

Minutes of the meeting of the Pilton Parish Council held
in the Pilton Village Hall on
on Wednesday 9th January 2019 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)

14 members of the public were present.

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** No apologies were received.

3 **MINUTES:** of the 5th December 2018 to be approved.

4 **CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR:**

Three candidates applied for the Parish Councillor Vacancy. Each candidate has to opportunity speak, the Parish Clerk read out Andrew Shaw's speech as he was unable to attend. Two votes were held as two candidates received four votes each. It was then decide by the toss of a coin.

Andrew Shaw was the successful candidate.

5 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Councillors R Kearle, Wynn and S Kearle (dispensation approved), declared a prejudicial interest (employment). Councillors Drew, Foley, King, Noble and Smith and declared a personal interest (ticket). Councillor Drew "I do not have a declaration of interest in any planning applications but I might do in the future"

6 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Strategy:

- Update: There were no updates to the Traffic Strategy this month.
- Puffin Crossing: Nigel Hewitt-Cooper advised that the project is still in the system but will not be dealt with in phase one.
- A361 meeting: Councillor King advised that a meeting was being held that evening in the Goddess Rooms. The group feel that the action open to them is civil disobedience. Glastonbury Town Council Group are concerned regarding

confusion between the two groups and want to be clear that they are not involved with any civil disobedience.

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 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 not been repaired, it is sharp at the edge of the tarmac.
- e) On the right hand side going up Neat Lane the gully needs repairing as it could damage a tyre.
- f) Blocked drain on road in Neat Lane going across Springfield, it is on the left hand side going up.
- g) Blocked drain at Parsons Batch. Councillor R Kearle showed the SCC representative the defect as he advised that it was not included as part of the cleaning rota and should be added.
- h) An inspection of the drainage adjacent to Pilbrooke cottage has been arranged and any safety defects identified will be actioned as necessary. Ref 530124. Councillor Kearle has completed this work.
- i) Blocked drains below Shutwell House, Abbots Way, urgent as OAP homes and flooding, route to Post Office and Village Hall. Councillor Kearle has completed this work.

- **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 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 East Town Lane by East Town Farm.
- j) 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.*
- k) There are large potholes going up Neat Lane near the Springfield Crossroads.
- l) There is a large pothole on the left hand side at Copse Hill.

- **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.* 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

- d) 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.
- e) Bank channels to ditch need redigging in Neat Lane: Ref 52476 Not a safety defect as 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.

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

- i) 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.*
- j) 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.
- k) The sign at the top of Compton Lane (no through road) has been knocked over.
- l) There is a mattress in Ridge Lane between Compton Lane and Canards Grave.
- m) Paradise Quarry, Ridge Road opposite Dungeon Farm there are bags of rubbish near the tip at Dulcott.
- n) 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.
- o) Shop Lane and Top Street, an ambulance couldn't get through. Nigel will chase the painting of the double yellow lines.
- p) Toll Cottage and North Wootton Road
- q) The pavement at the bottom of Shop Lane has been damaged since the Water Board was working there.

- **New Defects:**

- Blocked Drains

- Lower Street down towards Beales House on the left.
 - Westholme opposite the Lodge.
 - Perridge drain needs sucking
 - Top Street up to Culverwell House water running along the road.
 - Outside Burford as turn in on upside as turn in.
 - Opposite Pilton House there is a blocked Drain.

- Outside Burford House as turn down to Old Burford House.

- Top Street opposite allotments by side of road sinking away.

There is a large Pothole at the top of Mount Pleasant.
Parsons Batch along the Church Wall subsidence.

A letter has been received from a resident regarding the state of some resident's hedges. The Clerk will write to the residents requesting action is taken.

Councillor Wynn has received a copy of a letter sent to Somerset Bridleways and to the landowner. The Clerk will also write to Somerset Bridleways supporting the letter.

The Brideway gatepost has now been fixed.

The Bushes at Gray Gables need cutting back again. The Clerk will write to the homeowner.

