

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held at Pilton Village Hall

Wednesday 4 August 2022

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

In Attendance: G Pettitt, (Temporary Parish Clerk), Cllr Sumner, via Zoom, (as member of public), Cllr Sully, (SCC), 11 members of the public, 3 members of public on zoom.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- A member of the public asked whether clay pigeon shoots could be stopped during the summer - it is worse in summer months because resident's windows are open. Suggested best option is to discuss with the organisers to focus events more in winter months. Noted that the recent planning application was rejected.

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Cllrs Allen & Sumner sent apologies to the meeting due, respectively, to work commitments and being outside the parish; Cllr Hewitt-Cooper, (MDC) sent apologies.

RESOLVED: To accept apologies from Cllrs Allen & Sumner and reasons given. Approved.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Interests include: All Cllrs declared interest in Glastonbury Festival. Cllr Hall declared interest as Trustee of Village Hall.

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

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

35. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the minutes of Full Council 6 July 2022. Approved.

36. PERMANENT CLERK POSITION

Gill Pettitt has been appointed. Will become Clerk / RFO from 1 September 2022

37. BURIAL GROUND

Tree fell upon a grave from which a member of the public moved it. It will be removed over the next few days.

38. PILTON VILLAGE TRUST Cllr Hall declared an interest and was excluded from the discussion.

The Village Trust and Playing Field Trust are two separate bodies. The Parish Council is custodial trustee. The Chair of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Trust met and agreed to a working party of 3 members of the Parish Council and 3 members of the Trustees to consider options. To report to October Parish Council and Trustee meetings. Note Trustees have final decision.

RESOLVED: To appoint Cllrs King, Sumner and Woodhouse to the Village Hall / Playing Fields working party. Approved.

39. GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL EVENTS LTD (GFEL) Pilton Party Licence modification submitted to include an outside stage, which was withdrawn after points of order. To be resubmitted this week, it is expected to be accepted. The normal hotline number will be available. The Parish Council will be emailed with the details.

40. TRAFFIC

- a. **New issues:** Note SCC portal for reporting road defects is more efficient method for parishioners to reach the correct department.

Note accident at Lamberts Hill. Safety measures are not sufficient. Is road widening a possibility? Noted electric cars exacerbate the situation because they are silent. Cllr Sully will follow this through. In some areas people are tackling the issues themselves with signs outside properties, but these are illegal and block visibility. Police reports don't always mention all incidents. Signs are blocked by foliage.

Workgroup to be set up to prepare a traffic plan for the village in liaison with Cllr Rigby,

the SCC portfolio holder. It had been promised that work would start in September. Noted that a plan was agreed 18 months ago - a holistic approach is needed for this year's budget.

Question of potholes not being worth touching if less than 38mm deep; these rules are 20years old.

- b. Speed watch - Noted that speed watch is a deterrent; any speeders recorded are sent letters from police as a warning, not prosecution. Agreed to review risk assessments.
- c. Legal position of ASBOs when working on roadside verges. Noted that insurance company had confirmed that the ASBO team will be covered by Parish Council insurance so long as the team is organised by the Parish Council; it has risk assessments in place; the parish council provides all equipment and safety gear. The team meets all criteria, so is covered by insurance. The team will provide the clerk with the risk assessment.

41. WEIR LANE FOOTPATH

Works approved last month are going ahead. A full report will be given next month.

42. WEBSITE -

- a. **Update on new website and creation of Village site** - Most information is on the website now. ASBOs and Volunteers to be added. Ongoing maintenance to be considered at next meeting.

Noted the Village website would promote tourism, facilitated by the Parish Council with a calendar of events and populated by groups maintaining their own pages. The cost would be approximately £300.

RESOLVED: To approve the setup of a Village website in consultation and participation with the Village community. Approved.

- b. **Council email addresses** - All councillors and clerk now have generic addresses. Councillors are asked to connect to these addresses as soon as possible. Cllr Sumner will be able to help with any issues.

43. FINANCE

- a. **Payments - RESOLVED:** To approve payments below. Approved.

Laptop	479.98
Laptop bag	17.99
Camera	47.99
Google a/c emails	132.48
Training	75.00
Salary mth 3	212.33
Salary mth 3, cloud backup, Zoom	228.71
McAfee Antivirus	21.99
Namecheap email accounts	63.13
Salaries mth 4	598.54
SALC - training	50.00
MDC election recharge	1679.84

- b. West Pennard school bus escort. Request for from £1,000. This represents 1/3 of cost. There is £27,000 in account, the council needs £15,000 in reserve but only has £8,000. £3,000 would be too much for the Council to manage on this budget. Previously Council has offered around £2,000.

RESOLVED: To offer West Pennard school £1,000 this term and that Council considers offering the remainder when the precept for 23/24 is set. Approved.

- c. Defibrillator. Some funding may be available from Pilton Party or Pilton Show. Need to ascertain whether Guinness will also support. Check the defibrillators are in stock as there is a global shortage of chips. Write to Guinness Trust and Pilton Party - Council will match fund.

44. PLANNING

2022/1292/HSE: Members of the public were present to support and to objection to the

application. Representation felt the footprint was not accurate; considered there are structures within the boundary that are not included in the plans; two, 2-storey, structures with brick perimeter will impact sunlight and have windows overlooking neighbour; disruption though oil tank being close to perimeter; concerned about construction traffic. Applicant representatives asserted that site plans were taken from ordnance survey. No windows will overlook neighbours. The footprint is the same as existing. Council noted the proposal is within statutory rights for size, though massing of buildings and quantity may be of concern.

RESOLVED: To offer no objection to application 2022/1292/HSE with caveat that that Mendip District Council to look closely at permitted developments and massing of buildings. Approved.

A further proposal to object gained no Secunder.

45. POLICIES

- a. **Accessibility Statement** - To be reviewed by officers and approved at next meeting. Member of public will investigate whether a hearing loop is available at the Village Hall.
- b. **Code of Conduct** - **RESOLVED:** To approve the LGA parishes Code of Conduct. Approved.

46. UNITARY AUTHORITY

- a. Rural Parishes Liaison Group - Cllr Hall noted that there is a grass roots feeling of commonality between rural parishes. Cllr Hall will attend the 11 August Rural Parish Liaison meeting.
- b. Update of news on LCNs - Noted that LCNs will be decision making; County Councillors are consulting on 6 options for LCN boundaries; engagement with parishes and communities will take place in the autumn; a decision paper will be available in November; there will be an officer assigned to each LCN, which will meet 6-8 times per year; LCNs will have a budget with flexibility on priorities. Cllr Sully advised council to continue talking with County Councillors about any concerns.

47. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

- a. Avon & Somerset Police - No report.
- b. Mendip District Council - Noted.
- c. Somerset County Council - Cllr Sully spoke to her report. Noted that Cost of Living and Ecological Emergencies were declared.

48. MATTERS OF REPORT:

- a. Points for Roundabout - new website, permanent clerk, contact details, thanking retiring burial clerk, noting new burial clerk.
- b. Remembrance Day. Noted road closure order for A361 will be applied for by 11 August. Next meeting will consider Stewards, wreath and signage etc. Costs expected to be in the region of £200.
- c. Could parishioners clear outside pavement and overgrown bushes affecting pathways.
- d. Only two litter picks a year, propose considering three or four litter picks a year at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting: 7 September 2022

Signed

Date