

Minutes of the meeting of the
Pilton Parish Council
in the Pilton Village Hall on
Wednesday 7th September 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)
Holly Corfield
David Drew
Jean Foley
John Howe
Stephen Kearle
Joe King
Roger Noble

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

7 Members of the public were present and Councillor Nigel Hewitt-Cooper

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** None

3 **MINUTES:** of the 3rd August 2016 were approved

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Item 12 Festival: Councillors R Kearle, S Kearle and Corfield (dispensation approved), declared a prejudicial interest (employment). Councillors Corfield, Drew, Foley, King, Noble and Howe, declared a personal interest (ticket). Councillor 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:**

- Totterdown Lane: Andrew Turner, SCC emailed to advise that work will be carried out in the next 3 to 4 weeks using road closure and diversion routes. It will be no more than 3 day's work. Councillors advised that this work had actually been completed.
- Letter to Highways re damaged verges: Andrew Turner advised that he has discussed the situation with his colleague Jeff Bunting who will liaise directly with the Festival organisers to explore how any remedial works might be promoted.
- Sandbags for Janet Raynsford: Neil Corp, SCC, advised that sandbags can be obtained from the District Council and most builder merchants. Councillors believed there is cost in obtaining them from the Council.
- Springfield Cross 30mph: The Clerk was asked to write to Highways to ask that a 30 mile an hour be enforced permanently at Springfield Cross as it was during the Festival.
- Culverts: Paul Turner emailed to confirm that structures were inspected last May and showed no evidence of restricted water flow. SCC have no plans to send in divers, confined spaces teams, CCTV camera etc. The Clerk will respond as the

Conduit Square Culvert was missed off the list and Pilton House is actually named Ferndale House.

•Top Street Blocked Drains

- ii Zebra crossing between bus stops on the A361: Although the Parish Have been told that this is not possible, Councillor Nobel advised that a Zebra Crossing has been approved for Bineagar. Guerne Slade. The Clerk was asked to write to ask Councillors Nigel Woollcombe-Adams and Nigel Hewitt-Cooper why Pilton have been discounted and Bineagar has not.
- iii Fords and Bridges: The Clerk has received a response to her email from Angela Pearce. Angela advised that Andrew Pearce is happy for the Parish Council to use the previous specification drawn up but feels that it needs a professional to draw up a new specification if we are putting the work out to tender. Angela also asked that the Parish Council do not contact Charlie directly regarding the culverts but if a map is provided she will ask Andrew to identify the ones he knows.
- iv Fingerposts: Councillor Bowler has collected the fingerposts from Cerdic Foundries. Councillor Bowler will chase Alan Connock for his quote.
- v Speed Camera Devices: Councillor King advised that the Speedwatch team are out every week and again counted over 800 cars during a one hour period. The Team receive lots of friendly waves and thank you's from Villagers.
- vi Defibrillator: The cheque has now been signed and will be sent to Colin Elkin.
- vii The Crown Inn:
 - Assets of Community Value: Response to offer of a Public Meeting. There Clerk advised that she has received more letters in support of public meeting. She has also received an email from Reg Mathieson and 24 local residents in support of making the pub a community asset. Councillor Bowler will discuss this further with Reg and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.
 - Update re resident's letter: MDC and Avon & Somerset Police scheduled a joint visit to the Crown Inn when the issues will be discussed.
- viii Police Report: The Clerk read the August Police Report. There was an accident at Springfield Cross that was not listed. There has not been a response as to why Councillor Drew's theft was never listed. The Clerk will contact PCSO Guy Dury to enquire.
- ix Worthy Farm Signs: The Clerk has written to the Council but has received no response to date. The Clerk chase.
- x Gypsy and Traveller Count: The Clerk read an update from David Woodridge, Senior Planning Enforcement Officer and Enforcement Officer at MDC who stated that the data the Parish Council provides is for the government office, with this data, they can assess area needs in respect of travellers. He recognises that sites do require investigation and he hope that increased resources in the team may result in progress being seen in those areas.

- xii Pilton Bus Shelters: An email has been received from Paula Jordan asking who has responsibility of the stone bus shelter as the Pilton art group would like to paint them. The Clerk will forward Paula's email to Highways to ask.
The new bus shelter is causing concern for bus users, as it is covered in dust, reducing visibility, the seat needs cleaning and the floor is caked in mud.
- xii Pilton Notice Boards: Debbie Smith has kindly repainted the noticeboard near the Crown Inn. The Parish Council passed on their Thanks to Debbie.

