

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held at Pilton Village Hall

Wednesday 7 February 2024

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

In Attendance: G Pettitt (Parish Clerk), 12 members of the public.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- A member of the public gave an update on successful applications of funding for a new defibrillator and continuing maintenance.
- Noted overgrown hedge at John Beales Hill. Neat Lane hedges will be attending to hedge at Oathills. White lines at Copse Hill require repainting.
- Potholes - request for working group to attend to potholes. Noted festival traffic has an impact on local roads. Cllr Sumner will report.
- Neat Lane building development. The camber on the road has gone - damaging car tyres. Cllr Sumner will report.

MEETING OPENED 7:12PM

AGENDA

176 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies received from Cllr Hollings (on leave) & Cllr Roberts (unwell).

RESOLVED: To accept apologies and reasons for absence from Cllrs Hollings and Roberts.

177 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. There were no Declarations of Interest.

178 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **RESOLVED:** To approve and sign the minutes of 31 January 2024. Approved with one abstention. Noted that [square brackets] indicate added notes.

179 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS Litter pick will be held on 24 February. Meet at the Village Hall, pickers, bags and hi viz vests will be available. Cllr Sumner will provide a link to check and report abandoned vehicles.

180 EXTERNAL REPORTS

- a. Avon & Somerset Police - no report.
- b. Somerset County Council - noted.

181 IMPLEMENTATION OF SOMERSET COUNCIL (SC) TRO TO REDUCE SPEED LIMITS

[Meeting closed to hear from members of the public.] Steve Russell-Yarde (SRY) reported that he is involved in the project as a resident. 30mph speed limit was implemented on the A 361 between Pylle Road and Neat Lane some time ago. Some requests were not achieved e.g. Bush Hill Nursery. Funding has always been provided by Glastonbury Festival Events Ltd (GFEL). A draft 20mph scheme was received positively at the 2023 Annual Parish Meeting. Last year, SC asked parish councils to apply for 20mph schemes. Pilton Parish Council applied and held consultations at the Pilton Show, on Facebook and noticeboards. This was supported by Somerset Councillor Claire Sully. The East Compton request to reduce speed limits has been supported. Somerset Council suggested combining the East Compton and Pilton schemes as a separate TRO.

The majority of the application was agreed.

If works are carried out by Somerset Council, it would be at the end of 24/25.

However, there is a small window now to produce the TROs. SRY believes GFEL would cover any overspend. The SC Engineer can provide names of two contractors.

The Pilton scheme is estimated at £6,500, East Compton's at £2,000. East Compton gateways may be included in the estimate.

Thanks were given to SRY. Members of the public offered a vote of thanks to the SC Engineer.

Enforcement was discussed - the Speed Watch team will help however locations are limited in East Compton.

The cross roads from Neat Lane across the A361 will remain at 30mph. Variable speed limit signs remain in place during British Summer Time. East Compton is currently 60mph, if it is reduced further, it may become available for Speed Watch monitoring.

[Meeting re-opened]

- a. **RESOLVED:** To proceed with the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) designed by Somerset Council to implement the plan for speed limit reductions in and around Pilton village and East Compton. Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Connock. Point of Order that nothing has yet been seen by Councillors. Vote not taken.
- b. To agree the terms of the offer from Glastonbury Festival Events Ltd, (GFEL) to fund the implementation of the speed limit reduction scheme approved by Somerset Council. Noting that the procedure of the Parish Council taking responsibility for the works must be submitted to the Council. Proposed Cllr Powell, 2nd Cllr Noble. Approved.
- c. To obtain three quotes from contractors for implementation of the speed limit reduction scheme in relation to the Somerset Council designed TRO. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved.
- d. To support the GFEL Off Site Operations Lead in managing and overseeing the works, for which Cllr Hall will draft Terms of Reference, and subject to agreement of the Terms of Reference. Proposed Cllr Hall. Approved.

182 PLANNING

- a. To consider/note the applications below and any that arise before the meeting:
RESOLVED: To support application 2022/2425/HSE Visual impact is positive. Design is good. Increased roof height can be seem large compared to surrounding houses. Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Connock. Approved with three abstentions, Cllrs Hall, Noble & Woodhouse.

183 HIGHWAYS WORKS - WHITSTONE HILL

- a. **RESOLVED:** To write to SC Highways Dept to request a review of Road Narrow signage at Whitstone Hill.

184 FINANCE -

- a. Payments
RESOLVED: To note payments Mth 9 salaries 1,129.87; December Hall Hire £15; Mth 10 salaries £484.37; Burial Ground hedge laying £660; Burial Ground hedge planting £660.
Noted that consideration of payment towards the new defibrillator be on the next agenda.

185 TRIADS - to rationalise Councillor responsibilities.

- a. Finance - **RESOLVED:** To disband the Finance Working Group. Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Approved.
 - i. **RESOLVED:** To appoint Cllr Woodhouse, (lead), and Cllrs Powell and Sumner to the Finance Triad. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved.
- b. Staffing - **RESOLVED:** To disband the Staffing Working Group. Proposed Cllr Sumner; 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Approved.
 - i. **RESOLVED:** To appoint Cllr Sumner, (lead), and Cllrs Woodhouse and Connock to the Staffing Triad. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Approved.

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186 LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK (LCN) MARCH MEETING - Next Meeting 11 March, venue tbc.
Noted.

187 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 175 to be excluded from Press and Public. Not required.

188 CLOSED SESSION

a. Consideration and approval, (or not), of staff overtime. Not required.

NEXT MEETING: Full Council - 6 March 2024.

After the meeting - Matters of Report

- 1 For Roundabout - dates for the next 2 GFEL liaison meetings.
Overgrown hedges. Horse manure on road - note it is a criminal offence
- 2 Drains at Beales Hill. Overgrown hedges are dangerous.