- iii Fingerposts & Signs:
- Dog Fouling Notices: All the notices have been received and erected. This is now complete and can be removed from the agenda.
- iv Community Speedwatch:
- Update from Councillor King: All is going well and the team are out every week. The SID has been erected. There will be joint police/Speedwatch action week taking place soon. A policeman will be joining the Speedwatch Team as a result of a recent incident and the team have received a letter of apology from a member of the public was received via the police.
 - Truck Count for December – The truck count is down this month and in some cases by half the usual amount. Numbers have gone back up this week. Thanks were given to the team.
- v The Crown Inn: Assets of Community Value: Councillor King stated that it has been agreed to complete the paperwork by the date of the next Parish Council meeting. It was hoped that be a 'magic bullet' but there isn't and the forms just need to be submitted.
Thanks were given to Councillor King for his perseverance
- vi Police Report:
December Police Report
22/12 – Theft from vehicle, Cockmill Lane, window smashed, purse taken.
27/12 – Theft, East Town Lane, Vehicle Registration Number Plate missing from vehicle, reported stolen.
- vii Pilton War Memorial: All restorations to the war memorial are now complete and this can be removed from the agenda.
- viii Low Cost Housing: The Housing Survey has been completed and we now await the response.
- ix Overgrown Vegetation/ASBO's: The ASBO's are having their rest period and will be back at work in the Spring. Any work requests should be passed to Barrie Fox for consideration. The ASBO's have contacted SCC Footpaths as the stile is in bad condition it is expected that the Ramblers will action this. If debris is seen around the drains the ASBO's are asked to remove it however they are unable to clear the drains as this would need to be done by SCC.

- x GDPR: Work on adhering to GDPR continues.
- xii Shepton Mallet Library: It thought that the Library may move to the HSBC/Arts Café building however the Arts Café has been given a three year lease. So they are looking at other options.
- xiii Update from Nigel Hewitt-Cooper:
 Nigel advised that Mendip District Council now have a full complement of planners. There is a national shortage of planners. There is just one planner at Somerset County Council and they are having to use agency staff who have no local knowledge. Work cannot be shared with Mendip District Council due to have different types of applications.
 The Business Rate Retention Scheme is now set up which provides a £1.5 million increase to income generation but this is a small amount compared to their deficit. Council Tax has been capped at 3%. SCC are lobbying the Government for more money. The public health settlement for preventative care has been reduced to £35 per head. The National average is £57. The School Bullying Scheme is being trialed at a school in Somerton.
 Nigel was reminded to investigate possible via the Hinkley Point funding for the Puffin Crossing scheme. Nigel advised that Cheddar received £350k.
 Thanks were given to Nigel.

7 PLANNING

- i Application Number: 2018/2862/VRC
 Proposal: Application to vary condition 2 (Drawing Numbers) of planning approval 2018/1415/HSE (demolish part of dwelling and replace with two and single storey side and rear extensions with the addition of a front porch, two windows to rear and alterations to existing dormer windows) to substitute roof design and materials on single storey extension and remove dressed natural stone window surrounds on rear and side elevations
 Location: Bridge Cottage, Compton Lane, West Compton
 Applicant: Mr C Armytage
 Application Type: Variation or Removal of Conditions
 Pilton Parish Council Recommended: Approval
 Councillor Drew proposed approval, Councillor Smith seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour.

 Application Number: 2018/2966/TCA
 Proposal: Proposed works to a tree in a conservation area:- T1 - Willow - Pollard to 1metre above main fork. T2 - Mountain Ash - Remove deadwood, crown clean, remove any end weight on heavy limbs. T3 - Prunus - Remove deadwood, crown clean and remove any end weight. T4 - Mountain Ash - Remove deadwood, crown clean, remove any end weight on heavy limbs. T5 - Apple - Reduce x 2.5 metres, remove mistletoe, deadwood, crown clean. T6 - Prunus - Fell. T7 - 9 - Field Maple - Reduce x 3 metres.
 Location: Stonecrest Weir, Lane, Pilton
 Applicant: Mr Giles Webb
 Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA
 Pilton Parish Council Recommended: Approval
 Councillor Noble proposed approval, Councillor King seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour.

ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2018/2733/TCA

Proposal: Works to a tree within a Conservation Area: T1 – Beech Crown reduction by 6m and crown thinning

Location: Box Tree, Bread Street, Pilton

Application Type: Work/Felling Trees in a CA

Decision: TPO Not Required

Application Number: 2018/2511/HSE

Proposal: Erection of a car port and alterations to existing driveway

Location: Wynton, Higher Westholme Road, Pilton

Application Type: Householder Application

Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2018/2360/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of outbuilding to self-contained dwelling

Location: Two Elms, Bowermead Lane, Pilton

Application Type: Full Application

Decision: Refusal

iv Enforcement: There were no updates on the following from MDC.

