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

**Zoom on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7.30pm**

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

Audrey Brown

David Drew

Colin Elkin

Stephen Kearle

Joe King

Roger Noble

Lynda Roberts

Andrew Shaw

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

9 Members of the public were present.

1 **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Nigel Hewitt-Cooper

3 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

i. Appointment of Chairman – Councillor Brown proposed, Councillor King seconded Councillor Robert Kearle was unanimously voted in as Chairman. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and shown.

ii Appointment of Vice Chair – Councillor Noble was unanimously voted in as Vice Chair.

iii Appointment of Committees – All committees to remain the same.

iv Declarations of Acceptance of Office – Declaration of Office were signed.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Councillor R Kearle declared an interest in Glastonbury Festival - employment. Councillor Brown declared that she does not currently have an interest in item 13 but may do so in the future. Councillor King declared an interest in planning application 2021/0773/HSE as it may affect the value of his property. Councillor Drew does not have any interests at the moment but may do so in the future.

5. **TO RE-AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:**

It was unanimously agreed to re-affirm the following documents:

1. Standing Orders
2. Financial Regulations
3. Complaints Procedure
4. Equal Opportunities Policy
5. Social Media Policy
6. Code of Conduct

6. **MINUTES:** of the 7th April 2021 were approved.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Matters:

* New Defects: In Watery Lane outside the property of Hermitage there are very bad potholes and the road is giving way in places.
* There are potholes in East Town Lane and Platterwell Lane.
* In Stoodley Lane at the East Stoodley/ Perridge Lane junction there is a pothole big enough to take out a wheel of a small car.
* SIS Proposal TI004358 for the A361: The Clerk was asked to chase to see what is happening regarding the proposal.

ii Community Speedwatch;

The Team are out every week, during a session 100 vehicles were logged and a top speed of 57mph was reported.

iii Police Report:

* Police Reports – The Clerk reported that she has been advised that the Parish Council will continue to receive their usual Police Reports however despite chasing a report has yet to be received.

iv Local Council Alliance: Councillor S Kearle advised no quote has been received to date.

v Vegetation: Councillor King advised that progress has been slow but he will continue to contact residents.

vi Weir Lane to Ford Footpath improvements: Councillor Noble will resend a copy of the quotation to the Clerk. The Parish Council have received no further interest from contractors wishing to carry out the work.

vii Climate Emergency Funding:

viii Dog Poo Bins: Permission has been given my Mr Eavis to site a dog poo bin by the allotments. The Clerk was asked to contact Nigel Hewitt-Cooper to see if he can obtain signs for the village advising of the fine for not picking up dog waste.

The Clerk was asked to update interested parties of the progress.

ix Broadband: Tony Najdoski spoke regarding bringing fibre broadband to the village and surrounding areas. In order to proof this would be viable, residents are asked to register their interest at truespeed.com, by putting in their postcode, there is no obligation to buy, people would be just expressing an interest. If you would like further information please contact Tony Najdoski, Regional Manager, [tony@truespeed.com](mailto:tony@truespeed.com) or 07507 765 692.

Tony requested suggestion to improve marketing to accelerate take up. Tony confirmed that internet security is similar to other networks.

x Possible re-organisation of Council structure within Somerset: There was no update this month.

xi Use of Facebook: The Clerk asked for clarification as to how much she was required to post on Facebook. It was agreed that it would be notifications of meeting and reference to the Parish Council website. Anything further would not be best use of time on limited hours.

xi Update from Nigel Hewitt-Cooper: No update has been received to date.

