

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held at Pilton Village Hall

Wednesday 6 July 2022

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

In Attendance: G Pettitt, (Temporary Parish Clerk), 8 members of the public

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- The Chair asked members of the public to inform the Clerk before the meeting if possible, of questions to be asked.
- The Clerk will bring spare agendas to future meetings.
- The Clay Pigeon shoot causes disruptive repetitive noise that travels a great distance. The shoot is licenced for 28 days through the year, usually alternately Friday/Saturday. The shoot does not require planning permission because it is limited to 28 days. Members of the public are encouraged to make Mendip District Council aware of the disruption and to keep diary notes to back up their complaints.
- Noted that Festival 'road closed' signs were patchy. The meeting was informed that a number of signs had been stolen. However, some felt that the signs were not taken notice of.

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Cllr Allen was absent from the meeting. Cllr Sully (SCC) sent apologies.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Interests include: All Cllrs present in having received Festival tickets; Cllr Hall as a Trustee of the Village Trust and Playing Field; Cllr Moulder as temporary GFEL employee.

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

15. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - The Chair welcomed the new Temporary Clerk and requested that mobile phones are switched off.

16. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the minutes of Full Council 1 June 2022. Approved.

17. PERMANENT CLERK POSITION

RESOLVED: To appoint an HR Working Group and to appoint Cllrs King, Sumner & Woodhouse as members to the HR Working Group. The group to meet immediately with adverts being issued the following week. Approved.

18. BURIAL GROUND

- a. Noted that the current Burial Ground administrator is retiring from the post. The Council would like to thank her for all the work she has put in over the years.
- b. **RESOLVED:** That the Temporary Clerk take on administration of the Burial Ground until such time as a Permanent Clerk is appointed. Approved.

19. PILTON VILLAGE TRUST

- a. Noted that the Pilton Village Trust and Pilton Playing Fields Trust are preparing to re-form as trusts with trustees and functions independent of each other.
- b. Response and actions arising from letter received from members of the public re the future of the Playing Fields Trust. Noted that the Playing

Fields are owned by the Parish Council as custodial trustee for the people of Pilton. The Parish Council is well placed to be the public forum for people to express their wishes. Day to day management is vested in trustees of the Playing Fields Trust. There was some inconclusive discussion as to the preferred make-up and tenure of the trustees to a new Playing Fields Trust. However, consensus was that the Parish Council would wish to be involved in the change of status of the management trust.

RESOLVED: Cllr King to draft a letter in response to the Village Hall Trust suggesting that a line of communication and discussion be opened.

Approved.

20. GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL EVENTS LTD (GFEL)

- a. Cllrs and members of the public reported that the festival precipitated a COVID outbreak locally; Noise nuisance was disruptive - councillors and members of the public were urged to pursue this with Mendip District Council and GFEL; Disappointment with the hotline, which took from Monday to Thursday for a response in one instance; litter picking taking 3 weeks - is too long; a lot of havoc with traffic in village, no traffic counter seen, roads in a terrible state; maps were good but did not cover outside camping areas; stewards had their own music on very loud in the village; Asda delivery lorry was refused access to resident. It was noted that the litter pick is ongoing. Noise did seem excessive, and late, this year. The results of Mendip District Council noise monitoring will be available at the October meeting with GFEL.
- b. S Russel-Yarde, GFEL - no report.

21. TRAFFIC

- a. Meeting with Highways Dept and Somerset County Cllr Claire Sully with Cllrs King & Hall. Cllr King reported inspecting West Compton, East Town Lane and West Holme to note defects. Potholes must be 40mm deep before repair can be actioned. Copious notes were made by Neil Corp - SCC Highways.
- b. Legal position of ASBOs when working on road verges - the volunteers would like clarification on whether they have permission. The Council provides insurance and tools. The Clerk will discuss with the insurers - are all roads covered e.g. A361. A list of ASBO volunteers will be supplied to the clerk.

22. WEIR LANE FOOTPATH

- a. Noted that a landowner is being contacted regarding a collapsing fence.
- b. **RESOLVED:** To approve to trim back tree/hedge encroachment and to consider laying further chippings. Approved.
- c. Noted that Somerset County Council will strim the path 6 monthly and install two footpath signs.
- d. Noted that wooden railings may be placed along a short section, however ownership needs to be verified.

23. WEBSITE - The draft new website was screened to the meeting.

RESOLVED: To approve a piltonparishcouncil.org email address each for the clerk and chair at cost of £4.60 per month. Approved.

RESOLVED: To approve Cllr Sumner to produce generic, free, email addresses, if possible, for the seven remaining Cllrs. Approved.

24. FINANCE - Cllr Woodhouse reported that the signatories are now mandated to Cllrs King, Sumner and Woodhouse and online banking and standing orders are set up. Noted that Parish Online access will be free as the Council insures with BHIB. Cllr

Woodhouse will review the insurance and asset cover over the next month. Clerk and RFO will prepare the first quarter's budget review for next Full Council.

RESOLVED: To appoint Cllr Hollings as the Internal Review Officer. Approved.

- a. **Payments -RESOLVED:** To approve payments: Garden Machinery £43.30; Room hire £15; War Memorial £20; Tree Specialist £740; Salaries £605.71; PAYE £397.80; Burial Ground admin £43.30; Zoom 12mths £86.33; ICO £40, SALC £30; grass cutting £95. Approved.

RESOLVED: To approve up to £650 for the purchase of a new laptop and camera. Approved

25. PLANNING

- a. **2022/1206/VRC:** Application to vary condition 2 (restriction on storage) of planning approval 109739/008 (Retrospective change of use and rebuilding of existing agricultural barn for the storage, distribution and maintenance of marquees-(amended description) to Storage and Distribution B8 Use.

Friars Oven Barn, Summerhill Lane
CPRE report was noted.

RESOLVED: To Object. This area is not suitable for industrial use - it is in a special area. B8 is for industrial locations but the B8 status is unclarified - council cannot determine whether this is a harmful development. Access is also an issue.

- b. **2022/0324/FUL:** Retention of storage and amenity structures (toilets, admin and shelters) related to clay pigeon shooting use (max 28 no. days per annum). Somerset Shooting Ground, Steanbow Farm.

RESOLVED: To Object. It is unclear that the septic tank can manage the usage - there is confused information on the foul water strategy. It could cause overstretching of the sewage system.

- c. **2022/1022/:** Installation of field gate access and agricultural track Land At 359738 140711 Copse Lane Pilton

RESOLVED: No Objection. With condition that gate size is enforced and any flooding issues mitigated.

[Cllr Moulder left the meeting]

26. **UNITARY AUTHORITY** The meeting of 30 June did not take place. Noted Doulling Parish Council is holding a meeting on 7 July for rural councils. Cllr Hall will attend.
27. **JUBILEE EVENT:** The Jubilee weekend was compounded by the Festival but it was a great success with a lot of community input. Many thanks to everyone who helped. £320 was raised for the Disasters Committee.
28. **RESOLVED:** To approve the provisional meeting dates to May 2023. Approved.
29. **LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS:** Noted.
30. **MATTERS OF REPORT:** None

Date of next meeting: 3 August 2022

Signed

Date