

# MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

## FULL COUNCIL MEETING

### held at Pilton Village Hall

### Wednesday 3 September 2025

**Present:** Cllrs: N Hall, R Noble, C Connock, T Moulder, L Roberts, R Woodhouse.

**In Attendance:** 3 members of the public present, Gill Pettitt (Parish Clerk).

#### ELECTION OF CHAIR OF MEETING

**RESOLVED:** To elect Cllr Richard Woodhouse as Chair of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Noble, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Moulder. Approved.

#### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Council was asked to support the Pilton Show, to be held 6 September.

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

**RESOLVED:** To accept apologies from Cllr Sumner and reason for absence - out of parish and Cllrs Hollings & Powell and reasons for absence - family emergencies. Proposed Cllr Connock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Roberts. Approved with two abstentions - Cllrs Hall & Noble.

#### 78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hall declared an interest in item 86.a.

*(NB this does not preclude any later declarations).*

#### 79. DISPENSATIONS

- a. Noted that Cllr Hall's partial dispensation stands regarding item 86.a.

#### 80. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **RESOLVED:** To confirm and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 6 August 2025. Proposed Cllr Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Moulder. Approved.

#### 81. EXTERNAL REPORTS

- a. Somerset Council - no report

#### 82. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Pilton Community Plan will have a table at the show with distilled conclusions from survey report.
- b. Health and Wellness meeting will be held on 17 September, discussing things like Somerset Care Support will be distributed [these will be available in December], minor ailment support, initial information on the repair shop. Ask Claire Sully what support there is available. The LCN is supportive.
- c. Stakeholders meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October for them to present outcomes from the survey.
- d. Thank you to Cllr Hall for taking on the Vice Chair role at the LCN.
- e. October 4<sup>th</sup> - next Litter Pick - liaise with Cllr Sumner for equipment.

#### 83. PLANNING AND LICENCING

- a. Noted planning decision - to retain ROW/3329919: Bridleway WS 7/54 with some adjustments to width which is good news - walking/cycling link to Glastonbury. Council to contact the Bridleway Association because it is currently unpassable. Cllr Woodhouse will give the clerk the contact details. Once it is fit for purpose the ASBOs will include it in their schedule.
- b. Noted Planning Board meeting re 2018/1843/OTS at Mid Somerset Showground. Substantial development of 620 dwellings, it is not within the parish but will have impact. Infrastructure will include two schools, surgery, shops, and recreational areas. The parish can comment, Cllr Sully to be asked how the Parish Council can become involved to air concerns affecting the Pilton community. Would wish to hold the developers to all elements of the promised infrastructure. Flooding and

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surface water could be a problem. There will be a public consultation. There is an agreement to use local labour. Could question the S106 expenditure. Noted that this has not been raised at the LCN, Cllr Hall will raise it.

**RESOLVED:** To write to the Planning Authority Board with request that Pilton Parish is included in the consultation and that there may be concerns to raise. To copy Cllr Sully into that letter, which will be shared to all parish councillors for comment before sending. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Noble. Approved.

- c. Noted Application 2025/1474/TCA - reduce height of a group of cypresses - Barrowfields House.

#### **84. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS /TRIADS AND RESOLVE ANY ACTIONS ARISING**

- a. Affordable Housing Triad - expected to meet with Thrive during September.
- b. Biodiversity Triad - date to meet to be set.
- c. Burial Ground Triad - wild areas should be mown by 15<sup>th</sup> September. Estimate has been received for the stone surround to the tap, which is much higher than expected. This will be brought to the next meeting to approve (or not) the go ahead, and to seek quotes. Benches could go ahead now.
- d. Flooding Triad - Shutwell Lane works have started. Clerk will ask when improvements to A361 are scheduled.
- e. Footpaths Working Group - To note where vegetation needs to be cut back. Vegetation clearance is ongoing. Cllrs Noble, Hall, and Woodhouse will meet to create a new list.
- f. Highways Triad - no report.
- g. Parish Plan Steering Group - see Chair's announcement.
- h. LCN update - Traffic Working Group was addressed by Chief Engineer Sarah Davies. Noted that Auto Speed monitoring equipment is not supported by Avon & Somerset Police. Potholes - significant depth for attention has been raised from 38mm to 60mm. She stressed that when reports are made to 'Report a Problem on the Road' on the Somerset Council website that the report fully details and describes the extent of the problem and provides good photographic evidence. State of bridges - send LCN pictures of structures where there are problems, e.g. Culvert on Lower Street, Bakery Lane and by Church. There is a big initiative to improve Beacon Hill cross roads and towards Frome. New staggered junction at Miners Arms, Priddy was cited as a good cost-effective example of improvement. Roads generally need better maintenance of vegetation overgrowth. Next meeting LCN 29<sup>th</sup> September - raise Shepton Mallet 620-dwelling development and ensuing increased traffic.

#### **85. NEW FOOTPATH** - Noted the new footpath between Maggie's Farm and John Burn's Cottages that will be built.

**RESOLVED:** To support the new footpath - it is a good initiative instigated by those at Maggie's Farm and Cllr Connock. Proposed Cllr Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Woodhouse. Approved.

#### **86. FINANCE**

- a. Update from Glastonbury TrainLink - Grant secured from Foundation of Integrated Transport of £1,350 to conduct initial surveys and feasibility studies. A bank account is being set up and a CIO Charitable Trust constitution is being drawn up. Support from many people. Examples of pledges from others is on hold, Cllr Hall will bring a proposal to the next meeting.
- b. Noted payments & receipts listed.
- c. **RESOLVED:** To include the full amount of £39,190 for the GFEL donation in the 25/26 budget. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Noble. Approved.

#### **87. MEETING ROOMS** - Discussion around which room to be used for meetings. The Annual Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting will need the Worthy Room.

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**RESOLVED:** That meetings should continue to be held at the Village Hall. To use the Perridge Room for usual meetings with furniture moved to accommodate meeting, using the Worthy Room when necessary. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Connock. Approved.

**RESOLVED:** To ask the Village Hall if the Annual Parish Meeting could be held gratis as the Hall has revenue benefit at that meeting. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Hall. Approved.

**88. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Not required.

**89. CLOSED SESSION**

- a. Staffing Committee
  - i. No overtime presented.

**90. MATTERS OF REPORT**

- a. Pilton Party to be held the coming Friday hotline for noise / complaints / community issues - 07823 544685.
- b. Somerset Art Week request donation of £30 - request to be sent to Councillors for discussion at next meeting.
- c. Roundabout - LitterPick - Oct 4<sup>th</sup>  
Call for volunteers for ASBOs and other community groups in Nov Roundabout  
Request that vegetation is cut back  
Publicise Oct 8<sup>th</sup> meeting