

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held at Pilton Village Hall

Wednesday 5 October 2022

Present: Cllrs King, Sumner, Hollings, Noble, Hall, Allen, Powell, Moulder and Woodhouse.

In Attendance: G Pettitt, (Parish Clerk), 6 members of the public, 2 members of public on zoom.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- A member of the public feedback on enquires re a Defibrillator at the new housing estate. A community grant is available, which she will investigate.
- Query re parking at John Burns. Suggestion that Michael Eavis, the contractors, or SCC should be consulted.

66. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

All Councillors were present.

67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Hall declared an interest Trustee of Village Hall Trust & Playing Field, Cllr Moulder declared an interest in Planning Application 2022/1865/TCA as a close neighbour.

68. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC There were no exclusions of Press & Public.

69. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - The Chair noted that there is now an audio loop available should those present require it, he requested that mobile phones are switched off.

70. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the minutes of Full Council 7 September 2022. Approved.

71. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

Reports from Avon & Somerset Police, Somerset County Council & Mendip District Council were noted.

72. UNITARY AUTHORITY

- a. **Updates on Local Authority Reform** - Cllr Hall reported that LCNs are a way of improving relations across the area; Somerset County Council is managing a large deficit; Planning and Licensing is outside of the LCN remit.
- b. **Pilton Parish Council Consultation response** - Noted that looking at 'function before form' is helpful in deciding response. A proforma of the consultation will be sent to all Councillors to be returned by 10 October. A rough straw poll of councillors showed a unanimous preference for Option C or similar - a larger LCN including Shepton Mallet, Wells, Glastonbury and Street.

73. SOMERSET SHOOTING GROUND

- a. Noted draft petition. Noted it is felt that the ground is not in compliance with statutory noise nuisance guidelines. Cllr Powell reported speaking with the owner of the land and manager of the Shooting Ground who stated that no decibel readings had been a cause of concern. The Manager would be happy to talk with Council.

RESOLVED: To meet with Somerset Shooting Ground with East Pennard Parish Council. Approved. The meeting will be arranged and petition launched after the meeting if necessary.

74. PILTON VILLAGE TRUST - Cllr King reported that a joint working party had looked at a draft revised constitution. The final working party will discuss this before it is referred to the Village Trust.

75. TRAFFIC

- a. **New highway issues:** Noted splits in tarmac at Totterdown Lane and East Town Lane from weight of traffic. Burford is very dangerous. The Traffic Plan Working Group will consider these issues at its meeting.
- b. **Remembrance Day:** The Road Closure Order is approved. Signs can be stored at Cllr King's house. CTM have confirmed work on the day. People are required to block the roads for the period of remembrance.
- c. **Verges within the village:** Spoil from the new development has been left in the carpark. The verges are covered with debris. Noted that hedges are very overgrown - some could be responsibility of SCC Highways; St Mary's Lane and Bread Street need attention. A member of the public offered to help.
- d. **Chapel Green Top Street parking:** Noted that the issue of the parking bay being permanently unavailable has been resolved.

76. WEIR LANE

- a. **Update on Maintenance** - Cllr Hall reported that there has been no movement on this yet. He also reported that the ASBO team had been working on SM16/47 Right of Way, off Pylle Road.

77. WEBSITE

- a. **Update on Village Website** - Cllr Sumner gave a demonstration of the new Village Website via the Hall screen

78. LITTER PICK - Cllr King reported that grabbers and bags are available. 22 October at 9am to meet at the Hall carpark. Cllr King will provide posters and FaceBook posts as last month's Roundabout deadline was unfortunately missed and contact previous helpers. Litter will not be collected along the main road.

79. ENVIRONMENT

- a. **Response to Climate Change:** The Clerk gave a demonstration of the parish's carbon footprint via the Hall screen.
RESOLVED: To appoint Cllr Hollings to investigate measures that may be taken locally. Approved.
- b. **Setup of Community Farm** - [this item was brought forward at the meeting and heard after item 73] A member of the public spoke to the meeting on her proposal to set up a community mixed livestock/agricultural farm to improve access to good quality, sustainable, local food; reduce food waste and food miles; provide education for local children and improve local health and wellbeing. Land is being sought - preferably in Pilton of approximately 4 acres, with existing Rights of Way and close to populated areas.
She would be interested in contributions in-kind; there could be a membership scheme. She asks the Council and Pilton parishioners for networking to find suitable land to purchase or on long lease. A local organic farmer, Old Burford Farm, supported the proposal to the meeting.

80. COST OF LIVING CRISIS

- a. **Council response to Cost of Living Crisis:** Noted that Mendip District Council is preparing a database of warm hubs within the District. The Council does not own facilities to do this. Suggestions ranged from the Village Hall to the Coffee Shop. Considered the possibility of a 'Pay it forward' scheme. The Co-op to be approached. Cllr Powell said that Pay it forward can be offered at The Crown.

81. FINANCE

- a. **Transfer to RFO** - Noted that this has been delayed. Budget review will be brought to next meeting.
- b. **Payments** - **RESOLVED:** To approve payments below. Approved.

PAYE	883.20
Website	240.00
Hall Hire	15.00
Email	30.00

82. PLANNING

2022/1865/TCA: *[Cllr Moulder did not participate in debate.]*

T1-Spruce Fell. Hope Cottage, Mount Pleasant.

RESOLVED: To offer no objection to application 2022/1865/TCA. Approved.

83. POLICIES

- a. **Accessibility Statement:** Noted the Hall now has an Audio Loop. Deferred to next meeting.
- b. **Standing Orders** - Deferred to next meeting.
Policy Decisions will be listed earlier in the agenda at the next meeting.

84. MATTERS OF REPORT

- a. Noted that R Kearl was pleased to be considered for acknowledgement of his work, but would prefer not to have a commemoration in the parish.
- b. Roundabout articles - Potential Roundabout items - Community Bus; Hedge cutting; Petition.
- c. Rough Sleepers - Person living in tent has been reported to Streetlink the national website for the homeless. The Connect Centre has been contacted and advice given on where to get food and water.
- d. Noted new site needed for the Community Bus.

Date of next meeting: 2 November 2022

Signed

Date