

Minutes of the Meeting of the Pilton Parish Council
in the Pilton Village Hall
on Wednesday 7th October 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)
Steve Bowler
Holly Corfield
David Drew
Jean Foley
John Howe
Stephen Kearle

J o s e p h

King

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

3 Members of the public were present.

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Councillor Noble, Councillor Nigel Woollcombe-Adams and Councillor Nigel Hewitt-Cooper

3 **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on the 3rd September were approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Item 12 Festival: Councillors R and S Kearle, (dispensation approved), Councillor Corfield declared a prejudicial interest (employment). Councillors Bowler Corfield, Drew, Foley, King and Howe, declared a personal interest (ticket).
Councillors R Kearle and Drew declared in respect of planning applications "I do not have a declaration of interest but I might do in the future".

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Highways: Angela Pearce emailed Neil Corp, MDC to advise him that builders have pushed in about 30 metres of ditch and request it is dug out again and words of advice given. An email from Neil Corp, MDC, has been received confirming that an inspection of the ditch in Totterdown has been arranged (ref 290740) and any necessary action will be taken.

ii Zebra crossing between bus stops on the A361: Email from Sara Davis stating that small improvement schemes need to be submitted through our County Councillor. The Clerk will forward her email.

iii Fords and Bridges: The Clerk has emailed Paul Tucker, SCC, thanking him for his statement of intent.

iv Fingerposts: The Clerk has emailed John Pratt, thanking him for his help to date. The Clerk has emailed Cerdic Foundries in Chard to request a quote and will chase this as

no response has been received to date. The Clerk received an email from Councillor King, who has been in touch with Richard Bowditch's widow. She advised that Richard Bowditch's machinery was sold to a business in Gloucestershire and she doesn't believe they are producing road signs. The Clerk is still in touch with Sign of the Time regarding their quotation. The Clerk will contact Mr Atkins at SCC in Glastonbury, to see if he knows of anyone locally who is doing this type of work.

v Mendip Community Transport Service (Slinky Bus): The Clerk has spoken with Mike Curtis, Mendip Community Transport, who has advised that he has now received responses from other local Parishes and would like to now arrange a time to discuss his proposal re a new service.

vi Speed Camera Devices: PSCO Guy Dury was present at the meeting. An email was received from Dave Grabham SCC stating that the Department of Transport have strict guidelines regarding 'vehicle activated signs' and need to avoid overuse so as not to reduce their effectiveness. In order for Pilton to obtain a VAS there needs to be evidence of a personal injury accident problem associated with inappropriate speed that has not been satisfactorily remedied by standard signing, lining or otherwise appropriate action. Dave Grabham has checked the accident statistics for the past five years and there have been four 'slight' injury accidents (one each in 2009; 2010; 2012 and 2013). Therefore it is very unlikely that Pilton would be considered, or qualify, for a permanent VAS, irrespective of the source of funding. The Clerk was requested to forward Dave Grabham's response to our Councillors. The Clerk enquired via the Roundabout Magazine if residents were interested in setting up a Speedwatch Group. One response was received from a resident, Councillor King offered his support, along with PSCO Guy Dury.

vii Local Resident: The Parish Council has received a police report for the period 28/07/2015 – 29/09/2015. There were eight incidents in total during that period.

The Clerk has received an email (via MP James Heapey) from Sue Mountstevens. PC Rust confirmed his attendance at two incidents during the Glastonbury festival period during which the resident was arrested by PC Rust and the resident was subsequently issued with a Community Protection Notice, containing conditions regarding his behaviour. If this is breached he could be further arrested. He has also been prosecuted for criminal damage and a 'violence against the person' offence. Avon and Somerset Police assure us they have taken and continue to take positive action regarding the resident of concern. PC Rust reported that after speaking with the gentleman it appears that the Glastonbury festival does cause problems with access to livestock and fields which appears to be the catalyst to the unwelcome behaviour. PC Rust is keen prior to next year's festival to sit down with the resident in order to identify how the Police can help to solve these access problems.

It was also agreed that the police 101 number be published again in the Roundabout Magazine and anyone in the village feel the need to report any crime they should phone this number, report it and obtain a crime number. Residents are requested to email the Clerk with these details and a log of crimes in the village will be kept on file.

viii Highway Gullies at Toll Cottage: All works have now been completed.

- ix Manholes: There are noisy manhole cover at Goulds, opposite Top Street. The tarmac is peeling away at the Top of Mount Pleasant. There is a pothole down-hill to Lower Street/Park Hill A361.

