

# MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

## FULL COUNCIL MEETING

### held at Pilton Village Hall

### Wednesday 9 July 2025

**Present:** Cllrs: K Sumner, N Hall, R Noble, C Connock, T Hollings, T Moulder, L Roberts, O Powell.

**In Attendance:** 8 members of the public present, Gill Pettitt (Parish Clerk).

#### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Note that much of the out of hours noise during the festival came from off-site campsites where DJs had been hired to play all night and did not appear to abide by curfew rules. Thanks was given to Tracey Mapstone and everyone for the smooth running of the festival, which went very well this year.

#### 46. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

**RESOLVED:** To accept apologies from Cllr Woodhouse and reasons for absence - out of parish. Proposed Cllr Hollings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Sumner. Approved with one abstention - Cllr Hall.

#### 47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hall declared an interest in item 58c.

*(NB this does not preclude any later declarations).*

#### 48. DISPENSATIONS

- a. Noted that Cllr Hall's partial dispensation, approved at the last meeting, still stands regarding item 58c.

#### 49. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **RESOLVED:** To confirm and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 4 June with one amendment - Cllr Sumner was present. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Connock. Approved.
- b. **RESOLVED:** To confirm and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 23 June 2025. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Hall. Approved with two abstentions, Cllrs Moulder and Roberts.

#### 50. EXTERNAL REPORTS

- a. Avon and Somerset Police - no report
- b. Somerset Council - noted. The section on the festival was a very good piece - mature and balanced. Thank you.

#### 51. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. A bespoke Code of Conduct training session will be organised for the Parish Councillors. Date will be made available when known. The cost to the council will be £395.
- b. Question regarding availability of meeting papers to Councillors - these are available on the [Parish Council website](#).
- c. Noted that many of the village Noticeboards were made by a member of the public, funded by Michael Eavis, and gifted to the Parish Council. This will be noted on Parish Council records.
- d. Noted that, due to a miscommunication, the Chair did not contribute to this meeting's agenda.

#### 52. PLANNING

- a. Noted that planning application 2025/0746/FUL originally carried the wrong address - Minutes of 7 May '25, item 9b. Correct address is Land at 359862 143210 Knowle Lane.
- b. To consider the Planning Applications below and any that arise before the meeting.

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[2025/1036/HSE Demolition of existing green house & removal of the existing roof on side extension. New windows & new photovoltaic panels. Erection of single storey extension to the south elevation.](#) Sutley House Mount Pleasant Pilton

**RESOLVED:** To support application 2025/1036/HSE. Material Consideration 3. There will be minimal visual impact. Proposed Cllr Powell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Moulder. Approved with one against, Cllr Noble.

### 53. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS /TRIADS AND RESOLVE ANY ACTIONS ARISING

- a. Affordable Housing Triad - reported that an expression of interest has been made to the Community Council of Somerset who are offering free support to Parish Councils in performing Housing Needs surveys. Towards the end of July, we will hear if successful. The group met with Colin MacDonald, the Rural Housing Enabler at Somerset Council who was very helpful and will support the Parish Council's research into need.
- b. Biodiversity Triad - has not met yet.
- c. Burial Ground Triad - have met with Rick England, the groundsman. Part of the concrete path, at the back of the burial ground is subsiding. Suggest that it be removed and put to grass. We are awaiting a quote to build the stone tap feature.
- d. Flooding Triad - Cllr Sumner has responded to the NALC Flooding survey. Clerk to contact Somerset Council regarding Shutwell Lane works.
- e. Footpaths Working Group
- f. Highways Triad and report from CSW - Somerset Council have put a call out for notification of white and yellow lining that needs re-doing - a list is being registered with Somerset Council. The Triad have applied for a license to do highways work. Retaining wall with 4mt drop at the bottom of Cumhill - requires infrastructure works. These works are outstanding - Clerk to write to Council to ask when it will be completed. Copse Lane culvert needs inspecting. Clerk to report. Speed Watch report noted. Signs on the A361 saying the road will be closed from 9 - 27 July - we need to know more.
- g. Parish Plan Steering Group - meeting on 23 July. Planning for a public meeting with Health Connectors and the community groups meeting that was originally planned for 30<sup>th</sup> July will probably have to be delayed unfortunately.
- h. LCN update Highways working group has done some research on local A roads. Mapping interaction with other organisations. There was patchy engagement with parishes and delivery was poor. In future would like to include the A361 and the Wells to Frome road, which is an important connector, and the Beacon Hill crossroads which could be possibly improved with a staggered junction. Community transport scheme initiative. This year's Chair is Cllr Martin Lovell, two deputy Chairs are Cllr Barry Clarke and Cllr Nick Hall. The next meeting will be 29 September.

