

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING held at Pilton Village Hall Wednesday 22nd July 2026

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

In Attendance: 4 members of the public present and Mrs H Richardson (Clerk) and Cllr C Sully (Somerset)

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: A resident asked how the parish council will address overgrown vegetation which is affecting highways safety.

The resident also thanked the Parish Council for the work they do on behalf of the village.

A resident asked the Parish Council to consider the speed of traffic on Shop Lane and that they cut the corner when turning in, and also stated that some cars drive up in the wrong direction.

A resident raised concerns about planning application 2026/1080/FUL as the plans indicate that part of his property has been included within the application site. - He was advised to take legal advice and make direct contact with the Somerset Planning Officer. The resident later confirmed that if the plans were amended so that it does not include his property then he had no objection to the rest of the plans.

Two residents spoke in support of the application 2026/1080/FUL. The applicant has consulted with them and made adjustments at their request.

39. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN:** O Powell, N Hall.

40. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Wynn is a member of Pilton Walks(item 50b)

41. **DISPENSATIONS:** None

42. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED: To confirm and sign the minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 17th July 2026.

Proposed: Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Roberts. Approved

43. **EXTERNAL REPORTS**

a. Somerset Council -Written Annual report circulated.

44. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** - The Chairman reminded Councillors to treat all other councillors with respect throughout the remaining term of this council.

The Chairman announced that there will be a series of health & Wellness activities in the village Hall on September 12th, 9am -12noon in response to the community survey completed last year - 187 people asked for a village healthcare initiative. More details to follow from the Health & Wellbeing Triad.

45. **PLANNING & LICENCING**

a. To consider the Planning Applications below and any that arise before the meeting.

2026/1080/FUL. Land At 351760 146753, Mount Pleasant, Pilton. Demolition of existing coach house & erect 1.No 3 bedroom single storey dwelling.

Cllr Noble said that we have seen this application previously and agreed to object. Not enough has changed to change that decision. He said that the original building should be renovated.

Cllr Connock was concerned that the access would not allow enough parking and ability to turn around.

Cllr Woodhouse said that previous objections have been overcome, the windows that overlooked neighbour have been removed, the scale has been reduced, and visibility splays have been improved and neighbours have now withdrawn their objections, apart from the boundary dispute.

RESOLVED: To SUPPORT the application because the applicant has addressed the previous objections as the windows have been removed from the side of the dwelling which would overlook neighbours, the scale has been reduced and the access is acceptable. The Parish Council would ask the planning officer to take note of the boundary dispute affecting this application and also to include a condition that the stone wall at the back of the property is retained as proposed in the application.

Proposed: Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Roberts. Approved.

2026/1161/FUL: Cockmill Croft Farm, Cockmill Lane, East Pennard. Ground mounted PV array for 32no panels

The Parish Council resolved to SUPPORT the application as it is in the applicants garden and not taking up agricultural land.

Proposed: Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Sumner. Approved

2026/1167/TCA: Weavers Bridge, Lower Street, Pilton. Fir x 8 (G1) - Fell. Evergreen x 4 (G2) - Fell. Sycamore - Fell. Notification Only

2026/1123/FUL: Arcadia Higher, Westholme Road, Pilton. Erection of a Self-Build Dwelling

The Parish Council ratified the delegated response to SUPPORT the application

46. TO AGREE RESPONSE TO LOCAL PLAN SCOPING CONSULTATION

The Chairman suggested that all councillors should respond individually to the scoping consultation. The Consultation is asking for comments on the approach they are making to the Local Plan and it was agreed that each councillor should submit their own comments. A recorded webinar from Somerset Council had been circulated and it was advised that councillors should watch it and then respond.

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

- a Biodiversity Triad - Nothing to report
- b Burial Ground Triad.
 - i) Expenditure of £260 was approved for the urgent removal of trees in the Burial Ground (retrospective)
 - ii) Still waiting for quote for work on watering can feature. Stone has been donated by Cllr Sumner.
- c ASBO's/Footpath Working Group - Nothing to report
- d Highways & Flooding Working Group
 - i) The Parish Council considered a request for the installation of a Speed Indicator Device to deter speeding traffic. This is normally provided by the Festival but not planned this year as it is a fallow year. They are expensive but the festival may be able to provide one but not until the new financial year, after September.
 - ii) Cllr Moulder offered to review the location of Grit bins and quantity of grit needed for each.(For Somerset by 21st August). A grit bin was requested by a resident at the junction of Pylle Road, but this has been looked at previously and the verge was too narrow.
 - iii) The Parish Council discussed inconsiderate parking on Top Street and Bread Street. Cllr Noble said that often the bus cannot get through and the 20mph speed limit is ignored. It was agreed that a message should be put in Roundabout appealing to residents. Cllr Sully said that if we could gather evidence of speeding and bad parking, then would ask Somerset to find a solution. It was agreed that the Community Speed watch would be asked to position themselves in Neat Lane. Speed Data from the last festival would be reviewed.
 - iv) Cllr Sumner has made contact with Somerset to discuss the signage on the main entry points to Pilton, to restrict access for large vehicles. They need to discuss further.
 - v) Cllr Sumner has completed the Enhanced maintenance form regarding the new pavement on Neat Lane, ready to submit to Somerset.
 - vi) Cllr Sumner has made contact with Somerset regarding the residents offer to fund a speed restriction on Westholme Lane. Highways are not supporting the request as the average speed is 21-24 mph and so there is no justification for a speed restriction and the environment of the road self-regulates the speed. He will discuss further.
- e Health & Wellness Triad. It was reported that the Health information morning would take place on Saturday 12th September in the Village Hall. Residents would be able to book a slot to meet with Somerset Council Clinician to undertake basic health tests if they meet the conditions. Other originsations would have information available including Somerset Sight, MIND, Acute community eye Service. More information would follow.
- f Shepton Housing Working Group - No Update
- g LCN - No update

48. REMEMBRANCE DAY

Road Closure application has been submitted, the clerk has made contact with Wells brass band to try to find a buglar. Cllr Sumner has given road signs to Cllr Woodhouse/Cllr Wynn ready for use and Cllr Woodhouse has the big poppies, Cllr Noble will organise the Wreath and pass the cost onto the Clerk.

49. VEGETATION

The list of overgrown vegetation needs to be updated. The Parish Council approved wording for a letter to be sent to offending homeowner.

Proposed Cllr Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr Sumner. Approved.

50. FINANCE

- a RESOLVED: To note payments & receipts listed.

Proposed: Cllr Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr Sumner. Approved

- b RESOLVED: to approve a grant application from Pilton walks to cover the cost of the insurance -£166.57

Proposed: Cllr Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr Sumner. Approved

The Policy should remain in the name of Pilton Walks and not transferred to the Parish Council name and address as requested.

51. CLERKS REPORT- The report was circulated

52. MATTERS OF REPORT

Notices for Roundabout: Speed & inconsiderate parking throughout the parish.

53. NEXT MEETINGS: Parish Council Meeting 19th August 2026 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.43pm