Email from Neil Corp, confirming that an inspection of the road from the Crown Inn to the Top Street junction has been undertaken and a large BT cover was identified as being in need of attention. This has been reported to the Streetworks Section who will inform BT of the need for action on their cover.

- x Unauthorised Business at Kenton Farm: MDC have requested more information. The Clerk will request that Councillor Noble provide this.

- xi Dumped rubbish in layby between Steambow and Lower Westholme Road: It is believed that this has been cleared. Remove from the agenda.

- xii Rave at Platterwell Lane: MDC have requested more information. The Clerk will request that Councillor Noble provide this.

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- xiii Confirmation of Road Extent: The Clerk read and email from MDC re Totterdown Lane. The Clerk was requested to reply to MDC confirming that the Square on Main Street is Conduit Square. The Main Road which the square is on is the A361. Totterdown Lane comes from Burford Crossroads to the junction of the A361 at Conduit Square.

- xiv Vegetation growing beside the roads on Top Street, Barrow Lane, John Beals Hill, and several other locations. Councillor Bowler has spoken with the homeowners and they confirmed that they will be cutting back the vegetation in October.

6 PLANNING:

- i **Application Number**: 2015/2070/HSE

Applicant: Mr Mark Franklin

Address: Upper House Perridge Hill Pilton Shepton Mallet BA4 4EN

Proposal: Replace flat roof with pitched roof to provide first floor accommodation and insertion of dormer window in existing roof slope, removal of swimming pool and replacement access and parking.

Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL

Application Number: 2013/0676

Applicant: Mr Scott Brandom

Address: Wintrow, Pylle Road, Pilton, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4HP

Proposal: The change of use of the land from a mixed use (agriculture and siting of a non residential caravan) to the siting of a Shepherds hut and yurt for use as holiday accommodation along with ancillary shower and WC building, associated parking and new vehicular access and septic tank. (amended description and amended plan received 25.08.2015)

Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL

Application Number: 2015/2004/TCA

Applicant: Mr Vero Blyth

Address: Barrow Cottage, Barrow Lane, Pilton

Proposal: Proposed felling of a Macrocarpa (1) and Elder (2) in a conservation area.

Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL

Application Number: 2015/1708/HSE

Applicant: Mr O'Callaghan

Address: Grain Cottage, Pylle Road, Pilton

Proposal: 10 Replacement windows and 2 new doors

NO RECOMMEDATION COULD BE SUBMITTED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL AS AN EXTENTION WAS NOT GRANTED BY MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Clerk advised this has subsequently been refused by MDC

Application Number: 2015/1904/FUL

Applicant: Mr T Harvey

Address: Land at Winters Hill Lane, West Compton, Shepton Mallet.

Proposal: Planning Application for retrospective permission for engineering works.

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The Clerk advised this has subsequently been refused by MDC

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2015/0461/FUL

Proposal: Change of use and extension to existing building to provide holiday let, erection of outbuilding and resurfacing of access track.

Location: Keepers Cottage, Pilton Wood, Pilton

Decision: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

Application Number: 2015/1689/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing wood store and outbuilding and erection of new outbuilding.

Location: Chanters House, Eat Town Lane, Pilton.

Decision: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

Application Number: 2015/1440/CLP

Proposal: Installation of bathroom window at the back of the house on the first floor.

Location: Old Rose Cottage, Ford Lane, Pilton

Decision: APPROVAL

Application Number: 2015/1878/LBC

Proposal: Single Storey Extension to from study and en-suite bathroom. Infill near porch to form WC.

Location: Red House Farm, Stoodley Lane, North Wooton.

Decision: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

iii Enforcement:

Cock and Bull Drove: The Freedom of Information Request has been received and the response was read. The Clerk will check with SALC as to whether the response can be published on the Parish website and on notice boards. The Clerk will advise MDC before publishing.

The Clerk received a letter from MP James Heappy re Planning Policy Changes. James has sent details of these changes to the Chief Executive of Mendip District Council.

The Gables: Email from MDC asking for more details. The correct location is Grey Gables, John Beals Hill. The Clerk will advise MDC.

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update: Councillor Bowler advised that the ASBO's have spent nine mornings in September clearing footpaths. Five/six footpaths have been cleared including behind Mr Derricks property and Coles Lane. Councillor Bowler has written to Steanbow Farm, requesting they clear their footpath. The Parish Council would like to thank the ASBO's for their hard work.

