

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held at Pilton Village Hall

Wednesday 10 January 2024

Present: Cllrs R Noble, K Sumner, C Connock, R Woodhouse, T Moulder, T Hollings.

In Attendance: G Milne (taking minutes), 5 members of the public.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Request for defibrillator to be sited near Oathill cottages. There have been two incidents in the last two weeks for a defibrillator to be called for. Community Grant up to £250 can be requested from the housing association. Parish Council has been asked to fund the shortfall which may be brought back to Council and voted upon once grant has been applied for.. Parish Council will help with a grant application to the housing association.
- Question about when the GFEL meeting will take place. The Chair will follow up with GFEL.

MEETING OPENED 7:15PM

156 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies received from Cllr Hall (business out of Parish), Cllr Powell (sickness in the family), Cllr Roberts (personal reasons)

RESOLVED: to accept apologies and reasons for absence.

157 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Sumner 2023-2441

Cllr. Connock 168b

158 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: To confirm and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 6 December 2023 - Approved

159 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Hollings and Cllr Sumner walked around the area after recent heavy rain. Need to look at trying to reduce water down roads and clear drains. Somerset Council have been contacted about the A361. They identified drains that require clearing in next year's budget (2025). Somerset Council may not have money. GFEL, as major road user, have been asked to help with the cost of repair of roads and potholes, they will look into this with the Parish Council. If the Parish Council takes responsibility for roads, then they could be responsible in perpetuity instead of Somerset Council. The Ford is blocked by heavy rubble following the floods, which Somerset Council have agreed to clear.

160 EXTERNAL REPORTS

- a. Avon & Somerset Police – Meeting to take place in late January with the Chair.
- b. Somerset County Council – no report
- c. Speedwatch Report - no report

161 PLANNING

No. & Officer	Detail	Type
2023/2441 Documents (5)	Refurbishment of barn/outbuilding for ancillary use.	LBC

Lynsey Bradshaw	Walnut Tree Barn Top Street Pilton Response Date 12 January 2024 Pilton PC Response 10 January 2024 Barn will fall if nothing happens to it. Reinstating slat roof and new floor. There will be no services. Room height staying the same. Woodworm is everywhere. Stone built. It will improve visual appearance. Proposed Cllr. Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr. Connock, Approved	
2023/2313 Documents (8) Kelly Pritchard	Installation of PV solar panels on the south facing roof Knowle Farm Knowle Lane West Compton Response Date 12 January 2024 Pilton PC Response 10 January 2024 Not a listed building. Low pitch barn Encourages alternative energy. Very few people go past. Proposed Cllr. Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr. Noble, Approved	FUL
2023/2314 Documents (5) Kelly Pritchard	Erection of agricultural barn Knowle Farm Knowle Lane West Compton Response Date 12 January 2024 Pilton PC Response 10 January 2024 Next to the lambing barn. Provide security of sheep and equipment. Proposed Cllr. Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr. Connock, Approved	FUL

162 TRAFFIC AND SECURITY SUGGESTIONS TO GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL (GFEL)

Pilton Parish Council suggested potential opportunities to Glastonbury Festival Events Ltd – to improve Village Access, Traffic & Parking during Festival – to ratify the vote on amendments to establish members voting against the amendments.

RESOLVED: Cllr Noble supported Cllr Hall's amendment. Cllr Woodhouse abstained. All other Councillors were against the amendment.

The original suggested text was voted on and approved as well.

163 FINANCE -

- a. To consider budget revisions 24/25. Final decision to be made at a 2nd (budget) meeting in January date TBC. deadline to report to Somerset Council postponed to 2nd February. We will not take over services at present provided by Somerset Council as we do not have the money. Currently we have 2 streetlights, bin collecting and verges. Propose to increase Band B to £52.98 per year to each household (£1 per week). This is cheaper than other Parish Councils in the area. This will increase the reserve up to £14,000 which we believe is required as a minimum. Election was £2492 and need to meet shortfall of running the burial ground (£1,500). Parish plan cut to £500 hold on any further expenditure. Rainwater and pothole repair hopefully will be helped by GFEL.
- b. To confirm the date of budget meeting at end of January once information received from Somerset Council.
- c. Payments – No payments to note.

164 TRIADS - To rationalise Councillor responsibilities:

- a. GFEL – To approve the lead Cllr and two deputies responsible for GFEL liaison. Lead Cllr Sumner, deputy's Cllr Hollings & Cllr Woodhouse
- b. Finance – To disband the Finance Working group. Should read "Burial Ground". Deferred to next meeting.
- c. Flooding – To approve the lead Cllr and two deputies responsible for Flooding issues. Lead: Cllr Hollings, Deputies: Cllr Sumner and Cllr Connock. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr. Moulder. Approved
- d. Footpaths – To approve the lead Cllr and two deputies responsible for footpaths. Deferred to next meeting.
- e. Staffing – To disband the Staffing Working Group. Deferred to next meeting as staffing should remain as a standing working group and not a triad.

165. LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK (LCN) JANUARY MEETING – Next Meeting 11 January, Shepton Mallet Council Offices.

166 MATTERS TO REPORT

Items for Roundabout February 2024

- Litter picking.
- Sir Michael Eavis congratulations
- Recycling, put one box on top of the other so that the wind does not blow paper around.
- Check your own flood defences.
- Remove plants overhanging the road and cut back overgrown hedges.

Cllr Connock to be given a letter to give to house owners regarding clearing their own ditches and overhanging plants.

167 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC -To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public and Press have been excluded from meeting within the requirements of the [Public Bodies \(Admission to Meetings\) Act \(as amended\) 1960](#)

- a. to approve item 147 to be excluded from Press and Public. Approved

168 CLOSED SESSION

a Consideration and approval, (or not), of Internal Audit 23/24 quote. - deferred to next meeting.

b Consideration and approval, (or not), of Burial Ground Fence replacement quote. Two payments were made. £750 for items we have approved (less than £500 each. Information will be brought to the next meeting. Proposed: Cllr Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved

Quote received to replace fence £2,300. Approve updating fence subject to a firm quote. Proposed: Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Sumner. Approved

c Consideration and approval, (or not), of staff overtime. No payments to approve. 10 hours per week and 4 overtime. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr Noble. Approved

NEXT MEETING: Full Council – 7th February 2024.