

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held at Pilton Village Hall

Wednesday 7 September 2022

Present: Cllrs King, Sumner, Hollings, Noble, Hall, Allen, Powell and Moulder.

In Attendance: G Pettitt, (Parish Clerk), Cllr P Heal, (East Pennard Parish Council), 10 members of the public, 3 members of public on zoom.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Query whether Pilton Party directions were made obvious. They were on the back of tickets.
- Query on benefits of Pilton Party. £15,000 to Flower Show; Approx £25,000 to village organisations after costs.

49. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Cllrs Woodhouse sent apologies to the meeting due to being outside the parish.

RESOLVED: To accept apologies from Cllr Woodhouse and reasons given. Approved.

50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Hollings declared an interest as neighbour of a planning applicant in item 63, Cllr Sumner declared a pecuniary interest as the planning applicant in item 63, Cllr Hall declared interest as Trustee of Village Hall..

51. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC There were no exclusions of Press & Public.

52. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - The Chair requested that mobile phones are switched off.

53. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Amendment suggested to add '*... to the Playing Field Trust.*' to item 38 '*The Parish Council is custodial trustee.*' **RESOLVED:** To approve and sign the amended minutes of Full Council 4 August 2022. Approved.

54. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

Reports from Avon & Somerset Police, Somerset County Council & Mendip District Council were noted.

55. UNITARY AUTHORITY

- a. **Mendip Rural Parishes Liaison Group (RPLG) Report** - 30 parishes were represented at the meeting; general feeling was that there may be a conflict of interest with town councils and that devolved services could be patchy if parishes take on different services. *[Please note the next meeting will be 29 September.]*
- b. **Priorities requested by the RPLG** - All priorities listed are a focus for Pilton Parish. Cllr Hall suggested he would start discussion by email, for example Parish Council responses seem to be often rejected by officers and the planning system and the traffic speeds and heavy vehicles on the A361. Decided that all councillors will consider the parish's priorities for Cllr Hall to take to the next meeting.
- c. **Local Community Networks (LCN) update** - The consultation has been released. Options suggest that Pilton could be in any of three LCNs. Cllr Sully has offered useful help with this. The closing date is 17 October, there are opportunities to learn more at virtual and face-to-face meetings. Agreed to share information via usual comms channels.

56. SOMERSET SHOOTING GROUND Cllr Heal of East Pennard Parish Council (EPPC) reported that some properties in East Pennard are closer to the Shooting Ground than Pilton parish residents and are heavily affected, two properties are within 500 meters. Noted that if complaints are justified, shooting should not take place on a Sunday. EPPC have communicated with Mendip District Council to take sound readings and to ask that the Ground adhere to guidelines however a positive response has not been received. Noted that a 'nuisance' must be unreasonable, i.e. likely to cause injury to health. Agreed to

discuss with MP, District & County Councillors; to create a petition; to discuss with the land owners; to notify via Roundabout and other channels.

57. **BURIAL GROUND** - Noted that the fallen tree has now been removed. Parish Council thanks the member of the public who did this for the parish. Noted that the gates need repainting, the contractor will be asked to provide a guideline price.
58. **PILTON PLAYING FIELD TRUST**
- a. **Report of meeting of the joint working group:** A constructive meeting was held with members of the Pilton Playing Field Trust, (PPFT). The consensus was that a CIO would not be appropriate for the PPFT. Members are now using the 1966 Trust document as a starting point to draw up the elements that a new document could contain. This draft will be discussed by the Joint Working Group and referred to the Village Hall Trust for consideration. Pilton Parish Council are custodial trustees, holding the deeds for the benefit of the parish. The Village Hall Trust will decide whether to put the new document to the village for consultation.
59. **TRAFFIC**
- a. **New Highway issues** - Noted that pot holes can be reported direct to the Somerset portal - listed on the Pilton Parish Council website. Noted Pylle Road has very poor surfacing, Clerk will report.
- b. **Traffic Plan Working Group - RESOLVED:** To appoint Cllr King, Cllr Hall and two members of the public to the Traffic Plan Working Group. Approved.
- c. **Quarterly Speed Watch report** - Cllr King reported that 1,181 last month were recorded passing through the village, last year 21,109 vehicles were monitored in total. In some locations the team can expect to record 25 speeders in a session, of which a significant proportion would be high end speeders. The SID from GFEL has helped deterring traffic from speeding. Noted that Avon and Somerset Police now have a night vision speed trap roving the area.
60. **WEIR Lane**
- a. **Update on maintenance** - Nick met with two ASBOs to agree next steps. It was decided to reduce maintenance to a 10-15ft section from the squeeze gate and possibly move the path towards the fence that could be a difficult job. A pilot test of the work will be done prior to finishing the job.
61. **WEBSITE**
- a. **Village Website** - Cllr Sumner demonstrated the beginnings of the Village Website. Groups within the village will be contacted next to work with their needs for involvement - they can keep their own pages up to date. A calendar will be managed by the Council. The site should be live, though not fully functional, by next meeting. Members of council and public are encouraged to send in their photos for the web sites.
62. **FINANCE**
- a. **Payments - RESOLVED:** To approve payments below. Approved.

