFEL has confirmed that they do not need or want the bypass and felt that the plans were ill thought out.

GFEL will be talking to the Peninsula Transport Authority as they have been quoted incorrectly on their website.

The Parish Council voted unanimously to oppose both proposed bypass routes that are proposed to go through the Parish.

The Clerk was asked to write to MDC, SCC, MP James Heapey and Peninsula Sub Transport Group strongly objecting to the proposal.

Nigel Hewitt- Cooper advised that they are not firm proposals and details should not have been released in this way and should have been discussed with the Parish prior to release. It still needs to go through the consultation process. It has not yet gone to central government for funding.

Villagers are disgusted by MDC's lack of respect for Parish involvement. Resident's properties will drop in value whilst this proposal is hanging over them.

It is understood that MDC will get a bonus from central government for every house built.

The Clerk was asked to write to MDC advising of the stress and upset this is causing residents regarding the proposed route, no amount of compensation will be able to rectify this.

- Highways: Clerks Report – See Appendix A
- Puffin Crossing: Nigel Hewitt-Cooper advised that he is still pushing for the puffin crossing.
- Whitstone Hill: Feedback from Nigel Hewitt-Cooper
- Salt and Grit: Councillors were requested to check grit bins and advise the Clerk if they need filling. The Clerk will advise Mendip District Council.
- New Defects:
 - Top Street to Culverwell Cottage, drain is block and not taking water.
 - Westholme House water is coming out of a drain causing flooding outside of the Lodge.
 - Near the railway bridge on the B136 the BT cover is overflowing and the water will freeze in winter.
 - Platterwell Lane before Platterwell Cottage there is bad potholes.
 - The sign that was knocked over by the War Memorial has not been put back up.
 - The ridge road by Stumps Cross to Canards Grave the condition of the road is very bad, the tarmac is worn away. The road also floods.

- ii Community Speedwatch:
 - Update: Councillor King advised that the speed of 30,000 vehicles have been recorded/monitored during the last 12 months. The Speedwatch Team are out an hour a week, every week. During this period 1400 letters have been sent out to offenders by Avon and Somerset Police. Repeat offenders get a police visit. A new volunteer is starting with the Speedwatch Team soon.
 - Truck Count: The number of HGV s are going down, this is probably due to a phase of Hinkley being completed. The main local companies using the A361 are Sparkes, Frampton’s, Hanson’s and Wainwrights. These companies will be written to by a local resident to ask for their views on the proposed A361 bypass.
- iii Police Report: October Report – No report was received this month.
- iv Friars Oven Site: There was no update regarding the site.
- v Neighbourhood Watch: Signs have gone up in the village, including Bread Street. Questions have been asked as to who was putting the signs up and how they are getting them. The Clerk will investigate.
- vi Shepton Mallet Library: The library will remain at its present location and include a neighbourhood hub. The official announcement will be made after the next Parish Council meeting. The Clerk was asked to write to say how please the Parish Council is and that they fully support the decision.
- vii Hedge near Lamberts Hill Farm (going towards Shepton on A361):
- viii Bus Shelter: After reviewing the minutes dating back to the 1950’s it was establish that the Parish Council was given the Bus Shelter, however there was no record of who owns the land.
- ix Update from Nigel Hewitt-Cooper:

6. **PLANNING:**

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Application Number	Proposal	Applicant & Location
2019/2526/CLE	Confirmation of the existing status of the use of existing land, which has been used for the stationing of caravans for non-residential purposes, such as storage and other occasional uses on an ongoing basis at the land for more than the statutory ten year period.	Mr Raymond Loxton Beggars Roost, Pylle Road, Pilton
<p>Discussion took place as to how the land had been used for the last 10 years. Councillor Drew proposed and Councillor Brown seconded that caravans have been on the site but whether it was for residential or non-residential purposes could not be confirmed. The vote was 3 in favour.</p> <p>Councillor Noble proposed that there was not enough evidence to make a decision, Councillor S Kearle seconded, the vote was 5 in favour. This motion was carried.</p>		

