

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held at Pilton Village Hall

Wednesday 6 November 2024

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

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Thanks were given to the teams that have organised the reduced speed limit in the village. Pleased to see that the Burford Cross stones have been painted, it should be done annually. Noted that many hedges have now been cut back.

103. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from Cllr Roberts, unwell.

RESOLVED: To approve apologies received from Cllr Roberts and reasons given. Proposed Cllr Hollings, 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved with two abstentions, Cllrs Noble, Hall.

104. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hollings declared a pecuniary interest in item 109 2024/1769/CLP. Cllr Rogers declared in interest in item 109 - 2024/1834/FUL.

105. DISPENSATIONS - No dispensations were requested.

106. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **RESOLVED:** To confirm and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 2 October 2024 with amendments removing 'Extraordinary' and changing 'Monday' to Wednesday. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved with one abstention - Cllr Hollings.

107. EXTERNAL REPORTS

- a. Avon and Somerset Police - no report
- b. Somerset Council - Noted that a Somerset Parish Councils meeting will be held next week to discuss the response to the Government's Autumn Statement. A Boundary Review is underway that is expected to reduce the number of Somerset Council councillors from 110 to 96. Residents can apply to Somerset Council Householder Funds to mitigate against the winter fuel allowance removal. Land Alive will be held at the Bath and West Showground 22 and 23 November focusing on sustainable farming. Libraries have set up a winter coat exchange.

108. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - The Chair suggested to councillors that the parish council must follow process and treat all with civility and respect. Grandstanding would not be acceptable. Council may only discuss agenda items and once an agenda point is closed it will not be revisited.

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

2024/1941/HSE - [Proposed garage conversion to form ancillary accommodation.](#) Pilton House Cottage Lower Street Pilton.

Proposed: Refuse application 2024/1941/HSE on grounds of concerns for extra parking required. Proposed Cllr Noble, 2nd Cllr Hall. No votes

RESOLVED: To support application 2024/1941/HSE on grounds of Material Consideration 2 Overlooking neighbouring properties; and 3 - Visual amenity - with the provision that the garage

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remains within the cartilage of the main house, preserving the car parking spaces. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse. Approved with one abstention, Cllr Noble.

[2024/1889/FUL - Proposed 2no new dwellings within grounds of existing dwelling \(Fairlea House\).](#)
 Fairlea Whitstone Hill Pilton

PROPOSED: To object to application 2024/1889/FUL as not a suitable place for new development. Proposed Cllr Noble. No seconder.

RESOLVED: To support application 2024/1889/FUL - Material Considerations 3 - Visual amenity - the development is in likeness of other nearby buildings and the area's environment may be improved by the new development. Councillors ask for a traffic study of the Top Street junction with the A361. Proposed Cllr Powell, 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved with one abstention, Cllr Noble.

[2024/1834/PPA - Prior Approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1no. dwellinghouses \(Class C3\) and for associated operational development.](#) Red House Farm Stoodley Lane North Wootton. Notification Only. Noted that there may be a longstanding bridleway claim adjacent to the property. The ASBOs will look at this.

[2024/1769/CLP - Application for a proposed lawful development certificate for Digging of trench which comprises a 'material peration' pursuant to commencing planning permission 021/2381/HSE.](#)
 Hillrise Shop Lane Pilton. Notification Only. Noted.

110. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS AND RESOLVE ANY ACTIONS ARISING

- a. Burial Ground Working Group - the group will be meeting on-site soon to discuss arrangements for allocating new burials and other matters. Cllr Noble informed the meeting that Ron England, the Burial Groundsman, has requested that his son take on the post.
- b. Parish Community Review Steering Group - will be meeting 11 December. The Report and Executive Summary should be available for the December meeting and the 1st draft of the Action Plan available in the New Year. It is proposed that the Action Plan be brought to the March 2025 Annual Parish Meeting for community consideration.
- c. Traffic Planning Working Group - Hatching lines are requested for East Compton and speed data to be provided by the Chief Engineer. Noted that residents are using traffic cones to restrict parking provision at Abbots Way. This will be reported to Somerset Council highways department. Pavement parking is an issue, Cllr Sumner will write to those involved. Request for site to be identified for a village carpark to be on the next Full Council agenda. If coming from East Compton, at the Neat Lane / A361 junction, the direction signs obscure the speed limit sign - County Roads to be informed. Gates at the start and end of the 30mph speed limit to be discussed at next Full Council. Traffic lights at Conduit Square to be discussed at next Full Council.
- d. Flooding Triad - Whitstone Hill drains have been cleared. Shutwell Lane needs clearing. The Somerset Prepared conference was attended by a member of the public who suggests the Council registers an interest.

111. GFEL - No further comment on the GFEL Liaison meeting.

112. OVERGROWTH AND LOWGROWTH - The list of hazardous vegetation on highways was passed to Cllr Sully.

113. ROUNDABOUT - Council noted that the Roundabout team are stepping down after the December 2024 edition. A small sheet will continue to be produced. Council thanks the Roundabout team for the tremendous work they have put into producing the magazine over the years. Next month's Full Council will discuss ways forward noting support from parishioners.

114. SHEPTON MALLET NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - Noted that the [Shepton Mallet Neighbourhood Plan Consultation](#) is open until 6 December. The planning authority will be asked to include Pilton Parish Council on developments at Ridge Lane (copying in Cllr Sully).

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- 115. A361 Freight route** - No report on the Glastonbury Town Council initiative to reduce the A361 from freight route status.
- 116. BUS ROUTE - GLASTONBURY TO CASTLE CAREY** - Report from Somerset Bus Partnership was noted. Cllr Hall will liaise with the group on proposal to initiate a bus route between Glastonbury and Castle Carey.
- 117. FINANCE**
- a. Receipts - Burial Ground £600 - noted.
 - b. Payments - Remembrance Day Wreath £30; Raffle Prize £50; Payroll £85; Salaries £584.69; Working from Home Allowance £26.00; School Bus Escort £3,000; Hall Hire £33.33 noted.
 - c. To approve, (or not), application for grant from Pilton Village History Group. [This item was brought forward in the agenda in response to a request from members of the public.] A representative from the Pilton Village History Group gave an update on the digitalisation of records - the website is now live and nearly 1,000 items have been loaded with 700 volunteer hours since April. £7,600 was received from the National Lottery £1,000 from the Pilton Show to build and maintain the website. The site went live 6 days ago and has already received 250 new visitors.
RESOLVED: To approve a grant of £500 to the Pilton Village History Group. Proposed Cllr Noble, 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Approved.
- 118. MATTERS OF REPORT**
- a. Articles for December Roundabout Magazine. Thanks to everyone who took part in the October Litter Pick.
 - b. Somerset Council has asked for information on potential dog exclusion zones. The Playing Fields will be put forward.
 - c. Council has received notification of a new bridle path - referred to the Footpath group.
 - d. Councillors were invited to send the clerk any comments on the Somerset Council engagement with Parish Councils on the development of a Somerset Local Plan.
 - e. The War Memorial and surroundings to be discussed at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Full Council - 4 December 2024