

14/29 2014/1298/FUL Erection of a livestock shed/covered feed yard – Old Burford Farm, West Compton – FULL APPLICATION.

Councillors recommended unanimous APPROVAL.

MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

2014/0499/FUL Revised scheme for erection of dwelling, widen existing vehicular access and construct two garages – Cutlers Close, Totterdown Lane – APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS.

2014/0524/FUL Retrospective application for the erection of a timber field shelter and implement store – Land to SW of Wynton, Higher Westholme Road – REFUSAL.

2014/0815/TCA Felling of Christmas tree in a CA – Barrow House, Ford Lane – TPO NOT REQUIRED (NO OBJECTION).

2014/0929/TCA Proposed works to felling of trees in a CA – Manor House, Shop Lane – TPO not required (No objection).

Enforcement updates:

Avalon Cottage, Tanyard Lane: The Clerk read a copy email to Councillor Hewitt-Cooper from Mr Michael Percy confirming that demolition of the property had begun, with the roof tiles currently in course of removal. Thanks were expressed to Councillor Hewitt-Cooper and in particular Mr Dave Woodridge of MDC.

MDC SLOT:

Councillor Hewitt-Cooper reported on the following:-

Draft Local Plan: after a few minor amendments the Local Plan was ready to adopt subject to any further comments from the Inspector. Future planning would need to be heavily justified outside the building line.

Mendip District Council Offices: Further to the new building, re-organisation and leasing of part of the premises MDC were set to save 50% of the running costs which would all be paid for within 7 years.

Cock and Bull Drove: Councillor Noble requested an update. Councillor Hewitt-Cooper stated that there was a lot going on and it was important to do it properly which means it will take time.

The Chairman opened the meeting for the public to speak.

The Chairman closed the meeting.

Caravans: The Clerk advised that the list of travellers sites reported in February had been attached to the minutes and therefore could be supplied. A list was accordingly given to Mr Snook.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

Affordable housing: The Clerk read an email from Mr Ben Cane, Senior Development Manager of Guinness Hermitage reporting on a meeting with Councillor Kearle on the 16 July, to review the sixth design for the scheme at Neat Lane. Mr Cane is now in a position to present the final scheme to the Parish Council and requested a 20 minute slot in September with himself and Mr Paul Gardiner from EG Carter Limited. Councillors agreed to this request and also agreed that the meeting should be brought forward to 7pm. Mr Benn also requested an indication of how many Parish Councillors would like to visit the recently completed scheme in Uplyme, East Devon. Councillors agreed to discuss this at the September meeting.

The Chairman stated that he was not completely in favour of the final scheme.

It was reported that a proposal had been put forward for the scheme to include a pre-school.

Circulation:

- Rural Services Network 30 June, 7, 14, 21, 28 July 2014
- Rural Services Network – Funding package to fight rural crime

- Rural Services Network - Rural Opportunities Bulletin
- Rural Services Network – Rural Vulnerability Service 9, 16 July 2014
- Somerset Minerals Plan – Development Plan Document up to 2030
- MDC – Parish Information Bulletin – July 2014
- Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2014
- Somerset Community/Foundation eNewsletter – July 2014
- Progress updates: connecting Devon and Somerset
- SCC – Temporary road closure – West Compton from 1 September for 5 days
- Somerset Local Access Forum – information for dog walkers

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION:

Highways:

Matters to be reported to SCC as follows:-

A361 – hole below Threlfalls

Barrow Lane vehicles still grounding

Barrow Lane edges worn away

Thistles and docks along main road require cutting

Overhanging trees and bushes:

Trees in Bread Street

Nut bushes in Ford Lane

Councillor Sumner agreed to speak to the relevant owners to request cutting them back.

Festival signs:

'No waiting area' signs left after the Festival. The Clerk was asked to contact Steve Russell-Yard.

Police report: The Clerk read an email from PCSO Guy Dury stating that Pilton is now included in the Town Beat and he will no longer be covering for us.

There was only one incident on the system on 29 July 2014 – report of harassment in Pylle Road – ongoing Police enquires.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 3 September 2014 at 7.00pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2014, were approved and signed by the Chairman Robert Kearle at the meeting on 3 September 2014.

Jean Warry, Clerk, Pilton Parish Council.