6 PLANNING

- i Application Number: 2016/1958/HSE
Proposal: Material alterations to the external appearance of the property known as Barrow House.
Location: Barrow House, Ford Lane, Pilton
Applicant: Mr Jon Clemson
Application Type: Householder Application
Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL
Councillor Bowler proposed acceptance, this was seconded by Councillor King. The vote was unanimous.

Application Number: 2016/2037/FUL
Proposal: Change of use from agriculture to equestrian use for construction of equestrian manege.
Location: Springfield House, Neat Lane, Pilton
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Dunning
Application Type: Full Application

Closed meeting
Opened meeting

Councillor Bowler proposed acceptance, this was seconded by Councillor Noble. The vote was unanimous.

- ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:
Application Number: 2015/2831/FUL
Proposal: Extension to existing Methodist Chapel to provide new meeting room, catering facilities and accessible toilets.
Location: Pilton Chapel, Top Street, Pilton
Decision: Approval with Conditions
- Application Number: 2016/1354/FUL
Proposal: Erection of WC and shower block for site crew
Location: Worthy Farm, Worthy Lane, Pilton
Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2016/1433/TCA
Proposal: Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area: Apple (T1) thin out crown by 20%; two Western- Red-Cedar (T2A) cut back road side by 1 ½ Ft

and (T2B) cut back road side by 2 ½ - 3ft; Aspen Poplar (T3) remove the 3 lowest branches and remove large branch on eastern side (at 2m above 3 remove low branches) to balance crown and Flowering Ornamental Cherry (T4) dying tree – fell and grind out stump.

Location: Cumhill House, Cumhill Lane, Pilton

Decision: TPO Not Required (No Objection)

iii Enforcement:

- Cock and Bull Drove: No further update is expected until this goes to court in November.

Councillor Nigel-Hewitt-Cooper provided an update:

There is now a planning service at MDC there applicants can get a written response as to whether an application is liable to be approved or not. The service costs £50 or £1100 for 50+ houses and started on the 1st August.

The Traveller count affects national policy. Mendip only have privately owned sites. They are doing what they can regarding the problems with Travellers.

Ian Glover has been seconded to Fly Tipping at MDC.

There have been a couple of complaints regarding the overgrown island at Springfield cross.

The Crown Inn is not breaching any licencing laws and is not staying open until 2pm. Councillor Hewitt-Cooper will keep it on his radar (Jason Kirkwood is the contact for licensing).

Councillor Noble asked if there was any restrictions to the owners of Cock and Bull Drove increasing the numbers at the site. The answer was ‘no’ as with the court.

7 **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update:

- Weir Lane – no update received from MDC yet, Councillor Bowler will chase re the funding.
- The Clerk has received a letter from Barrie Fox. John Pratt is standing down in October and Barrie would like to take over his work with the ASBO’s. He asked a number of questions and the Clerk will respond in writing stating the following:
He ASBO’s are covered by the Parish Council insurance when carrying out work authorised by them.
The Chairman confirmed that this financial year the ASBO’s were granted £300. Funding for 2016/17 will need to be requested in writing during December in time for the January Precept meeting.
Councillor Bowler will continue to be the Parish Councils representative for the ASBO’s.
- The Church and Post Office would like copies of the map of the Pilton footpaths. Councillor Bowler will organise this. It was suggested that Barrie provides updates for the Pilton website and Roundabout.
- The Clerk has received an invoice from Norton Garden Machinery for £25. Nobody on the Parish Council was aware of this. Councillor Drew will ask Ron England if he knows what it refers to.

- There has been damage to the Playing Fields, the Chairman advised this will be covered under the Playing Fields insurance.

8 FINANCE:

i Financial Statement:

Balance b/f from 31/08/2016	£28,287.27
Plus banked:	£ 0.00
Less cheques drawn:	
1898 Mrs K Buckley (Clerk) - salary/expenses	£ 192.60
(expenses £10 home working allowance, £26.99 ink cartridges)	£ 36.99
1899 Mrs W Lynn (Burial Secretary) - salary	£ 35.00
1900 R England (Groundsman) - wages	£ 52.00
1901 Pilton Working Mens Club	£ 12.00
1902 Norton Garden Machinery Ltd	£ 25.00
1903 Grant Thornton Audit Fees	£ 120.00
1904 Contribution to Defibrillator	£ 700.00
Total cheques drawn:	£ 1,153.59
Balance at 31.08.2016	£27,133.68

- ii Audit: Grant Thornton has advised that the external Audit has been finalised,
 iii Pensions: Letters have been sent to Ron England and the Clerk re Auto Enrolment however this is not relevant to either party.

