

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held at Pilton Village Hall

Wednesday 4 June 2025

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

In Attendance: 15 members of the public, Gill Pettitt (Parish Clerk), Cllr Sully (Somerset Council).

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Question regarding outcome of the Housing Working Group and its questions regarding a cohesive allocation system. This will be put to the next Council.

25. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

- a. The elected Chair, Cllr Sumner, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

All members present.

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Sumner declared an interest in item 36c, is a trustee of the Pilton Playing Fields Trust.

Cllr Hollings declared an interest in item 36c, is a trustee of the Pilton Playing Fields Trust.

Cllr Hall declared an interest in item 36d, is a member of Glastonbury TrainLink, and item 36e, his spouse is a member of Pilton Bell Ringers.

Cllr Powell declared an interest in item 36c, is a trustee of the Pilton Playing Fields Trust.

Cllr Moulder declared an interest in item 36c, is a trustee of the Pilton Playing Fields Trust.

28. DISPENSATIONS

- a. Cllr Sumner requested partial dispensation to item 36c. for the duration of this meeting.
- b. Cllr Hollings requested full dispensation to item 36c. for the duration of his appointment as Trustee to the Pilton Playing Fields Trust during this term of office.
- c. Cllr Hall requested partial dispensation to item 36d. for the duration of this meeting and any subsequent meetings where the Glastonbury TrainLink application is discussed.
- d. Cllr Hall requested full dispensation to item 36e. for the duration of this meeting.
- e. Cllr Powell requested full dispensation to item 36c. for the duration of this meeting.
- f. Cllr Moulder requested full dispensation to item 36c. for the duration of this meeting.

All dispensations were approved.

29. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **RESOLVED:** To confirm and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 30 April. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Hall. Approved.
- b. **RESOLVED:** To confirm and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 7 May. Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Connock. Approved with one abstention - Cllr Sumner.

30. EXTERNAL REPORTS

- a. Avon and Somerset Police no report
- b. Somerset Council no report

31. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS no report

32. PLANNING

- a. Noted the Radio Base Station pre-application for upgrades at CS 12115332 Lower Ridgeway Farm, Ridge Lane.

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- b. 2025/0914/PAA Prior Approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for associated operational development

RESOLVED: To note Material Considerations :

3 - that the proposed development is in open countryside in a prominent position; and 8 - asks that the Highways department takes careful study of the traffic impact on the area. Proposed Cllr Hall, 2nd Cllr Hollings. Approved.

2025/0847/HSE Proposed single storey garage

RESOLVED: To support application 2025/0847/HSE - Material Considerations :

3 - there is no overlooking, design and visual impact is good. Proposed Cllr Connock, 2nd Cllr Powell. Approved.

33. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS /TRIADS AND RESOLVE ANY ACTIONS ARISING

- Affordable Housing Triad - To consider budget for legal advice on the proposed Affordable Housing development.
RESOLVED: To research the need for housing in Pilton and the size of that need with support from Somerset Council, then plots can be identified to support that need. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved.
- Burial Ground Triad - The stonework around the tap should start this month.
- Flooding Triad - Clerk to obtain quotes for gulping.
- Footpaths Working Group - no report
- Highways Triad - noted that a group is researching safety on the A371, suggest that a similar group be formed for the A361. Cllr Sully will provide support. Some discussion on Auto Speed Cameras - noted that Avon and Somerset police do not support the system.
- Parish Plan Steering Group - will be meeting next week to discuss how best to support user groups action initiatives arising from the survey.
- Glastonbury TrainLink - see item 36d.

34. CLERK'S REPORT

- RESOLVED:** That Reportable Correspondence is included monthly of anything reported to Somerset Council. Proposed Cllr Roberts, 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved with one abstention - Cllr Hall.
- A complaint was made to the Monitoring Officer who decided that no further action need be taken. The Monitoring Officer has suggested that Councillors undertake training on predetermination.

35. BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLANS

- RESOLVED:** To appoint Cllrs Hall, Powell and Connock to develop the an Action Plan for the Parish Council for its Education, Information, and Facilitation roles within the parish and how that may be implemented. Approved.
- RESOLVED:** To develop an Action Plan for Parish Council owned assets e.g. Bus Shelter, Burial Ground, and War Memorial and how that may be implemented. Approved.

36. FINANCE

- Internal Auditor Report not yet received.
- To approve / note, (or not), payments & receipts listed. Noted.
[Items 36c., 36d, and 36e. were brought forward to follow item 29.]
- Grant Application from Pilton Playing Field Trust. Cllr Sumner introduced the application, which is for a £20,000 loan from the GFEL donation fund repaid over 4 years at £5,000 per year.
[Cllr Sumner stood down for the vote. Cllr Hollings took the Chair.]
RESOLVED: To approve a £20,000 loan be paid to the Pilton Playing Fields Trust, to be repaid at £5,000 per year. The funds will be returned to the earmarked funds of the GFEL donation. Trustees are asked to feedback to the August meeting, to provide an inspection plan, and to confirm that normal year's transactions will be

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sufficient for the loan repayment. Proposed Cllr Powell, 2nd Cllr Connock.
Approved. Cllr Sumner did not vote. [Note: Whether GFEL conditions continue to apply to ring-fenced loan repayments will be discussed at the next meeting.]
[Cllr Sumner took the Chair.]

- d. Grant Application from Glastonbury TrainLink. Cllr Hall introduced the application, and Suzanne Clements provided a presentation. It was noted that the proportion, £10,000 was large in comparison to Glastonbury Town Council's contribution of £14,000 given the difference in sizes of parish populations.

RESOLVED: To defer a decision on provision of a grant to Glastonbury TrainLink to the July meeting. Proposed Cllr Noble, 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved. Councillors were asked to send any questions to the clerk prior to the next meeting.

- e. Grant Application from Pilton Parish Bell Tower Fund. Maureen Tofts introduced the grant application for £1,000 to repair the St John the Baptist church bell tower.

RESOLVED: To provide £1,000 to the bell ringers from the GFEL donation. Proposed Cllr Noble, 2nd Cllr Hall. Not approved. Cllrs Roberts, Moulder, Hollings, Connock, Powell and Sumner voted against the proposal. [Note: The GFEL donation conditions were open to varied interpretations. This will be brought to the next council meeting for clarification.]

RESOLVED: To provide £1,000 to the bell ringers from the Parish Council general grant fund. Proposed Cllr Powell. Approved with one against - Cllr Noble.

- f. To approve (or not) additional cost to Community Speed Watch SID - the hire charge for SIDS from the Community Speed Watch at £25 for two 2-week periods, plus additional mileage costs of £19.40 for each 2-week period. Total annual cost £63.80.

RESOLVED: To approve annual cost of supplying two SID sessions of £63.80. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr Powell. Approved.

- g. **RESOLVED:** To approve subscription to ICCM £105.00. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr Hall. Approved.

- h. **RESOLVED:** To approve donation to the War Memorial Trust of £50. Proposed Cllr Hall, 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Approved with two abstentions - Cllr Roberts & Moulder.

- i. **RESOLVED:** To hold a meeting at 5:30pm, 23 June, to approve the AGAR. Proposed Cllr Sumner

37. NOTICEBOARDS - 5 noticeboard require repair.

RESOLVED: Quotes to be sought to refurbish or replace the noticeboards. Proposed Cllr Sumner. Approved.

38. MATTERS OF REPORT

- a. Roundabout - Parish Council celebrates Carolyn Griffiths receipt of an OBE for her work.
- b. LCN AGM on 7 July - Cllrs asked to put in issue for consideration.
- c. Roundabout - could Parish Council meeting dates be included.
- d. Roundabout - Footpath maps to be developed.

39. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Exclusion not required

40. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Staffing Committee
 - i. No report.

NEXT MEETING: Council Meeting - 9 July 2025