

# MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

## FULL COUNCIL MEETING held at Pilton Village Hall Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Present:** Cllrs: R Noble, C Connock, N Hall, R Woodhouse, K Sumner (Chairman), T Moulder, L Roberts, A Wynn

**In Attendance:** 5 members of the public present and Mrs H Richardson (Clerk)

### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- A member of public asked for an update on the car parked by the playing fields. The Chair reported that it is currently taxed and within MOT (expires in May) and therefore no action could be taken. A Van at this location, and another van on Bread Street have been removed as they were not taxed.
- Cllr Wynn, speaking on behalf of a member of public, raised concern about parking on Top Street as the school bus couldn't get through due to inconsiderate parking. The Chair reported that all the vehicles involved are taxed and MOT'd but one has a flat tyre. They have twice been reported to the police, but no action can be taken as it is parked badly but not illegally.  
It was reported that the government were making changes to legislation regarding parking on pavements and it would be worth contacting Somerset Council to see how this could help to deal with such incidents.
- The applicant for the planning application at Shutwell lane presented the application and was able to answer any questions from the Parish Council regarding biodiversity and access, parking & storage arrangements.

**164. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN:** Cllr O Powell sent his apologies as he is on holiday for half term.

**RESOLVED:** To accept apologies from Cllrs Powell and his reasons for absence. Proposed Cllr Moulder. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Roberts. Approved with abstentions from Cllrs Hall and Noble.

**RESOLVED:** To remove the requirement to take a vote to accept reasons given for apologies at future meetings. It is divisive and should be left to the individual councillor to make the decision.  
Proposed Cllr Wynn. Approved

**165. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr N Hall (176 Glastonbury Trainlink Project)

**166. DISPENSATIONS:** Cllr N Hall (1176 Glastonbury Trainlink Project)

### 167. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**RESOLVED:** To confirm and sign the minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026.  
Proposed: Cllr Woodhouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Roberts. Approved

### 168. EXTERNAL REPORTS

- Somerset Council -Written report circulate.

### 169. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It was reported that we were waiting on a couple of quotes for the maintenance of the Noticeboards and will be able to discuss them next month.
- Cllr Noble will keep trying to book the Buglar for Remembrance Sunday
- It was agreed that the Annual Village Meeting would take place at 6pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> April, prior to the monthly Parish Council Meeting. Topics discussed would be the results of the Housing Needs Survey, the format of future Annual Village Meetings, and an opportunity for residents to raise issues they would like to discuss.

### 170. PLANNING & LICENCING

- To consider the Planning Applications below and any that arise before the meeting.  
[2026/0152/TCA](#) : Land To The North Of The Bridge, Cumhill Lane, Pilton. T1 - Poplar - Remove lateral branches over lane. NOTIFICATION ONLY

[2026/0093/HSE](#): Bella Vista, Shutwell Lane, Pilton. Erection of first floor extension, replacement garage and widening of vehicular access.

RESOLVED: TO SUPPORT the application as it is policy compliant. The design of the extension fits well into its surroundings, and the applicant is looking at ways to improve biodiversity on the site. The applicant has consulted neighbours and appears to be working with them to minimise disruption on the narrow access lane. Proposed: Cllr Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Noble. Approved

- b. To create a triad or working group to lead on the application 2018/1843/OTS at Mis Somerset Showground, Cannards Grave Road (Shepton Mallet 620-dwelling development).

Cllr Hall reported that there has been no further information since last month's meeting. It is too premature to create a triad but Cllr Hall was asked to approach residents in East Compton to ask if they would be interested in joining a working group. The Clerk will circulate the s106 to councillors to inform discussions about the S106 funds available.

171. To receive information (Notification Only) from Glastonbury Festival for;
- the intention to seek a minor variation in moving two pedestrian gates, B and C.
  - the intention this year to seek planning permission to make some small changes to the pyramid stage. Deferred to next month. Cllr Hall requested that we ask for clarification on the managed use of Cockmill Lane during the festival period.

**172. GRANT REQUEST**

RESOLVED: To approve a grant application from Crimestoppers for £200 to support their campaign to increase reporting of crime, improve public confidence to report and increase community safety.

Proposed: Cllr Woodhouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Moulder. Approved with one against, Cllr Noble.

**173. POLICY & PROCEDURE**

RESOLVED: To approve the IT Policy

Proposed: Cllr Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Woodhouse. Approved.

