

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING held at Pilton Village Hall Wednesday 16th September 2026

Present: Cllrs: C Connock, R Noble, T Moulder, O Powell, L Roberts, R Woodhouse(Chairman),

In Attendance: 9 members of the public present and Mrs H Richardson (Clerk) and Cllr C Sully (Somerset)

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

The Applicant for Planning Application 2026/1603/FUL outlined the application to create a new shelter for the cattle throughout the year with harsh winters and hotter summers, to increase output to be sustainable for the next generation

71. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN: K Sumner, A Wynn

72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

73. DISPENSATIONS: None

74. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: To confirm and sign the minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 19th August 2026.

Proposed: Cllr Noble, 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved

75. GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL: To receive an update from GFEL

Melvin Benn from Glastonbury Festival reported following their last update, they have not yet submitted the minor changes to the licence in relation to gate C, as they are considering other changes in relation to layout and noise, which may be included in the application. A decision should be made in the next week and Councillors will be updated in the meeting with the Parish Council due to be held in October.

RESOLVED: To move the date of the next meeting with GFEL from the 21st October to the 28th October

Proposed: Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Approved

76. EXTERNAL REPORTS

- a. Somerset Council -Written report circulated. Cllr Sully also reported that the major flytipping incident is still ongoing with the police and there has since been another minor incident. She highlighted that the Walk for Life is taking place in Shepton and noted the higher levels of suicide in Somerset. She asked the Parish Council to consider a request for interconnectivity from residents of Pylle, where there is no parish Council, but were asking for some guidance about approaching Somerset for help with Road Safety.

77. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

78. PLANNING & LICENCING

- a. To consider the Planning Applications below and any that arise before the meeting.
2026/0010/FUL/APPEAL 6015578: Land At 359750 143691, Old Wells Road, Croscombe.
Change of use of office to dwelling house (retrospective) & construction of two storey extension
It was noted that the Parish Council response to the original application was to Support, with condition of Biodiversity Net Gain. It was agreed that no further comment would be submitted for the Appeal.

2026/1702/TCA: Barrow House, Ford Lane, Pilton. T1 -Bay - Fell. T2 - Palm - Fell. NOTIFICATION ONLY

Cllr Roberts asked for an item to be added to next months agenda: To establish a consistent approach to 'NOTIFICATION ONLY' applications.

2026/1664/TCA: Old Orchard House, Bread Street, Pilton. T1 - Birch - Fell. T2 - Ailianthus - Fell. T3 - Poplar - Fell. T4 - Poplar- Reduce crown by 8 meters. NOTIFICATION ONLY

2026/1603/FUL: Perridge Farm, Perridge Lane, Pilton. Erection of a new cattle shelter.

Cllr Noble said that we should be supporting local dairy farmers.

It was noted that the footpath has been recorded incorrectly on the application and it will not be impacted by this development.

RESOLVED: To SUPPORT the application

Proposed: Cllr Noble, 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved

2026/1637/VRC: St Marys Cottage, St Marys Lane, Pilton. Variation/Removal of condition 3 (Sample Panel Walling) and condition 4 (Joinery Details) of planning permission 2021/0833/LBC (Minor amendment to north entrance door being infilled under 2020/2519/LBC to include a window.) Cllr Powell said that changes were minor and inkeeping with the existing.

RESOLVED: To SUPPORT the application

Proposed: Cllr Powell, 2nd Cllr Connock. Approved

79. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS AND RESOLVE ANY ACTIONS ARISING

- a Biodiversity Triad - Nothing to report
- b Burial Ground Triad - still collecting quotes for the creation around the water pipe and looking for a third quote.
- c ASBO's/Footpath Working Group. Ready to start work after the hot weather. On Weir Lane there is an awkward trunk at Ford end, so will contact the land owner. Cllr Connock reported that the footpath gate on Barrowmead Lane is overgrown. Cllr Woodhouse reported that a large fallen tree in West Compton may be impacting the right of way. Upcoming site meeting on the Neat Lane footpath on Monday 21st September.
- d Highways & Flooding Working Group - The Chair is attending a site meeting on the 21st September to progress the Neat Lane Footpath.
- e Health & Wellness Triad. It was reported that the Health information morning took place on Saturday 12th September in the Village Hall. There was positive feedback from those who attended. Thanks were extended to Neil at Pilton Stage for providing the venue and teas and coffees. A debrief would take place to look at how it could be repeated.
- f Shepton Housing Working Group - Cllr Hall has met the head of planning Committee at Shepton Town Council who would send through a copy of the S106 which has now been finalised. The Clerk was asked to investigate a property on Abbots Way (Aster Housing) to ensure it remains as social housing.
- g LCN - Cllr Hall to attend Parish Briefing Session on the New NPPF and National Scheme of Delegation. There will be a meeting with Quarry owners and Tessa Munt in October regarding Road Safety

80. REMEMBRANCE DAY

Road Closure application has been submitted, Carnival Club are putting out scaffolding, Cllr Woodhouse asked for help to put up poppies. The parish Council are still unable to secure the services of a Bugler. The Clerk would put a request on the website. 2 more cars are needed to block roads - Cllr Powell & Woodhouse volunteered to provide one. The police have asked volunteers to undertake the Counter terrorism training, this would be re-circulated.

81. VEGETATION

The updated list of overgrown vegetation was circulated and councillors were asked to review it and report back next meeting to agree which issues to address first and which to report to Somerset Highways. Thankyou to the resident that has taken action.

82. HERITAGE:

The Draft Somerset Heritage at Risk Register was reviewed. Two properties in the parish are listed List entry 1058804: Holt Farm, Holt Farmhouse, Holt Lane, Pilton (Grade II). The building is structurally unsound and requires urgent works. It was noted that this is a very important heritage item, and is still 'at risk' List entry 1175375: Lambert's Hill Farmhouse and attached outbuilding (Barn) to left, Lamberts Hill Farm, Lamberts Hill, Pilton, (Grade II). Brief Description: Late 18th Century farmhouse with a classical front facade and roadside barn of similar date. Reason for Risk: Now vacant and with no maintenance for many years. A serious amount of vegetation has had a considerable impact upon the house and historic fabric although all of this has now been removed. Rear lean-to had virtually collapsed and much of the interior was vulnerable to the elements. Barn however is still entirely covered with vegetation. An application for the repair and extension of the house and the conversion of the barn was approved in November 2005. The building was sold at auction in 2006 and the process has started for conservation and restoration. It was reported that the property has been renovated so should be removed from the 'At Risk' list.

There are 70 items within the Parish on the heritage list including milestones, but finger posts are not included. Councillors will review other properties/items that may be put forward to be added to the 'At Risk' List. Cllr Hall offered to contact the history group.

83. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

A Shepton Town Council Councillor has prepared a paper to ask Somerset Council improve public transport to Shepton Mallet eg to extend some bus Services, improve demand responsive transport and introduce a Shepton to Bristol Connection and extend the new Raillink service to include Pilton & Shepton Mallet and to create a town centre mobility hub in Shepton.

RESOLVED: To endorse Shepton Town Council's Transport Case "On the Move".

Proposed: Cllr Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr Powell. Approved

84. FINANCE

- a RESOLVED: To note payments & receipts listed.

Proposed: Cllr Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr Noble. Approved

85. CLERKS REPORT- The report was circulated

86. MATTERS OF REPORT

Notices for Roundabout: Date of the Litter pick. Reminder about Overgrown Vegetation and speeding and thanks to speedwatch.

87. NEXT MEETINGS: Parish Council Meeting 21st October 2026 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.44pm