2019/1768/FUL	Proposed alterations and change of use to annexe and outbuildings to create 3 holiday lets	Mr William Allard Manor Farm, Farm Lane, East Compton
Councillor Noble proposed refusal. There was no seconder. Councillor King proposed approval, Councillor Roberts seconded the vote was 7-1 in favour Pilton Parish Council recommends – APPROVAL		
2019/1769/LBC	Proposed alterations and change of use to annexe and outbuildings to create 3 holiday lets	Mr William Allard Manor Farm, Farm Lane, East Compton
Councillor Noble proposed refusal. There was no seconder. Councillor King proposed approval, Councillor Roberts seconded the vote was 7-1 in favour Pilton Parish Council recommends - APPROVAL		
2019/2378/FUL	Rear first storey extension over existing.	Miss Chloe Knapp 1 Beardly Batch, Church Lane, Cannards Grave
A letter has been received by MDC from No 2 Beardley Batch. Councillor Drew proposed approval, Councillor Shaw seconded. The vote was 4 in favour of approval, 2 against and 1 abstention. Pilton Parish Council recommends - APPROVAL		
2019/2424/HSE	Proposed extension over single storey element of existing dwelling.	Mrs Hayley Dawkins Horthorn Cottage, 4 Beardly Batch, Church Lane. Cannards Grave.
The owner spoke regarding the application. Councillor Noble proposed approval, Councillor King seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour. Pilton Parish Council recommends - APPROVAL		
2019/2494/HSE	Proposed flat roof single storey rear extension.	Mr & Mrs Simon Coombes Weir Cottage, Weir Lane, Pilton
Councillor Elkin proposed approval, Councillor King seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour. Pilton Parish Council recommends - APPROVAL		

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number	Proposal	Location	Decision
2019/1044/APP	Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (external walls), 4 (schedule of materials and finishes external surfaces), 6 (surface water drainage system), 7 (foul drainage) 9 (roof light), 10 (existing and proposed floor levels) on planning consent 2018/1147/FUL.	Two Oaks, Totterdown Lane, Pilton	APPROVAL
2019/2383/APP	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 5 (joinery details) on listed building consent 2018/3070/LBC	Riverdale, East Town Lane, Pilton	Withdrawn

2019/1662/TCA	Proposed works to trees within a conservation area. T1, T2, T3, T4 – (Poplar) Pollard four poplar trees in the interest of safety down to approx. 10-15ft	The Haven, Cumhill Lane, Pilton	TPO Not Required
2019/1581/APP	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 7 (sample panel – walling) on listed building consent 2018/3140/LBC	Upper Westholme Farm, Perridge Hill, Pilton	APPROVAL
2019/1745/APP	Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (schedule of materials), 5 (external joinery), 6 (railings) and 7 (rainwater goods) on planning consent 2015/2831/FUL	Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Top Street, Pilton	APPROVAL
2019/2371/AGA	Application for prior notification of agricultural development for a proposed building.	Land at 360080 139131 Cockmill Lane, East Pennard	Planning permission is not required
2019/2109/PAA	Prior approval for a proposed change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development	Hooting Ash Farm, Lamberts Hill	PRIOR APPROVAL IS REFUSED
2019/2436/APP	Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (Sample panel – Roofing), 4 (Sample panel – Walling) and 5 (Joinery details) in Listed Building Consent 2018/3070/LBC.	Riverdale, East Town Lane, Pilton	SPLIT DECISION
2019/2385/APP	Application for the approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (bound/compacted vehicle access), 4 (hard landscaping), 5 (sample panel – roofing), 6 (sample panel – walling), 7 (joinery details) and 8 (ducts, pipes and rainwater goods) on planning consent 2018/3069/HSE.	Riverdale, East Town Lane, Pilton	SPLIT DECISION
2019/1171/FUL	Change of use of land from agricultural to 3 No. Traveller pitches as associated works including hardstanding. (Resubmission of 2018/2219/FUL)	Knowle Ground Ridge Road, West Compton	Approval with Conditions

iii Enforcement: There was no updates this month.

7. **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update: Update from Councillors: Everything is going well. It was reported that the path going towards Shepton Mallett by Elm Farm, Platterwell Lane there is a two dogleg stile with a stepping piece broken.

8. **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

						Total Funds
Balance b/f from 30/09/2019						<u>6,937.62</u>
Plus banked:						
	Dignity Funerals					£ 240.00
						<u>£ 240.00</u>
Less cheques drawn:						
cq number	details					
2139	K Buckley	(salary + expenses)				438.49
(HWA £10 insurance £5.50 ink £26.99)						
2140	R England					57.60
2141	W Lynn					37.00
2142	SALC training course					15.00
2143	Pilton Working Mens Club					15.00
2144	Poppy Appeal					25.00
2145	R England expenses					45.91
						<u>£ 634.00</u>
Balance at 31/10/2019						<u>£ 6,543.62</u>

ii Financial News/ Requests for Grants: There were no requests received this month.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i. Clerks report: See Appendix B
- ii. Any correspondence requiring further discussion:

10. **BURIAL GROUND**

i Maintenance reports: Two reports were received both were fine.

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

i Roundabout report

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the litter pick.

The Parish Council kindly ask that if you put up posters on street furniture that they are removed after the event.