### 54. CLERK'S REPORT

- a. Assertion 10 will be new to the next AGAR. Currently Council would not be able to say it complies with the new Assertion. Councillors are asked to use the council's dedicated email accounts. The clerk will re-send the link. Risk Assessments and policies will need to be prepared during the year.

### 55. POLICIES

- a. **RESOLVED:** To add an amendment to the review of the Standing Orders moving item 14f to 14a, and amending item 14c in the review to "14b Any discussion by the Parish Council of a proven breach of the Council's code of conduct will be held in confidential session with the outcome reported via the minutes.", and amending item 14b in the review to "14c For the avoidance of doubt complaints that a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights has allegedly breached the Council's

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code of conduct, shall not be discussed by the Parish Council. Proposed Cllr Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Sumner. Approved.

- b. **RESOLVED:** To approve the substantive review of Standing Orders 14 and 18 as amended. Proposed Cllr Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Sumner. Approved.

#### 56. FESTIVAL 2025

- a. To agree actions to obtain feedback on Glastonbury Festival 2025. Council would like to distinguish between issues coming from the festival and those coming from off-site campsites.

**RESOLVED:** A call for feedback will be made through Facebook, the website and Roundabout with a deadline of Friday 22 August. All feedback is helpful, whether negative, positive or indifferent. JotForm will be used. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Moulder. Approved.

#### 57. HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

- a. Actions arising from the report from the Housing Allocations Working Group. The report will be put on the Council website; and sent to Housing Associations asking for comments, noting the disparity between Housing Association Allocation policies. Hastoe, Guinness and Aster Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Hall. Approved.

#### 58. FINANCE

- a. Grant Applications

- i. To confirm how loan funds will be 'ring-fenced' i.e. to retain GFEL conditions or not.

**RESOLVED:** To return loans to the same GFEL donation cost centre retaining the conditions noting that this cost centre may remain open for four years or more. Proposed Cllr Hollings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Moulder. Approved.

- ii. Emailed clarification from GFEL on the conditions to the donation funds has been received. "1. It needs to be spent on infrastructure projects which benefit or have a user group of at least 75% of parishioners. ie. Good roads benefit 100% of the parish, or the playing fields are open to everyone and likely used by at least 75% of parishioners. It is NOT that 75% of the members of a small club with a small user group must live in the Parish. The purpose of this condition is for the money to have maximum benefit to the most people.

2. That it isn't used (to litigate) against GFEL."

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the clarification as supplied by Melvin Benn and to amend the grant policy accordingly. Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Powell. Approved with one against - Cllr Hall. Cllr Hall noted that he believed this is a modification of the original letter of agreement, so some confusion remains. Cllr Hall asked that the Chair write to GFEL to state that Melvin Benn's email had been adopted.

- b. Cllr Powell declared an interest in this item and did not vote.

**RESOLVED:** To approve a grant to Pilton Walks for one year of spending i.e. £187. Proposed Cllr Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Noble. Approved with one against, Cllr Roberts.

- c. Cllr Hall spoke to this item under the terms of his dispensation but did not vote.

**RESOLVED:** To approve a pledge of £2,000 to the Glastonbury TrainLink grant application noting that the terms of the pledge will be drawn up at a later date. Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Powell. Approved 4 for and 3 against, Cllrs Hollings, Roberts and Connock. [Note Cllr Hollings proposed a counter proposal, later stated to be a proposed amendment, however this was withdrawn.] Cllr Hall thanked the council for supporting the initiative.

- d. Noted, with thanks, feedback on funding to the Pilton Community Fridge. "Labels and cleaning supplies for the next couple of years have been purchased and 7 volunteers are completing their food hygiene renewals to keep us safe and compliant. Money all gone! Thank you"

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- e. Noted payments & receipts as tabled. Also noted that the budget needs reviewing and that the Finance Triad will bring this to the next meeting.
- f. Cllr Hollings reviewed and approved the first quarter's bank reconciliations. **RESOLVED:** To approve the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter's bank reconciliations. Proposed Cllr Hollings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Moulder. Approved.

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

All members of the public had left the room, so no vote was required to exclude them.

#### **60. CLOSED SESSION**

- a. Staffing Committee
  - i. **RESOLVED:** To approve 9 hours overtime for April and May, and 4 hours for June. Proposed Cllr Sumner. Approved.
- b. Quotes
  - i. **RESOLVED:** To approve the quote from PB Jetting Solutions of £800 for cleaning 80-100 drains and £200 for disposal of waste. Proposed Cllr Powell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Sumner. Approved.

#### **61. MATTERS OF REPORT**

- a. Roundabout - Feedback on festival.
- b. Question regarding feedback from Pilton Playing Fields trust on their finances - Cllr Woodhouse and Sumner have received this. It will be reported at the next meeting.

Meeting closed 21:03

**NEXT MEETING:** Council Meeting - 6 August 2025