

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held at Pilton Village Hall

Wednesday 31 January 2024

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

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- There were no public questions.

MEETING OPENED 7:01PM

169 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies received from Cllr Roberts (unwell).

RESOLVED: to accept apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr Roberts. Proposed Cllr Hollings, 2nd Cllr Sumner. Approved.

170 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

171 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: To confirm and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 10 January 2024 with amendments to note that item 164b should read 'Finance - To disband the Finance Working Group - deferred to next meeting'; item 164e should read 'Staffing - To disband the Staffing Working Group. Deferred to next meeting'. Proposed Cllr Hollings, 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved.

172 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Sumner introduced progress to the application for speed limit reductions in Pilton village and East Compton. The Somerset Council (SC) Engineer has stated that all reductions are possible and that they will require a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the National Speed Limit reductions meaning that the scheme is not within the original SC 20mph scheme but will progress more quickly. Estimate for the works is £10,000 which is lower than originally thought (£15,000) and will include all speed reductions but not the gateways. Glastonbury Festival Events Ltd (GFEL) has agreed to fund the scheme, which includes estimated costs of £2,000 for the TRO, £6,500 for Pilton, £1,500 for East Compton. Gateways will cost in the region of £500 each for four sites in total covering Pilton and East Compton. Cllr Sumner thanks Cllr Hollings for the work he has put into this.

Cllr Sumner invited GFEL representative, Steve Russell-Yarde, to provide more detail - The Parish Council will handle the contract. Council would need to bring this item to a vote at the next Full Council meeting.

Clarification is needed as to the Council's role in the project. GFEL will send confirmation of the £10,000 funding to the Clerk. Cllrs Sumner and Hollings will provide more detail on the proposals, which do differ from the original submission, to allow time for public consultation before 7 February Full Council.

Flooding - Cllr Sumner has sent information to residents that may be eligible for Government financial support.

Cllr Sumner noted that Somerset Council will not be gulping any highway drainage systems that are on a 4-yearly schedule.

173 PLANNING

No. & Officer	Detail	Type
2022/2348 Documents (91)	Appeal: Retention of building for residential use (retrospective). Land At Winters Hill Lane West Compton Response Date 15 January – awaiting information from Inspectorate as to whether Pilton Parish Council can respond late	FUL

	Pilton PC Response 31 January 2024	
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The Appellant was invited to speak on the appeal. The Clerk explained that the Inspector had informed her that there would be opportunities available to request representation to ENF/2020/0034 at the Appeal Hearing regarding the Winters Hill Lane development.

Cllr Powell - expressed concern that the Parish Council response reported to the above application had been 'No Objection' rather than 'Support' and that it was thus not a fair representation. The Clerk explained that all planning responses that are returned without Material Considerations are regarded as 'Neutral' by the Local Planning Authority (LPA).

Cllr Woodhouse explained that he has determined through the Monitoring Officer that he does not have a personal interest in this development and that three councillors present had a predisposition towards the application through their individual comments to application 2022/2348/FUL. Cllrs Hall, Powell and Woodhouse agreed they had a predisposition to the application through their individual comments to the LPA.

Cllr Woodhouse also noted that this meeting is discussing the appeal to the enforcement notice, not the original application. In this context, Cllrs present at the meeting have a predisposition through their individual or the Parish Council responses to the application, but not a predetermination.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk reaffirm to the Local Planning Authority its response to application 2022/2348/FUL as 'Support' With a note explaining that the Council and Clerk did not appreciate the necessity to itemise Material Considerations in support of the Council's response at that time. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Connock. Approved.

[Cllr Moulder left the meeting.]

RESOLUTION: That Pilton Parish Council make representation to Appeal Hearing ENF/2020/0034 in support of the appeal. Proposed Cllr Powell. No seconder. Proposal not voted upon.

RESOLUTION: That Pilton Parish Council will not make a comment on ENF/2020/0034 appeal. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr Noble. Cllrs Hall, Noble and Woodhouse voted in favour. Cllr Powell voted against. All others abstained. Approved.

RESOLUTION: That Pilton Parish Council does not vote on whether to make a representation to ENF/2020/0034. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Hall. Proposal withdrawn.

174 FINANCE

- a. **24/25 Budget and Precept** - Cllr Woodhouse reported that the proposed Band D Parish Council tax per household for 24/25 is at £52.98 for the year, which equates to just over £1 per week and provided detail on how the budget and precept figure of £25,990 were arrived at.

RESOLVED: To approve 24/25 budget and the 24/25 precept demand of £25.990. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr Hollings. Approved.

- b. **Payments:** Deferred.

175 CLOSED SESSION - [No members of the public present]

- a. **RESOLVED:** To approve the quote of £165.00 from Microshade to perform the 23/24 Internal Audit. Proposed Cllr Hall, 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Approved.

- b. Cllr Connock Declared a Personal Interest and did not take part in the debate.
RESOLVED: To approve the quote from Toby Moon of between £1,707 and £2,847 dependent upon labour and machinery costs for the Burial Ground Fence. The Fence will be of similar design but raised 1 foot higher than the existing fence. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2ⁿ Cllr Woodhouse. Approved.

- c. **NOTED:** That the two invoices from Alex Bown for the Burial Ground were for hedge laying £550 and planting and burning brash £550 net of VAT. The Burial Ground Working Group reported that the hedge is looking very good.

NEXT MEETING: Full Council - 7 February 2024.