

**MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL MEETING
Held at Pilton Village Hall
Wednesday 3rd April 2024**

Present: Cllrs C Connock, T Hollings (Chair), N Hall, R Woodhouse, O Powell, R Noble

In Attendance: Kate Egan (Locum Clerk) and ten members of the public.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- A query was raised about the Council Tax and the high increase from the Parish Council.
- The Parish Council were thanked for organising the repairs to the roads within the Parish
- A New Village Liaison Manager for the Festival has been appointed
- A GFEL representative read out a statement regarding various traffic management issues. This had been sent to the Clerk prior to the meeting and an item will be put on the next agenda to discuss and propose any actions.

Meeting Opened 7.17pm

200. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN
Cllrs K Sumner, T Moulder and L Roberts.

201. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interests from Councillors

202. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
a. **To confirm and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 6th March 2024**
Following an addition to item 183 the minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 6th March were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair and dated. It was noted that the February minutes require approval.

203. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
Vice Chair Cllr T Hollings was chairing the meeting. The next GFEL Liaison Meeting is taking place on Wednesday 24th April in the village hall starting at 6pm.

204. EXTERNAL REPORTS
Cumhill Lane is being closed for one day for roadworks.
SALC reported opportunity to obtain D-Day flag. To be discussed at next meeting.

205. PLANNING
a. **2024/0582/TCA:** T1 – Norway Maple – Reduce height by 5m. Reduce side branches by 2m. Cumhill House, Cumhill Lane, Pilton. **Recommendation**
Pilton Parish Council recommended approval.

206. DISCUSS THE FORMAT OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING BEING HELD ON 15TH MAY 2024 AT 6PM

Various Councillors will give a short presentation on the subjects they represent. Invitations will be sent out to all village groups; an article will be placed in the Parish Magazine asking if others would like to give a short presentation. Refreshments will be on offer.

207. VILLAGE PLAN STEERING GROUP

Proposal to appoint two further Councillors to the Village Plan Steering Group

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllrs C Connock and N Hall to the Village Plan Steering Group.

Cllr R Woodhouse gave a verbal update and the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th April.

208. LITTER – Proposal to purchase additional litter bins for the village or enquire from Somerset Environmental Services whether the number of times the bins are emptied could be increased.

This was deferred to the next meeting.

209. PLUMBERS QUOTE

Proposal to accept the quote from the Plumbers to repair the leaky tap in the Burial Ground

The Council **RESOLVED** the quote could be accepted under delegation authority and give permission for the works to go ahead.

210. SPEED REDUCTION Proposal to accept the quotes and appoint a contractor to carry out the road markings within the Parish of Pilton.

Following a discussion, the Council **RESOLVED** to send all the information to GFEL (as GFEL is paying for the works) with the recommendation the lower priced quotes are accepted, and accept the works are carried out as per the TRO, (subject to due diligence) and subject to satisfactory contract between GFEL, the contractor and/or the Parish Council.

211. TRIADS / WORKING GROUP These will include the following

- **Housing Working Group – Report**

A report was sent out prior to the meeting and a verbal update was given. The working group was disbanded as the project had now been completed.

- **Burial Ground Working Party – Update on the fencing**

Works on the fence will be started shortly, and will take about four days. The quote has been accepted.

212. FINANCE TO APPROVE

- Salary (m11) £474.17
- PAYE £722.33
- PMWC £60.00
- Insurance £763.47
- Burial Gates £425.00

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the above payments and also **RESOLVED** to approve the additional payment to HMRC for £783.42

NEXT MEETING: Full Council – 1 May 2024.

Meeting closed 8.31pm.