The clerk will re-issue the set up details for the Parish Council email to Cllr Roberts, Moulder, Noble & create an email for cllr Wynn.

**174. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY**

The parish council reviewed the draft report from the Housing Needs Survey.

RESOLVED: To approve the draft report with a small amendment to details about location. Approved.

**175. BROADBAND**

The Parish Council discussed potential options for improved broadband for residents.

Vodafone have said that they will be putting in a permanent 5G booster prior to the next festival.

The company that provides broadband to worthy farm has offered to extend it to residents if at least 100 residents commit to the service.

More details will be available at the next meeting, it should be established whether this is just available to Pilton, or the whole parish.

**176. GLASTONBURY TRAIN LINK PROJECT**

From the large grant that was given to Somerset Council £150,000 has been proposed for the pilot of the Glastonbury Train Link, but the decision is still to be finalised. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to Richard Wilkins at Somerset Council in support of the scheme.

RESOLVED: To agree the terms of the pledge as follows; The Parish Council would pledge £2000 towards the cost of the Glastonbury Train Link Project on the condition that the route provides a 7 day service between Pilton and Castle Cary train station, and stops in Pilton a minimum of 5 times per day in each direction. That the existing pledges totalling £19,000 from other organisations (Glastonbury Town Council, Glastonbury Festival), remain valid through the process. The pledge is dependent on the commencement of the bus service and will be valid until April 30<sup>th</sup> 2027.

Proposed: Cllr Woodhouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Moulder. Approved.

**177. OVERGROWN VEGETATION**

To review the updated priority list of overgrown vegetation and actions required

Deferred to next month in order to review the updated priority list, graded A-D.

The footpath 16/48 is still blocked by a fallen tree and Somerset Rights of way have stated that it will take some time for them to attend to it, also confirming that the Parish Council can remove it if they are able.

The Parish Council will contact a local contractor to get it cleared as soon as possible.

**178. JUMBLE TRAIL**

The Parish Council discussed taking on the organisation of the Jumble Trail as the current organiser has left the Parish. It was agreed that the Jumble Trail was a valued community event, but that it did not need to be a Parish Council event. Volunteers from within the Parish Council agreed to contact other residents to lead a group to continue the Jumble Trail independent of the Parish Council.

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

- a. Affordable Housing Triad - Housing Needs Survey already discussed
- b. Biodiversity Triad  
They have bought seeds to give to Children to grow. They need spare toilet roll inners if anyone has any available. It was suggested that they contact Rocky Mountain & Dobbies to see if they would donate seeds/plants.  
The Triad will arrange to meet to progress the implementation plan and to provide an update for Roundabout.  
Cllr Hall has written to the environment agency regarding the ammonia spike
- c. Burial Ground Triad  
The stone has been removed, and the snowdrops are coming through. Cllr Noble suggested that someone digs a drain above the burial ground to divert the water which currently runs down. Cllr Sumner will have a look.  
The Parish Council needs to arrange a contract to empty the bin in the burial ground, to be discussed next month.
- d. Flooding Triad -  
Foxes Bottom flooding has been reported, and will attend to it once finances permit. Cllr Hall will raise it with the LCN. Cllr Sumner will look to see what can be done in the meantime.  
Cllr Noble thanked Cllr Sumner for all the litter picking he does.
- e. Footpath Working Group-Nothing further to report
- f. Highways Triad - Nothing further to report
- g. LCN update - Cllr Hall attended meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January where there was a presentation on the Community Car Scheme and there will be another meeting on the scheme next week which will go into more detail.  
The safer route for heavy goods vehicles was discussed focussing mainly north of Shepton.  
There was a presentation on the Glastonbury Train link.  
There are still SALC community health & wellbeing grants available, and it was agreed that the Parish Council would put together a grant application for a health & wellness pilot to pay for the rent of the village hall. It was suggested that a triad was created next month to progress the project.  
The next LCN Meeting is on the 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**180. FINANCE**

RESOLVED: To note payments & receipts listed.

Proposed: Cllr Woodhouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Sumner. Approved

**181. CLERKS REPORT-** The report was circulated

**182. MATTERS OF REPORT**

The next litter pick will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February meet at the Village Hall Car Park from 9am.  
The abandoned road signs have still not been collected.

Notices for Roundabout: Crimestoppers, Biodiversity report, Annual Village Meeting, Jumble Trail

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Council Meeting -18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 The meeting closed at 8.44pm