

# MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

## FULL COUNCIL MEETING

### held at Pilton Village Hall

### Thursday 16 February 2023

**Present:** Cllrs Woodhouse, Hall, Hollings, Sumner and King.

**In Attendance:** G Pettitt, (Parish Clerk), 14 members of the public.

The Chair addressed the meeting to inform those present that the number of councillors present is reduced at this meeting because a number had made Declarations of Interests in item 136. The meeting of 1 February voted on the main body of planning application 2022/2358/FUL, subsequently an amendment had been submitted that also required consideration by the Council. Discussion of the amendment will not affect the decision by Council on its response to the substantial planning application.

#### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

#### **Speakers on behalf of GFEL**

- Steve Russell-Yarde voiced concern that the amendment is significant and that council should reconsider the entire application.  
It was explained that the council cannot revoke a resolution unless there is significant change: the application amendment is clearly documented and did not affect the considerations of the objection to the application at the previous meeting; advice had been sought from the Planning Officer who advised this course of action; advice had been sought from the Monitoring Officer who had agreed with this course of action; advice had also been sought from SLCC and SALC who also agreed with this course of action.
- Melvin Benn noted that a pre-application had been discussed and changed due to changing circumstances. He suggested it would have been inefficient to return to Council with each change. He stated that Council had been alerted to the application some time ago. He concurred that it is a larger site and time frame than the previous permission, but that the former permission was inadequate. He suggested Council should compare this application with the current actuality rather than the previous, inadequate, permission.

#### **Speakers from Members of the Public present**

- Permanency is the issue. Query as to whether the licences have oversight of environmental issues. Cllr Hall confirmed that licences do not.
- Request to put link to Monitoring Officer on the Pilton Parish Council website. If anyone has concerns about Council/Councillor conduct, they can contact the Monitoring Officer at [monitoringofficer@mendip.gov.uk](mailto:monitoringofficer@mendip.gov.uk)
- Concern that the agricultural usage will be lost.
- Environmental policies are strong. The owner allows parishioners to use the land.

#### **133. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN**

No apologies were received.

#### **134. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of interest from those present. However, Cllrs Moulder, Noble, Powell and Roberts had all given verbal Declarations of Pecuniary Interest in item 136 prior to the meeting.

#### **135. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no exclusions of Press and Public.

**136. PLANNING**

a. To consider the amended planning application below. Note that comments on the amendment only are required for this application.

No. & Officer	Detail	Type
2023/22458 <a href="#">Documents (74)</a> Tessa Hampden	<p><u>Proposed mixed use comprising: (i) continuing agricultural use (ii) continuation of annual festival on a permanent basis; (iii) continuation of the annual Pilton Party; (iv) permanent regularisation of pyramid structure and festival storage building; and (v) provision of areas to accommodate the temporary festival workforce. (Amended description and plans 06.02.2023).</u></p> <p>Land At And Adjacent To Worthy Farm Worthy Lane Pilton Somerset</p> <p><b>Response Date 21 February 2023</b>  <b>Pilton PC Response ..... 16 February 2023</b></p>	FUL

There was some discussion clarifying the item to be discussed - full application or amendment only. Discussion included:

- Relief that the camping element had been removed
- That the vote would have been different on 1 February, if camping had not been under consideration
- That the whole application should be discussed again
- Regret that Motion A in item 132 of the minutes of 1 February had not been included in the considerations.
- That there should be a fallow year every 5 years
- Happy with the continuing agricultural use of the farm
- Mixed opinions on the Build and Break schedule
- Concern that the staff camping plan exceeds 28 days; that it is a different view of the site; that one staff site is outside the red line. However as long as noise is low and does not affect the village this should not be an issue.

**RESOLVED:** Pilton Parish Council welcomes the removal of the campsite and suggests that fallow years are established as 1 in every 5 years in terms of the continuing agricultural use of the farm and as a rest for villagers.

In light of the good friendly relationship between the Festival and the Council it would be hoped that any future alteration or modification to the premises licences or any further planning changes would be discussed with the Parish Council in advance of a formal submission to the regulatory authorities.

An amendment was considered:

If the original application had not included camping, the original vote may have been in favour of the planning application. Proposed by Cllr Sumner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Hollings

Cllrs Hollings, Sumner and Woodhouse voted for the amendment

Cllrs Hall and King voted against the amendment. The amendment was approved.

The substantial Motion was considered:

Proposed Cllr Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Woodhouse

The substantial Motion was approved unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING:** Full Council - 1 March 2023.

Meeting Closed

Date of next meeting: 1 March 2023

Signed .....

Date .....