8 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

Plus banked:

W.A. Hoare & Sons (Sculpture)	<u>55.00</u>
	<u>55.00</u>

Less cheques drawn:

Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary/expenses	625.95
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(£190.80 salary, £347.20, 3 months o/t, £27.07 expenses, £60.00, 6 months homeworkers expense) MRS

W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary	30.83
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R England (Groundsman) - wages	64.00
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drawn:

903.78

Balance at 07.10.15

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ii Pension Regulations: The Clerk has checked with the Accountants and they are prepared to complete all paperwork regarding the new pension regulations for between £50 and £75. It was agreed that this should happen.

iii Grant Request: Heads Up Somerset have applied to the Parish Council for a grant of £200. They are a local charity working with individuals across Mendip and Sedgemoor areas of Somerset who are affected by mental health issues and other difficulties. The charity receives no government funding. The Parish Council agreed this was a worthy cause, Councillor Bowler proposed this, with Councillors King and Howe seconding. The vote was unanimous to donate £200.

ix Filing Cabinets:

The Clerk has ordered two second hand filing cabinets which are being delivered on Thursday 8th October. The total cost is £120.

- v Insurance Premium Tax: There is an increase in Insurance Premium Tax from 1st November 2015, the increase is from 6% to 9.5%.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- i Weekly Email News Digest - Tuesday, 1 September, 2015
- ii Rural Opportunities Bulletin
- iii SPECIAL ALERT: 'Rural Policing Matters' Campaign
- iv Local Plan Part II - Request for Assistance
- v Mendip Neighbourhood Planning Forum
- vi Mendip Rocks Festival of Geology October 2015
- vii Rural Vulnerability Service - Fuel Poverty - September 2015
- viii Help NALC Campaign to exempt public toilets from business rates
- ix Weekly Email News Digest - Tuesday, 15 September, 2015
- x Rural Vulnerability Service - Rural Transport - September 2015
- xi Mendip Rural Forum
- xiii Weekly Email News Digest - Monday, 21 September, 2015
- xiv Email from SALC re Tractors through Villages
- xv Free RSN Seminar - Tackling the Challenges of Ageing
- xvi Parish Information Bulletin October 2015
- xvii Weekly Email News Digest - Monday, 28 September, 2015
- xviii Somerset Waste Partnership - September 2015 monthly briefing
- xix Rural Economy Spotlight October 2015

Councillor Bowler stated he may attend the Aging Population Conference in Cirencester on 18th November. Councillor Howe may also attend if he is available.

10 **BURIAL GROUND:**

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

The Clerk was asked to email Jean Warry to ask if she knows details regarding money left by Mrs Whiteway for maintenance of a plot.

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

- i Roundabout report

The Parish Council want to monitor crimes within the village. Should you be a victim and feel the need to report a crime you should phone the police on 101, which is a non- emergency number, report it and obtain a crime number. Calls to 101 (from both landlines and mobile networks) cost 15p per call, no matter what time of day you call, or how long you are on the phone. Please then email the Clerk with these details and she will keep a log of crimes in the village. The Parish Council will then be able to monitor the crimes and pursue persistent crimes with the police.

Heads up is a local Charity working with individuals across Mendip and Sedgemoor areas of Somerset who are affected by mental health issues and other difficulties. They provide support them towards recovery, increased independence and greater wellbeing and quality of life.

For further details please go to: www.headsupsomerset.org [Facebook.com/HeadsUpSomerset](https://www.facebook.com/HeadsUpSomerset)
HeadsUpSomerset Twitter: @HeadsUpSomerset

The Parish Council would like your thoughts regarding the enforcement of the clearway system during the Festival. Please email the Clerk at karen.buckley75@icloud.com with your comments.

Councillor Bowler stated that the Trustees are concerned that support is lacking and there is a loss of enthusiasm. It was agreed to discuss what the Parish Council should do regarding support at the next meeting.

Low Cost Housing should be added to next month's agenda.

Meeting Closed
Meeting Opened

12 **FESTIVAL:**

Councillor Corfield left the meeting.

- i Festival feedback: The Clerk has produced a Festival Feedback Report. The Councillors were requested to read the report and decide on their top five issues to discuss and take forward for further discussion.
- ii Vehicle Access to Worthy Farm: The Clerk has received an email from Phil Appleton detailing the number of village passes issued. This has been included in the Festival Feedback Report.
- iii Collection of signs from Councillor Howe: Councillor Howe confirmed that these have now been collected.
- iv Clearway System and Enforcement: Discussion took place regarding the best approach to take regarding enforcement of the clearway. The Parish Council agreed that this would be discussed in greater detail at the next Parish Council meeting. A request for residents feedback regarding the enforcement of the clearway system during the Festival would be put in the Roundabout Magazine.
- v GFL/PPC minutes: Date of next meeting TBC

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 4th November 2015 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.22pm