8. **PLANNING:**

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| Application Number | Proposal | Applicant & Location |
| 2021/0743/TCA | T1 – Willow – Re-Pollard, T2 – Poplar – Reduce x 4m. T3 – Cherry – Reduce x 25%. T4 – Birch 0 Reduce x 3m and lightly prune tips | Mr Chris Book  Shutwell House,  Shutwell Lane,  Pilton |
| Pilton Parish Council Recommend: APPROVAL  Councillor Noble proposed approval, Councillor Drew seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour. | | |
| 2021/0741/FUL | Proposed hardstanding for 5 camping pitches | Shurmer  Spindlewood,  Watery Lane,  Pilton |
| Pilton Parish Council Recommend: REFUSAL  Five letters of objection were received.  Councillor proposed refusal, Councillor Shaw seconded. The vote was 8 in favour our refusal and 1 abstention.  The reasons for refusal are: Poor access, the entrance is not sufficient especially with increased traffic entering and exiting the site. The run off of effluent given the phosphate issue on the levels. The visual impact from the public highway and surrounding area. | | |
| Councillor King left the meeting | | |
| 2021/0773/HSE | Proposed two-storey and single-storey rear extension. | Mr Moore  Lantern House,  Bread Street,  Pilton |
| Pilton Parish Council Recommend: REFUSAL  Two letters of object were received.  A resident spoke regarding the application, the benefits and disadvantages.  Councillor Noble proposed refusal, Councillor Shaw seconded. Councillors voted 3 in favour of refusal, 2 against and 3 abstentions.  The reasons for refusal are: The extension would overshadow the neighbours on either side. The development is too big for the the size of the site. There would be a negative impact of the nearby listed buildings. | | |
| Councillor King returned to the meeting | | |
| 2021/0694/VRC | Variation of condition 2 (Plans List) of permission 2020/2264/HSE (Erection of a single storey side infill extention, partial conversion of garage with first floor extension to create a residential annex associated with main dwelling). | Mr & Mrs A Steele  Willow Cottage,  Whitstone Hill,  Pilton |
| Pilton Parish Council Recommend: APPROVAL  Councillor Drew proposed approval, Councillor Elkin seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour. | | |
| 2020/2519/LBC | Minor amendment to north entrance door being infilled under 2020/2519/LBC in include a window | Morton Clarke & Wilson  St Mary’s Cottage,  St Mary’s Lane  Pilton |
| Pilton Parish Council Recommend: APPROVAL  Councillor Brown proposed approval, Councillor Drew seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour, | | |

**ENFORCEMENT:**

i The Clerk was asked to contact Nigel Hewitt-Cooper to enquire if the court issued a time limit for clearance of the Cock and Bull Drove site

9. **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:



ii Financial News/ Requests for Grants:

* Renewal of War Memorial Trust subscription: It was agreed to renew the annual subscription.

iii Insurance: The Clerk was asked to check whether the extension of the Sports Pavilion needs extra coverage. Councillor Brown will ask the Scouts for an estimate of the value of their equipment

iv Approval of AGAR part 2.

The Clerk confirmed that the Internal Audit has taken place and been approved, she then explained details of the audit and Councillors voted unanimously to approve the AGAR part 2. The second part of the audit will need to be approved at the next meeting.

10. **BURIAL GROUND**

i Maintenance reports: All good, just the fence needs to be repaired. The working party went well and a lot of work was completed.

ii Maintenance work: More top soil is required, Councillor Noble will be organise this.

A grave is out of line, Councillor R Kearle has spoken to the relative and they have confirmed that they do not want the grave stone moved. This will not result in loss of a row of graves.

The dumped spoils will be removed. The Clerk was asked to contact the undertaker of the second funeral to remind them to remove spoils in the future.

11. **FOOTPATHS**

i Proposed footpath SM16/42 diversion order:: This has been resolved and can be removed from the agenda.

ii Winter's Hill footpaths SM16/ 4 and SM16/5: This has been resolved and can be removed from the agenda.

Councillor Noble will arrange for the quote for works at Weir Lane to be emailed to the Clerk. The Clerk will then forward the quote to Councillors. The Clerk confirmed that as the Parish Council has done everything in its power to obtain quotes, that we are allowed to award to the contractor of the one quote received.

It was agreed that the scalpings be laid on Saturday 22nd May at 10am, subject to favourable weather.

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

i Roundabout report:

Residents are asked to be considerate to other villagers when lighting bonfires.

The Parish Council wishes to thank everyone to helped with the Village Litter Pick, it was lovely to see so many children involved.

For all queries relating to the Glastonbury Festival Events please contact the Village Liaison email address at [villageliaison@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk](mailto:villageliaison@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk)

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The Clerk was asked to report to Mendip District Council rubbish along Ridge Road.

Trees at the Playing Fields are getting overgrown with blackthorn and need to be cut back. Councillor R Kearle will investigate.

13. **GFEL**

1. Festival Event:

* Camping at Worthy Farm during summer 2021

A resident stated the residents are concerned and they are finding out information through adverts and they want to know what the impact will be on the village. The wish to have a best understanding of events and reassurance and feedback from GFEL. It was stated that villager were lead to believe that it would be camping for all budgets but the pricing for the yurts is expensive and not available for all price ranges.

Will there be music?

The Clerk was asked to email GFEL questions and invite them to attend next month’s Parish Council meeting.

* The licence application for the two concerts proposed in September 2021.

This has not been summarised, a hearing is being held virtually on the 12th May to discuss this with the Licencing Sub-Committee.

Questions being asked are:

Where are the 50k people going to go after the September event?

It was asked whether GFEL answers could be put on the village noticeboard.

Councillor R Kearle will contact GFEL regarding the lack of communication.

**NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 2nd June 2021 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.24pm