

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held at Pilton Village Hall

Wednesday 6 September 2023

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

In Attendance: G Pettitt, (Parish Clerk), Cllr C Sully, (Somerset Council), 18 members of the public.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Council was asked to work with GFEL to ensure visitors to the Pilton Party have directions to it - there were traffic issues, and many visitors lost their way.

88. WELCOME CLAIRE CONNOCK TO COUNCIL

- a. Claire Connock signed the Declaration of Office and was welcomed to Council

89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Cllr Woodhouse, family issue.

Resolved: To accept apologies and reasons given by Cllr Woodhouse. Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Noble. Approved.

90. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

91. DISPENSATIONS

No requests for dispensation were received.

92. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved: To exclude item 103 from Press and Public. Proposed Cllr Hollings, 2nd Cllr Hall. Approved.

93. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **Resolved:** To confirm and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 2 August 2023 with one amendment 23-14-79b change "... move a fence to the left and remove ..." to "move a fence to the left. Remove ...". Approved.

94. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

No report

95. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

- a. Avon & Somerset Police - None.
- b. Somerset County Council - Cllr Sully's report will be circulated. It notes the financial position of Somerset Council (SC) which is being addressed. Cllr Sully introduced herself as Councillor for Mendip South. She suggests that Pilton Parish Council may consider how it can support road safety in the future, for example with road gritting. Many parishes are implementing reduced traffic speed limits. She is the LibDem group Deputy Chair, is on the Planning Board of Sustainable Food Somerset and is the Vice Chair of the local LCN, which she intends to make accessible and useful for the community. She is on the Somerset Grass Roots team - a back bench team that links Parishes to the Executive. Ideas for Community projects can be fed to Cllr Sully for discussion by the Grass Roots Team. She will be available to the Pilton community between 6pm-7pm at the Village Hall before Pilton Full Council meetings if people wish to bring issues to her or email claire.sully@somerset.gov.uk.
Regarding 2023/1037/CLE - the decision was made to approve the application as lawful. Since then, concerns have been raised regarding the process. The Council was asked to view this application as a notification only - there was no opportunity for comments to be made. Members of the public can submit concrete evidence to SC.

Parish Council will be writing to SC concerning the fact that it was not put to consultation. The Parish Council is happy to discuss concerns with residents.

96. WORKING GROUP / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Burial Ground Working Group - report was noted. Cllr Sumner reported that the gates would be painted in the following week.
- b. Housing Working Group
Resolved: To adopt Housing Working Group Terms of Reference. Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Powell. Approved.
- c. Parish Plan Steering Group - the meeting has not yet met. Cllr Hollings will organise this week. Cllr Hollings will liaise with the Clerk.
- d. Traffic Plan Working Group (TPWG)- Application for 20mph speed limits has been submitted to SC. Intend to amend the Terms of Reference - this will be brought to the next Full Council. Contact has been made with the Head of Traffic Management with a view to residents producing a log of incidents because the department only logs incidents that caused personal injury. Action is only taken by SC after seven personal injury incidents within a five-year period have been logged. The TPWG suggests that a facility to log incidents locally is made available to residents. The group also intends to co-ordinate with East Compton.

97. PLANNING

[Meeting adjourned for members of public to speak.] Regarding concern if ash trees are felled unnecessarily. MOP referred to Council Officer.

[Meeting reconvened.]

- a. Application 2023/1446/TCA - Ash - Fell. Sycamore - reduce by 2.5m. Barrowfields House, Barrow Lane. Noted.
- b. Reconsideration of 2023/1037/CLE - application for an existing lawful development certificate for use of land and existing building as a residential garden, Whyte Gables, Top Street - after consultation with Cllr Sully and SC Planning Department.
Resolved: To write to SC Cllr Ros Wyke regarding the process of consultation, (or lack of), for change of class applications: asking SC to re-look at their policy; to provide clarity about where a council may offer comment; to be more open to consultation where there is significant local interest; and to ask them to consult on all matters, i.e that consultations not be confined to planning applications.
Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Powell. Approved.

98. GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL FEEDBACK

- a. The folder of comments and summary will be shared with Councillors. Councillors Sumner, Noble, Woodhouse and Hall met with Steve Russell-Yarde to consider possible ways forward regarding use of the Green Car Park, use of other areas, charging for use of Green Car Park. With intention to reduce traffic in the village, extending the one-way systems, creating a temporary an orbital road, re-looking at the entry and exit points. These are all ideas currently - not working projects. The top 6 points from feedback were: Vodafone signal; proper briefing and quality of stewards; speeding enforcement; pedestrian safety; exit points; lights left on all day. This will be discussed more fully at next Full Council meeting.
[Meeting adjourned] - question whether public would be able to respond - it will be discussed at liaison meeting on 18 October and Full Council.
[Meeting reconvened]
- b. To consider Environment Agency report regarding Whitelake pollution. There were no incidents of ammonia or dissolved oxygen pollution at the 2023 festival. The Bangor Report monitors drugs in waterways - the report will be brought to next meeting. GFEL may be conducting their own monitoring. The reports will be shared and discussed at the next Full Council.

99. FINANCE

- a. Payments - To note payments listed; any further payments will be tabled.

Date	Narrative	VAT	Total
22-Aug-23	Hall Hire July 23	2.50	15.00

22-Aug-23	Treatment of wasp nest		70.00
22-Aug-23	Mileage & WFH Allowance May-July		100.28
	Chair training 2369		30.00
	Neighbourhood Planning training 2479		20.00
	Salaries		742.24
	Speed limit reduction application		500.00
	Web maintenance		37.50

100. PILTON SHOW - feedback on Parish Council stand at the Pilton Show. It was a great show! Thank you to the team that put it on. The Council stall was popular and gained a good amount of positive feedback from visitors in support of lowering the speed limit.

101. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - The draft minutes have been distributed. Two things that came out of the very well attended meeting were, amongst many others, council diversity and traffic speed. The next meeting will be in March.

102. MATTERS OF REPORT

- a. Items for Roundabout October '23 - Councillor Sully surgery; call to pick up dog waste; please watch your speed. Council is keen that the village shop facility or one similar continues and encourages parishioners to use it; vegetation - reminder that now is the time to cut hedges back from public thoroughfares; Report a Problem on the Road link on the website and ask residents to use it; litterpick - Saturday October 21st - bags and pickers supplied; Remembrance Sunday Service on 12 November.
- b. Flooding Group has contacted Glastonbury and SC for information and reports of work. Need to consider sand and sandbags availability in the parish. A member of the group will be attending Somerset Prepared conference. A contact list has been created for parishioners to contact in the event of emergencies.
- c. Next meeting will discuss final arrangements for Remembrance Sunday. A risk assessment will be drawn up with Cllrs Noble and Hall.
- d. Areas of vegetation needing control were brought to council attention, also dangerous silage bales on a grass verge which is a health and safety issue - these were reported to SC.
- e. Next meeting to discuss bringing meeting time forward to 6:30pm.

103. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Staffing Committee
 - i. Consideration of and approval, (or not), of staff overtime. None required.
 - ii. To receive quotes received for Payroll services. Deferred

Meeting closed at 20:24.

NEXT MEETING: Full Council - 4 October 2023.

Signed Date