Dog owners are asked to pick up their dog waste and either put it in a bin or take it home.

Residents are asked to trim any overhanging vegetation, to keep pavements and pathways clear.

The Parish Council would like to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Councillor King and Debbie Smith will be putting up the Remembrance Poppies on street furniture. Councillor Noble will be laying the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council and thanks was given to Steve Russell-Yarde for organising the road closure,

Councillor Elkin will speak to the Crown Inn regarding the overhanging vegetation in the car park.

Councillor King will produce posters advertising the litter pick.

12. **GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL:**
 - i. Date of the next GFEL/PPC meeting: Tuesday 11th February 2020
13. **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 4th December 2019 at 7.30pm

Outstanding Pilton Parish Defects - October 2019

Blocked Drains/ Gullies:

- a) 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. Still awaiting a details of locations as unable to locate.
- b) There is still flooding at Pilton House. Further location details required.
- c) Water going from Lower Street towards Beales House next to Gable House, either the drain is blocked or spring. Under investigation

Potholes

- a) There is a large Pothole at the top of Mount Pleasant. Inspection arranged ref 531013
- b) A parishioner has highlighted potholes in Compton Lane, at the end where it turns left (East) and runs along the side of Manor Barn. There are several holes and at least 3 large ones appear to fall within Somerset CC's criteria for repair.
- c) Stoodley Hill potholes getting worse. Some have been repaired but not all. Works order issued
- d) Bad potholes in St Mary's Lane. Works Order issued.
- e) The large pothole outside the gates of Springfield House at the top end of Neat Lane is causing cars to come round the bend from Shepton direction on the wrong side of the road, trying to avoid the deep pothole there. The hole appeared there as it seems to have got rougher and deeper. Ref 533859
- f) Pothole at East Town Lane by East Town Farm– more damage has been done to the road. A resident advised of four accidents due to speeding in the last few weeks including a car being written off. **Safety defects already repaired no further defects apparent Ref 536441.**
- g) Bad potholes in Perridge Hill – **Not currently classed as a safety defect. Ref 536438**
- h) The road between Burford and West Compton needs attention. **No safety defects apparent. Ref: 536440**
- i) On the West Compton Road towards Friars Oven the potholes are very bad and there is mud and scalplings on the road. **No safety defects apparent Ref 536442**

General

- a) Road Markings on Stoodley Lane and Bowermead Lane: These have been inspected and passed to traffic for inclusion in their works programme. These have been added to our parking review programme.
- b) 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.* A Councillor had a near miss due to the visibility at the Lamberts Hill/Shepton Mallet cross roads. There is poor visibility when looking right towards Lamberts Hill into Pilton. Traffic section dealing (SIS submission) In light of accident history Traffic Management will look at what improvements can be made and they will advise Nigel Hewitt-Cooper of updates. No timescales can be given.
- c) Yellow Lines at the bottom of Totterdown 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 likely to be done later in the year with all other Mendip sites. Traffic section dealing (SIS submission)
- d) 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. Item passed to building control MDC.

- e) The road down Perridge Hill is veering to the right and the road is cracking up in the middle. No safety defects identified, site subject to Badger excavations. To be monitored when staff in areas.
- f) 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. The bridge at Stoodley has been hit for the fourth time. Urgent action is required. The Clerk has chased March 19. Update (March 19) there is now a large section, approx. half a metre wide, which has fallen off completely, exposing the risk of falling through into the stream. The Bridge at Stoodley has been repaired after it was driven into on numerous occasions. The Clerk has asked Highways for the availability of a 'narrow bridge', 'weak bridge' or 'weight restriction' sign.
- g) 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. Not aware of this request, however if you are requesting a stop sign in place of a Give Way, DfT guidance states that new approvals for stop signs are only in exceptional circumstances. It is widely considered that all existing junctions requiring a stop sign would already have one approved. The guidance also states that a stop should only be used where visibility is so restricted that it is essential to stop, and that it cannot be used where visibility can be improved by cutting back a hedge etc.
- h) 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. Ridge Lane into Compton Lane. Noted
- i) Shop Lane and Top Street, an ambulance couldn't get through. Nigel will chase the painting of the double yellow lines. Forwarded to Traffic Section.
- j) The pavement at the bottom of Shop Lane has been damaged since the Water Board was working there. An inspection of the location has been arranged and safety defects identified will be actioned as necessary. Ref 530986.
- k) The weight limit sign at Barrows Hill needs putting back up.
- l) The sign at the top of Compton Lane (no through road) has been knocked over: Not aware of this request, please could you confirm whether the sign still needs to be erected? Is the sign still there? With Traffic Dept
- m) Fingerposts - A temporary repair on the one at the top of Copse Lane hill. ASBOs are looking into replacing the other listed damaged ones. With Traffic Dept
- n) The plastic chevron road sign on the verge outside the Manor House has been knocked over and people are driving on the verge. Further location details required.
- o) A361 the tarmac has broken away outside Fairfield Bungalow. Reported
- p) The grass verge has been gouged out to the tarmac at Copse Hill to Pylle Road. This is deemed urgent as will damage a tyre. Ref: 533862
- q) The reflectors need replacing by the Manor House. Ref:533841
- r) Stoodley Hill is pretty rough at moment in places. Ref: 533857
- s) Uneven camber at top of lane going to Perridge Farm. Ref: 533857
- t) On the way to Shepton on the B road, the next turning on left after the West Compton turn, going along the ridges down to Dinder has got dreadfully rough side edges not good for tyres, which I keep getting pushed into by 4 x 4.
- u) There is a rough edge to the road as you go down Neat Lane on the left gully.
- v) At Copse Hill/Copse Lane along Pylle Road the verges need reinstating. This will be brought up at the next GFEL/PPC meeting.
- w) The edges to the road in Stoodley Lane need attention.
- x) On the B136 before Shepton Mallet 150 yards before the railway bridge there is a large sunken drain which is blocked,

