

# MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING held at Pilton Village Hall Monday 2 October 2024

**Present:** Cllrs: K Sumner, N Hall, R Woodhouse, R Noble, O Powell, Claire Connock, T Moulder.

**In Attendance:** 8 members of the public, Cllr Claire Sully Somerset Council (SC), Gill Pettitt (Parish Clerk).

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- The hole in the wall at Cumhill has bollards placed around it now. The Chair will contact SC to instigate the repair as the County Council is liable.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr Hollings, out of the parish, and Cllr Roberts, unwell.

**RESOLVED:** To approve apologies received from Cllr Hollings and reasons given. Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Powell. Approved with one abstention, Cllr Noble.

**RESOLVEDL** To approve apologies received from Cllr Roberts and reasons given. Proposed Cllr Powell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Moulder. Approved with two abstentions, Cllrs Noble, Hall.

## 95. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 96. DISPENSATIONS

No dispensations were requested.

## 97. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **RESOLVED:** To confirm and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 4 September 2024. Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sumner. Approved with one abstention, Cllr Powell.
- b. To confirm and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 23 September 2024. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Woodhouse. Approved with two abstentions Cllrs Moulder and Powell.

## 98. EXTERNAL REPORTS

- a. Avon and Somerset Police - None received.
- b. Somerset Council - noted.

## 99. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A **Code of Conduct complaint** had been received: submitted to Tonya Meers, the Deputy Monitoring Officer regarding the painting of an 'H bar' white line on Shop Lane.

She has returned her decision as follows:

- After receipt of responses from Cllr Hollings and the Parish Clerk, it is clear that neither the parish council nor Cllr Hollings were involved in the painting of the white 'H bar' marking that appeared in Shop Lane.
- SC Highways Department confirmed that they were unaware of the white lines and believed that they had been painted in error, and that they had been removed prior to SC organising their removal.
- All decisions relating to the 20mph scheme were taken by Pilton Parish Council at Full Council, and not by the Traffic Plan working group.
- It is noted that Cllr Hollings declared an interest at the 7 August Full Council meeting and spoke on Shop Lane parking when the meeting was open to members of the public, after which he left the room. It is the opinion of the DMO that Cllr Hollings acted appropriately.

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- It is the opinion of the DMO that, if proven, this complaint would not be a breach of the code of conduct. Cllr Hollings does not appear to have been involved in the painting of the white lines and no public funds were spent either putting them down or in their removal. In addition, Cllr Hollings properly declared an interest at the parish council meeting.

There will be no further action.

It was noted that it is not the Parish Council's responsibility to investigate its members' Code of Conduct. The H bar appears to have been painted over. If councillors or members of the public have information of councillor activity that they feel breaches the Code of Conduct, it should be submitted to the monitoring officer. Cllr Sumner will write to SC to ask if the H bar will be burnt off.

**Council Grants:** Understandably, groups within the community are interested in how the Parish Council will be approaching the distribution of funds from the recent GFEL donation.

The Council intends to take the lead from the results of the Parish Survey. The results from this will be available towards the end of this year. Council will then draw up an Action Plan, which will be brought to the next Annual Parish Meeting in 2025.

In the meantime, groups may apply for small grants from the limited Parish Council budget through the grant application form on the Parish Council website at

<https://www.piltonparishcouncil.org/policies>, where the Council policy on grant funding can also be found.

**Grit Bins** - Cllr Moulder will check the grit levels.

**Litter pick** will take place on 12 October, 9am, meet at the Town Hall. Equipment will be provided. Not all councillors are able to attend. Suggested that Cllr Noble organise a further litter pick.

**Remembrance Day** - the road closure is organised, Cllr Sumner will not be able to attend but will arrange to purchase the wreath and pass it, and the First Aid box, to Cllr Noble. Cllrs Connock, Hall & Sumner will provide cars to block the side roads for the duration.

**LCN meeting this week:** A map is being created of traffic incident hotspots - Conduit Lane and the Neat Lane / A361 junction are added. A Flood working group will be created; Pilton's blocked drains and yet to be completed works to the A361 drainage were noted. Noted that the next Somerset Prepared meeting will be 6 November. Free volunteer training is available. Cllr Sully advised that Somerset Rivers Authority has funding for small projects. Smaller councils at a disadvantage through devolution as they do not have the funds to take on non-statutory works.

**Cockmill Barn** - SC officers have visited the site. The applicant is resubmitting an application, which will be available for consultation. Cllr Sully has asked that the application go to Committee.

- 100. PLANNING** - To consider the following Planning Applications and any that arise before the meeting.

