

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held at Pilton Village Hall

Wednesday 5 June 2024

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

In Attendance: G Pettitt, Parish Clerk; 11 members of the public.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Troughs opposite village hall. Somerset Council are dealing with this.
- Regarding problem with horses reported at last meeting - the horses have been moved to another area.

MEETING OPENED 7:03 PM

AGENDA

25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies received from Cllr Roberts, (childcare) & Cllr Moulder, (health).

RESOLVED: To accept apologies and reasons given. Approved.

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

27. DISPENSATIONS - No dispensation requests received.

28. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- RESOLVED:** To confirm and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 7 February 2024. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Hollings. Approved.
- RESOLVED:** To confirm and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 1 May 2024. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Hollings. Approved.

29. EXTERNAL REPORTS

- Avon and Somerset Police - Noted.
- Somerset Council - No report.
- Request from Abi McGuire, Independent Parliamentary Candidate, to publicise her public meetings.

RESOLVED: To approve that notices may be put up on the website and noticeboards from all candidates, the Clerk will enquire of other candidates before placing notices. Proposed Cllr Sumner; 2nd Cllr Hollings. Approved with one abstention - Cllr Noble.

30. PLANNING

- Cockmill Lane structure and ongoing enforcement enquiries -** Of the two developments on Cockmill Lane, an enforcement enquiry is in place on that which is nearest to East Pennard. A letter from East Pennard Parish Council was read to the meeting.
RESOLVED: To write to the Enforcement Officer - neither building will be used for agricultural purposes. Council has concerns about the building gaining planning approval as it could set a precedent for other buildings to be treated similarly around the parish. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Powell. Approved.
- To consider the following Planning Applications:
 - 2024/0861/HSE Demolish garage and erect single storey extension.** Sharomayne, Upper Westholme Road, Pilton.
RESOLVED: To support 2024/0861/HSE: Material Considerations - 3 Design and appearance and 4 Layout and density of building which is proportionate to existing structures. Proposed Cllr Noble, 2nd Cllr Connock. Approved

- ii. **2024/0905/PPA** Prior approval for a proposed change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling house and associated curtilage together with building works proposed. Hearne Barn, Lower Westholme Road, Pilton
RESOLVED: To object to 2024/0905/PPA: Material Considerations - 4 Layout and density of building 8 - Access, highways safety and traffic generation 9 Inadequate servicing. Concern for the increasing numbers of vehicles on this road. Proposed Cllr Noble, 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Approved with one abstention - Cllr Powell.
- iii. **2024/0790/HSE** Proposed first floor extension and material alterations to the external façade. Trelawney, Higher Westholme Road, Pilton
 [Meeting Closed]
 Applicant spoke to the proposed development. Objections received had been addressed.
 [Meeting Reopened]
RESOLVED: To support 2024/0790/HSE: Material Considerations - 3 Design and appearance, impact on public visual amenity. Proposed Cllr Hollings, 2nd Cllr Noble. Approved with one abstention - Cllr Hall.

31. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM WORKING GROUPS & TRIADS

- a. **Burial Ground Working Group** - Burial Ground Working Group reported that the digitalisation of the records had been completed. There have been several enquiries during May. A new strimmer head is required.
- b. **Housing Working Group final report** - was discussed. This will be publicised on the website. Council would like to apply pressure to create a unified allocation procedure - current procedures are drawn from 4 different S106 agreements for two Housing Associations.
RESOLVED: Cllr Hall and Clerk to write to the Local Planning Authority and Cllr Sully to update on Abbots Way sale of Social housing.
RESOLVED: To publish the Housing Working Group report to the Parish Council and Village websites. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Powell. Approved.
RESOLVED: To write to Somerset Council Planning Department regarding S106 and potential for change of criteria and process to make allocation systems more cogent. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Hollings. Approved.
- c. **Parish Plan Steering Group** - Cllr Woodhouse reported that the Steering Group is working through the process of building up the community survey and is on target for a September launch. The first draft of the topics was noted. These will be refined into full questions over the next couple of Steering Group meetings. The survey will provide a road map for the future of Pilton.
- d. **Traffic Plan Working Group** - New speed limit posts are being assigned, the signs would be completed in the next week, followed by white lining. Gateways have been installed. Noted that there had been an accident at Neat Lane junction with the A361 with two casualties. The junction has become dangerous due to summer growth, a member of the public and the ASBO team have cleared the vegetation. Suggestion that a roundabout would be the best solution for that junction.
 Platterwell Lane junction - Clerk to write to Somerset Council to request looking into signage improvement at this unmarked junction.

