**Minutes of the meeting of the Pilton Parish Council**

**Held via Zoom on Wednesday 1st July 2020 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)

 David Drew

Colin Elkin

Stephen Kearle

Joe King

Roger Noble

Andrew Shaw

 Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

2 Members of the public were present.

1. **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

 i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Lynda Allen and Audrey Brown

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Councillors R Kearle (dispensation approved) declared a prejudicial interest (employment) GFEL. Councillors S Kearle, declared a prejudicial interest (employment) Worthy Farm. Councillor Drew stated that he does not have an interest at present but may do so in the future.

4. **MINUTES:** of the 3rd June 2020 were approved.

 **MATTERS ARISING:**

 i Traffic Matters:

* Yellow lines – Conduit Square

Discussion took place regarding whether Councillors still require the yellow double lines at the bottom of Shop Lane/Conduit Square. Councillor Elkin proposed withdrawing this request.

Councillor S Kearle proposed keeping the request with Highways for the double yellow lines. The vote was one in favour for withdrawing the request. The vote was 5 in favour of keeping the request for double yellow lines.

* A request has been received from a resident for double yellow lines on the south side of Abbots Way. This is due to an incident where cars double parked restricted an ambulance from getting through to attend his mother. The Parish Council voted 6 in favour and 1 against the double yellow lines. The Clerk will put in a request to Highways.
* The Speedwatch Team will hopefully be starting again in August, the delay is due to the police not being at the socially distance in the offices to download the data received from the Speedwatch Team.

 New Defects:

* On the A361 through Pilton the road has subsided and breaking up outside the School House and the Forge House.
* The potholes from Burford to West Compton as now very bad and dangerous to walkers and cyclists. If Highways have any queries please could they contact Councillor R Kearle to discuss.
* At John Beales Hill and Chapel Hill the road surface is so bad it has been worn down to rocks underneath.
* There are bad potholes between Westholme Road and Top Street.
* The sign at the Whitstone Hill is not facing the correct direction.

ii Police Report: June Police Report

 Specific reports for Pilton

14/06 – Reported drink driver, Pilton to Shepton Mallet, area tor showed no trace.

22/06 – Aircraft illuminated by blue laser over Pilton. Air Ambulance & Yeovil Air Station aware.

23/06 – Reported door to door seller West Holme Road. Observations passed.

24/06 – Reported possible rave at Beggars Roost week end of 27th June, unfounded information.

The Clerk has received an email from the police advising that the incident reported regarding the rave was allegedly made by the Parish Council. The Councillors present advised that they had not made the call. Councillor R Kearle had also received complaints from residents of Beggars Roost stating that it is harassment and they will be putting in a complaint to Mendip District Council’s Monitoring Officer. The Clerk was asked by Councillor Kearle that as it was confirmed that as no Councillor made call this should be taken seriously as someone was posing as a Councillor and requested that the police be approached to request a trace on the phone number used to make the call.

iii Website:Update: The Clerk reminded Councillors that their photos were still required for the website and for any comments or changes required should be emailed to the Clerk.

iv Draft Cycling and Walking Manifesto: The Parish Councils support was requested to include equestrians into the Manifesto also appropriate signage stating that equestrians are using the route. It was stated that there are not enough safe routes for equestrians and they would love to ride off the roads. The Clerk was asked to write on behalf of the Parish Council in support of planning application 2020/1014/FUL which includes the Strawberry Line, Dulcott underpass to Dulcott Quarry. It is hoped that eventually the line will in the railway line which is currently under thick brambles. The contact at Mendip District Council is Tracy Aarons and to include Councillor Tom Killen.

 Concerns were raised as to who would maintain the routes, would it be Mendip District Council or the landowners and where accountability would lie regarding insurance should there be an accident on the route.

5. **PLANNING:**

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| Application Number | Proposal | Applicant & Location |
| 2020/0903/FUL | Installation of underground reservoir and pipeline | Other Peter Glastonbury Festival Events LtdWorthy Farm,Worthy Lane,Pilton,Shepton Mallet |
| The whole route is outside of the parish boundary. Councillor Elkin proposed Approval, Councillor Shaw seconded. The vote was unanimous, Councillors R Kearle and S Kearle abstained.Pilton Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL |
| 2020/1066/HSE | Erection of single storey rear extension, dormer and loft conversation. | Mr & Mrs Paul & Trudy MurrayCulverwell Paddock,Top Street,PiltonShepton Mallet |
| Councillor Noble proposed Approval, Councillor S Kearle seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour.Pilton Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL |

6. **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:



ii Financial News/ Requests for Grants:

 There was no requests for grants for grants this month.

* Approval of AGAR: The AGAR was approved and signed by the Chairman.
* Councillor Elkin requested a copy of the Insurance Schedule be provided by the Clerk.

7. **BURIAL GROUND**

i Maintenance reports: Councillor Noble stated that the notice board is a disgrace and no Burial Ground Rules are displayed. Councillor Drew volunteered to repair the notice board and once work is complete will include the Burial Ground Rules.

ii Information request from resident: This was a query raised from the relatives of Jean Wright. This is now complete.

 The Clerk has contacted Forsey and Sons to request they liaise with Councillor Noble regarding the outstanding work to the grave of Joy Stacey.

8. **ITEMS FOR COUNCIL’S INFORMATION:**

i Roundabout report

Residents are requested to consider their speed when driving around the village, especially at access points and near footpaths as due to lockdown there are more pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians than usual.

There has been an incident in Abbots Way recently where an ambulance could not get through because of double parking. Please park considerately!

**NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 5th August 2020 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.17pm