No. & Officer	Detail	Type
APP/E3335/C/23/3333243 REF: <a href="#">ENF/2020/0034</a>	<b>NOTIFICATION: APPEAL HEARING</b> : Appeal against Enforcement Notice, <b>Appeal Location:</b> Land to the West Of Winters Hill Lane, West Compton, <b>On: 8th October 2024 At: 10:00am</b> Noted <b>Documents at</b> <a href="#">ENF/2020/0034</a>	
2024/0591 <a href="#">Documents (30)</a>	<b>APPEAL:</b> APP/E3335/W/24/3348672 Application to vary condition 2 (Drawings) of planning approval 2021/0252/FUL (Proposed conversion and extension of agricultural buildings to create a dwelling) Upper Westholme Farm, Perridge Hill, Pilton Comments to <a href="https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk">https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk</a> . <b>Related planning applications:</b> <a href="#">2021/0252/FUL</a> No access to Pilton Parish Council response. <a href="#">2022/2138/VRC</a> No objection from Pilton Parish Council. Application refused by officer.	VRC

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	<a href="#">2024/0591/VRC</a> Pilton Parish Council support. Application refused by officer. <b>Response Date</b> - 11 October 2024 <b>Pilton PC Response</b> - Refer to officer - 2 October 2024	
2024/1594 <a href="#">Documents (3)</a> Bo Walsh	<a href="#">T1 Norway Maple - Crown reduction 1.5-2m. T2 Whitebeam - Crown reduction 1.5-2m.</a> Holes Barn Top Street Pilton <b>Response Date</b> - NOTIFICATION ONLY <b>Pilton PC Response</b> - Noted - 2 October 2024	TCA

**101. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS**

- a. Burial Ground Working Group - no update.
- b. Parish Community Review Steering Group - Over 300 responses received. Recommendations will be reviewed at the December Full Council. Congratulations to the winner of the raffle - Jacob Cornelius - who will notify the Clerk of where he would like to spend the £50 prize in the parish.
- c. Traffic Planning Working Group - a meeting has not been held. Cllr Sumner will convene a meeting this month.
- d. Flooding Triad - Noted a number of drains remain to be cleared by SC and that gritting of roads may have blocked drains further - the contractors will inspect the works within 3 weeks of completion and finish line painting. Further surfacing works may be undertaken.

**102. FESTIVAL FEEDBACK** - Parishioners and councillors have supplied feedback to forward to GFEL along with supplementary information and Council asks that GFEL reports back at the first meeting of 2025 on how and what GFEL will do to continue to improve these areas.

- a. Security within the Parish.
- b. Noise, from the festival.
- c. Environment, we note the good report from the Environment Agency.
- d. Village and neighbouring parish tickets.
- e. Helicopters and related traffic.
- a. Access to all parts of the Parish.
- b. Communication from GFEL.
- c. Safety in the lanes, particularly brambles/nettles reducing the useable road width.
- d. Off-site camping, parking and ticketing.
- e. Reports requested: Police, external to fence. Report on Green Car Park. Traffic count information. Report from SC re off-site, traffic.

**103. OVERGROWTH AND LOWGROWTH** - Cllrs Connock and Noble have produced a list of problem growth areas. Noted that Mount Pleasant is dangerous; Neat Lane vegetation is impeding visibility; and A361 by bus shelter. SC to be asked to assess those listed. Cllr Sully will ask Cllr Wilkins, the Highways portfolio holder, to arrange a site visit.**104. A361 Freight route** - Cllr Sumner attended a Glastonbury Town Council (GTC) meeting discussing reduction of the A361 from freight route status. Comments included that traffic calming may be more feasible, such as traffic lights at Conduit Square and a roundabout at Neat Lane. GTC will contact SC Cllr Sarah Dyke and requested that Pilton PC contact Cllr Tessa Munt at a later point. To be discussed at next Full Council.**105. FINANCE**

- a. To note receipts - no receipts.
- b. Payments this month excl VAT: Cemetery mowing 120.00; Hall Hire 16.67 August and 33.33 September. Q2 payroll fee £120.00; Mth 6 Salaries £506.91; Q2 Tax £485.88; External Audit £210.00. Proposed to approve payments Cllr Woodhouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Sumner. Approved.

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- c. Noted the External Auditor decision identifying difficulties of comparison with 22/23 budget but that transparency has improved.  
**RESOLVED:** To continue with current procedures. Approved.
- d. **RESOLVED:** To approve application for grant from West Pennard School for support toward the school bus escort with a comment asking that the school be explicit in future as to other grants received. Proposed Cllr Sumner; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Powell.
- e. **RESOLVED:** To create new cost centres for expenses and allowances and to request a review from the IRP as to the advised allowance figure for 25/26, to provide the ability for Council to consider applications for allowances in the future. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Moulder. Approved.
- f. **RESOLVED:** To purchase a bleed kit for the Pilton Playing Field defibrillator. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Woodhouse.

**106. MATTERS OF REPORT**

- a. Articles for November Roundabout Magazine - Remembrance Day
- b. The ASBO team is moving the footpath sign at Mount Pleasant to where it should be according to official maps.

**NEXT MEETING:** Full Council - 6 November 2024