PAYE	149.80
Hall Hire	15.00
PDF SAM	49.00
Parish Online	96.00
email domain purchase	8.05
Training - Essentials Pt II x2	30.00
Training - Essentials Pt IIx1	15.00
Training - Code of Conductx2	50.00
Affiliation	381.60
Salary Mth 5	243.98

- b. **Remembrance Day** - Clerk will seek quotes for road management, also approach the British Legion to consider contribution to costs. The next meeting will consider the

benefits or otherwise and practicalities of moving the War Memorial to a safer position.
RESOLVED: To approve costs of approximately £225 for wreath and road safety measures for Remembrance Day 2022. Approved.

- c. **Defibrillator** - Noted that enquiries are ongoing.
- d. **Local Government Pay Settlement** - Noted that this will affect the next budget.
- e. **SAAA Central Auditor Appointment** - The option has arisen to opt out of the appointment of SAAA as Central Auditor.

RESOLVED: To retain SAAA as Central Auditor to 2027.

63. PLANNING

2022/1526/HSE: *[Cllr Hollings left the meeting.]*

Proposed access and parking area. The Cot, Shop Lane, Pilton. Noted that there is a slight inaccuracy in the Conservation Officer's objection. The application is for 50:50 closeboard / leylandii, not 100% closeboard.

RESOLVED: To offer no objection to application 2022/1526/HSE subject to closeboarding and leylandii remaining as existing. Approved 4 for; 1 against; 2 abstentions. Approved 4 for; 1 against; 2 abstentions. *[Cllr Hollings returned to the meeting.]*

2022/1735/HSE:

Single storey rear extension, single storey front porch and conversion of derelict hayloft into annex. The Cottage, Platterwell Lane, Pilton.

RESOLVED: To offer no objection to application 2022/1735/HSE. Approved.

2022/1758/HSE: *[Cllr Sumner left the meeting]*

Erection of single storey front extension and insertion of two roof lights. Pilton House Barn, Top Street, Pilton.

RESOLVED: To offer no objection to application 2022/1758/HSE. Approved. *[Cllr Sumner returned to the meeting.]*

64. POLICIES

- a. **Accessibility Statement** - Deferred to next meeting.
- b. **Standing Orders** - Deferred to next meeting.
- c. **Financial Regulations** - **RESOLVED:** To approve item 11.1.h. pg 16 of the Financial Regulations be amended from £100 to £500. Approved.

65. MATTERS OF REPORT

- a. Noted that a member of the public has suggested that R Kearl be acknowledged for his work for the parish through, for example, a road being named after him. This will be discussed at next meeting.
- b. Roundabout articles - Link to new website; Petition; LCN Consultation.
- c. Verges - to be discussed at next meeting - can report to Somerset County Council portal.
- d. The Parish Council thanks to everyone involved in the Pilton Show.
- e. Litter pick - next meeting to consider 22 October for next litter pick.
- f. Noted an interest in addressing both Climate Change and the Cost of Living Crisis at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting: 5 October 2022

Signed

Date