- Cock and Bull Drove:
- Beggars Roost:
- Friars Oven Farm:
- Tanyards Lane:
- West Compton:

Councillor Noble agreed to complete the required Gypsy and Traveller Count for Mendip District Council.

8 **FOOTPATHS:**

i Update: Councillor R Kearle and Councillor King will arrange a Footpath Sub-Group Meeting March prior to the ASBO's work resuming in April.

Councillor R Kearle met with a SCC representative to show him the drop at Weir Lane. He stated that he has forty four parishes to maintain on a budget of only £17k per annum. Councillor Kearle got agreement for the Parish Council to complete the work. Councillors R Kearle and Noble will liaise with Lee Brooks regrading completing the work.

9 **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:

- ix. Nigel Hewitt-Cooper Proposed changes to services for Children
- x. RSN Rural Funding Digest – December 2018 Edition
- xi. Public Sector Executive Online – 5/12
- xii. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 6/12
- xiii. Nigel Hewitt-Cooper – School Admission 7/12
- xiv. Public Sector Executive Online 7/12
- xv. Public Sector Executive Online 10/12
- xvi. The Rural Bulletin, Rural Services Network 11/12
- xvii. Public Sector Executive Online 11/12
- xviii. EvoNorth 13/12
- xix. Protecting our Public Rights of Way 13/12
- xx. Public Sector Executive Online 14/12
- xxi. Nigel Hewitt-Cooper Council Leader welcomes budget boost for Somerset 14/12
- xxii. Fitformyfuture NHS Somerset CCG 17/12
- xxiii. Public Sector Executive Online 17/12
- xxiv. Rural Services Network 18/12
- xxv. Public Sector Executive Online 18/12
- xxvi. Public Sector Executive Online 19/12
- xxvii. Recycle SWP Special mailing – December 2018
- xxviii. Merry Christmas from Somerset Community Foundation 20/12
- xxix. Rural Services Network 21/12
- xxx. The Executive Magazine 21/12
- xxxi. Patient Engagement Bulletin 21/12
- xxxii. Public Sector Executive Online 21/12
- xxxiii. January Parish Bulletin 21/12
- xxxiv. Public Sector Executive Online 28/12

11 **BURIAL GROUND**

- i Maintenance reports:
Two were received both were fine. It was decided that no top soil was required at this point in time.

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

- i Roundabout report
Councillor Wynn suggested that the May Parish Council meeting be pushed back a week until the 8th May due to the election and June meeting with GFEL. The vote was unanimously in favour of this. The Clerk will amend the date.

Councillor Smith update the Parish Council regarding the MDC Dementia Awareness Forum, Inspector Mark Nicholson will hopefully be present at the Parish Forum. Clarks Village and Tesco are looking at being more Dementia consider this also.

Someone is letting their dog run free on a daily basis.

The Parish Council wish to congratulate Andrew Shaw for becoming the new Parish Councillor; who was elected on a toss of a coin and we look forward to working with him.

Residents are asked to look after their dogs, keep them under control and take home their dog mess to dispose.

Concerns have been raised regarding speeding down Neat Lane/Copse Hill, it has become dangerous for walkers and there has been a recent accident.

13 **GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL:**

i. Dates of the GFEL/PPC meetings:

- Tuesday 5th February 2019
- Tuesday 2nd April 2019
- Tuesday 4th June 2019

ii Items for discussion with GFEL:

Discussion took place and the following items will be taken forward for further discussion with GFEL:

- Details of number of passes issued per property/not per person.
- Stewards need local knowledge
- Traffic management at Conduit Square, Totterdown Lane, Stoodley and Bowermead Lane.
- Crown Inn
- Parking Clearway – To be fully enforced?
- Large vehicles – stewards needed early than usual to deal with traffic at Parsons Batch and Neat Lane.
- A working party should be set up regarding Neat Lane junction.
- Pylle Road to Mary's Gate, confusion regarding who has the right of way and the one way system.

The Clerk will email GFEL and the Councillors with the items for discussion.

14 **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 6th February at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.55pm