9 CORRESPONDENCE:

- i Survey on Community Led Housing 28th July 2016
- ii Parish Council Information Bulletin
- iii Rural Services Network Rural Conference 2016
- iv SCC Listening Learning Changing- additional question
- v Rural Services Network, Rural Opportunities Bulletin 03/08/2016
- vi Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest 01/08/2016
- vii Rural Services Network, Rural Vulnerability Service, Rural Broadband
- viii Lydford on Fosse Parish Council - New Website
- ix Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest 08/08/2016
- x SALC AGM 17/19
- xi Travel Somerset – New Website
- xii Rural Services Network, Rural Vulnerability Service – Fuel Poverty August 2016
- xiii MP James Heapey – Faster Broadband Fair
- xiv Not for Profit Bulletin 13/08/2016
- xv New recycling site measures from 3rd October 2016
- xvi Funding Circle
- xvii Rural Services Network, Weekly Email news Digest 16/08/2016
- xviii Recycle SWP August 2016 Monthly Briefing
- xix Rural Vulnerability Service, Rural Transport – August 2016
- xx Not for Profit Bulletin 19/08/2016
- xxi Public Summary – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2016
- xxii Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest 23/08/16
- xxiii Rural Services Network, Rural Spotlight on Heart of the Village

- xxiv Rural Services Network, Weekly Email News Digest 30/08/2016
xxv James Heapey MP – Faster Broadband Fair
xxvi Rural Services Network, Rural Opportunities Bulletin 31/08/2016

10 **BURIAL GROUND:**

i Maintenance reports:

Two reports were received for August and both were fine.

- Harvey Bailey – Councillors confirmed that this work has been completed.
- Councillor Noble will purchase the top soil for the burial ground and then Councillors will arrange a time to carry out the work of levelling the ground.
- It was agreed by the Parish Council that Councillor Bowler will buy a bottle of whiskey for John Pratt as a thank you for work with the ASBOs.

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

i Roundabout report

There is New Recycling Measures from 3rd October 2016. For further information go to www.somersetwaste.gov.uk for further information.

Somerset County Council has recently launched a new traffic and travel website – www.travelsomerset.co.uk. This runs alongside the [@TravelSomerset](https://twitter.com/TravelSomerset) Twitter account, which provides live updates from the Council's traffic control team. The aim of Travel Somerset is to improve how we tell people about what's happening on the roads in Somerset – from planned roadworks and public events to unplanned incidents, accidents or congestion.

Councillor Bowler will respond to the Somerset County Council, Listening, Learning, Changing questionnaire.

12 **FESTIVAL:**

i Festival General: The Clerk read responses from the Somerset Rivers Authority who confirmed that they had not surveyed the impact of the Glastonbury Festival and that the purpose of the SRA is to provide an extra level of flood protection for the whole of Somerset. It is simply not part of their role. During the Festival water quality is monitored by the Environment Agency via upstream and downstream remote water monitors in the river Whitelake. In the event of any quality problems, it alerts the festival and agency by text message. Councillor Howe felt it was a good response.

Avon and Somerset Police responded confirming that was no increase in serious or fatal collisions during the Festival period.

ii Festival Feedback: The Clerk read the draft Festival Report. Further discussion took place regarding what other issues need to be discussed with GFEL. It was agreed that the following would be raised:

- Parking outside Pilton Paradise which is deemed hazardous.
- Ziggucamp
- Pre and Post Festival Traffic problems
- 2 way sign at Springfield Cross and Neat Lane
- Off-site camping/hospitality tickets

The Clerk will email Jen at GFEL with the details.

iii Off Site Camping: Ziggucamp have emailed the Clerk as they heard that their off site camping was discussed at the last Parish Council meeting. The Clerk responded to state that it had not been discussed and Councillors advised that they were not aware of the site. This will be discussed at the GFEL meeting on the 14th September.

iv GFL/PPC minutes: Dates of next meeting Wednesday 14th September 2016 at 6pm

13 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 5th October 2016 at 7.30pm

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