- 32. **OFFSITE CAMPSITES** - 34 sites with TENS (Temporary Event Notices) in Castle Carey, Shepton and Glastonbury - including an estimated 20 within Pilton Parish. Somerset Council is monitoring the growth in numbers of campsites. GFEL has a dedicated member of staff liaising with the community to help manage traffic control, access, digress and pedestrian routes. Council would like to define the nuisance and compile data. Cllr Hall will research and feedback to council.

33. APPOINTMENTS TO WORKING GROUPS, TRIADS / SOMERSET COUNCIL.

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- a. **Parish Plan Steering Group** - Noted Kelly Knight has withdrawn from the Steering Group.
RESOLVED: To appoint Louisa Byng, Christine Griffiths, Lise Sorenson & Carolyn Griffiths to the Parish Plan Steering Group. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Approved.
- b. **Traffic Plan Working Group**
RESOLVED: To appoint Steve Russell-Yarde, Cathy Lowe & Louisa Byng to the Traffic Plan Working Group. Proposed Cllr Hollings, 2nd Cllr Powell. Approved.
- c. **LCN**
RESOLVED: To appoint Cllrs Hall, Hollings and Sumner as representatives to the Local Community Network. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Approved.

34. FINANCE

- a. End of year balance summary - deferred. Noted an Extraordinary meeting will be held immediately prior to the Glastonbury site visit, 5:30pm, 25 June.
- b. Regular payments deferred.
- c. Receipts deferred.
- d. Payments deferred.
- e. Mendip Bridleways and Byways Association Grant application deferred.
- f. High Interest Savings Account
RESOLVED: To research high interest savings accounts. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr Sumner. Approved.
- g. **RESOLVED:** To approve transfer of £10,000 to savings account. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Approved.

35. GFEL

- a. **Liaison meeting notes publication**
RESOLVED: To markup GFEL notes of liaison meetings as approved by Full Council. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr Hall. Approved.
- b. **To consider the GFEL offer of donation and conditions**
Cllr Powell declared an interest and did not take part in debate or vote. Noted that the use of donation monies will be accounted for separately. Expenditure will be approved by Full Council. Parish survey results will help to inform best uses of the donation.
RESOLVED: To accept the donation of £49,450 from Glastonbury Festival Events Ltd. and the conditions applied. Proposed Cllr Hollings, 2nd Cllr Connock. Approved with one abstention - Cllr Noble.
RESOLVED: To bring Full Council dispensation to the next meeting to be applied to any discussions around the use of the GFEL donation.
- c. Cllr Festival site visit will be 6:30pm Tues. 25 June from the Village Hall car park.

36. SHEPTON MALLET AMULET

RESOLVED: To write to the Shepton Mallet group that is seeking to acquire the derelict Shepton Mallet Amulet, expressing Pilton Parish Council's support. Proposed Cllr Powell, 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Approved.

37. **APM FEEDBACK** - The 2024 Annual Parish Meeting was successful and interesting with a good turnout.
38. **D-Day** - Noted that the D-Day flag was raised at the war memorial, thanks to Cllr Hall for arranging this.
39. **LCN** - upcoming LCN meeting date noted.

40. MATTERS OF REPORT

- a. Weir Lane debris - Cllr Sumner is following this through.
- b. Roundabout articles July '24 - Pilton Parish Survey.

NEXT MEETING: Extraordinary Meeting 25 June 2024. Full Council - 3 July 2024