- y) The sign and wall at the War Memorial have been damaged due to a car crash, the sign needs re-erecting please.
- z) The verges on Top Street near Oathill Cottages are mud and it's a mess.

- aa) Where cars pull in by The Manor, the verge is in a dreadful state.
- bb) A 20 metre stretch of road on Perridge Hill by Brown Cow Organics has subsided.
- cc) Outside Walnut House the manholes have sunk and are very noisy when vehicles go over them. Just in case no-one else has noticed it, the "temporarily repaired" sunken manhole at the bottom of Lamberts Hill is now as bad, if not worse, than ever. Moreover, drivers are either more aware of it now or can see it better with its new red border and are swerving onto the wrong side of the road to avoid it. Surely even Highways would consider this a safety issue.
- dd) Whilst repairing that one they might also look at another one, also in Lamberts Hill but this time on the southbound side (OS 142 Ref 605,420 approximately).

APPENDIX B

Pilton Parish Council

List of Correspondence received October 2019

- i. Briefing to update on the Major Road Network – Monday 30th September 27/9
- ii. Power to your Parish 27/9
- iii. Marie Curie helper and companion services publicity in Parish Magazine 30/9
- iv. The Rural Bulletin, Rural Services Network 1/10
- v. Grant Finding (Nigel Hewitt-Cooper) 1/10
- vi. RSN Rural Funding Digest – October 2019 Edition 2/10
- vii. Somerset Rivers Authority Annual Report 2018-19
- viii. Engagement Bulletin 2/10
- ix. Traffic Management – Responsibilities relating to SID's 3/10
- x. SWP Briefing October 2019: Recycle More 4/10
- xi. The Smart Working Summit 7/10
- xii. Invitation to Seminar by Professor Gordon 7/10
- xiii. The Rural Bulletin, Rural Services Network 8/10
- xiv. Power to your Parish – reminder 8/10
- xv. New members needed for Joint Independent Remuneration Panel 8/10
- xvi. Somerset Archives 9/10
- xvii. Health and Mind Matter Event 9/10
- xviii. Community Speedwatch (CSW) Monthly Activity Report 9/10
- xix. Engagement Bulletin 9/10
- xx. October Parish Bulletin 10/10
- xxi. Brexit Readiness Briefing – Defra 11/10
- xxii. The Rural Bulletin, Rural Services Network 15/10
- xxiii. Engagement Bulletin 16/10
- xxiv. Zero Carbon Britain Training – MDC 18/10
- xxv. Parish Online Event 21/10
- xxvi. New Interactive Budget Setting for Beginners Course – New Dat 21/10
- xxvii. The Rural Bulletin, The Rural Services Network 22/10
- xxviii. Somerset County Council Highway Winter Service – Update 22/10
- xxix. Westfest music festival at the Bath and West Saturday 26th October 23/10
- xxx. Engagement Bulletin 23/10
- xxxi. Are you prepared for winter – Zurich Together 24/10
- xxxii. Mendip Christmas Fair – Wells 16th November 24/10
- xxxiii. Rural Services Network, The Rural Bulletin 29/10

- xxxiv. Update from Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust 29/10
- xxxv. Patient Engagement 30/10
- xxxvi. Motor Event Application – Authorisation for the Salisbury and Shaftsbury Car Club
- xxxvii. MDC Licence Application – PRL0181 Crown Inn