

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING held at Pilton Village Hall Wednesday 20th May 2026

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

In Attendance: 8 members of the public present and Mrs H Richardson (Clerk)

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: A resident asked for progress on the shooting ground as there was lots of noise coming from there again. The shooting ground had notified the Parish Council of additional shoots and the Parish Council would publicise future notifications. A diary of shoots was being recorded.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR 2026-27

- a **RESOLVED:** To elect Cllr Woodhouse as Chair of Pilton Parish Council 2026-27.
Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Noble. Approved.
- b **RESOLVED:** To elect Cllr Wynn as Vice Chair of Pilton Parish Council 2026-27.
Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Hall. Approved.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Vice Chair signed her declaration of acceptance of office and in the Cllr Woodhouse's absence was elected as chair for this meeting. Cllr Woodhouse will sign his declaration of office before the start of the next meeting.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN: R Woodhouse and Cllr C Sully (Somerset)

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

Cllr Hall (9: Planning application 2026/0794/HSE Hazeldene House and 18: Trainlink)

5. DISPENSATIONS:

Cllr Hall (18: Trainlink)

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: To confirm and sign the minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 15th April 2026.
Proposed: Cllr Hall, 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved

7. EXTERNAL REPORTS

- a. Somerset Council -Written Annual report circulated.

8. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

9. PLANNING & LICENCING

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

[2026/0705/FUL: Land At 359862 143210 Knowle Lane Shepton Mallet. Gypsy / Traveller pitch and associated works including septic tank and hardstanding](#)

The agent for the application stated that ecology document from previous application have been corrected and additional highways information regarding parking and access have been submitted. Stringent conditions have been included for how the Septic tank will be managed. It was also made clear that the proposed access is different to the existing access and visibility splays are consistent with recommendations for the location.

Cllr Noble raised concerns about the access, the removal of hedgerow to give the visibility splay and said we should be consistent.

Cllr Powell said that there was no evidence to support previous concerns about radon gas. The plans in the application demonstrate acceptable access design and visibility splays and also include a good environmental policy with a new orchard and native hedges being planted. Its in-keeping with its surroundings.

Cllr Sumner pointed out that the issues raised by the Parish Council in their previous objection have been resolved.

Cllr Hall questioned whether Pilton had a disproportionate number of traveller sites and was also concerned that this site could developed into a house which would be very visible on the landscape. The agent confirmed that traveller sites are protected and cannot be developed into housing. Cllr Roberts suggested that the Parish Council should limit discussions to material planning reasons.

RESOLVED: To SUPPORT the application because the need has been established and the applicant has taken care to include Biodiversity net gain in the application. The concerns about the septic tank raised previously have also been addressed

Proposed: Cllr Roberts, 2nd Cllr Connock. Approved. 5 in Support and 3 abstentions.

➤ Cllr Hall left the meeting

2026/0794/HSE & 2026/0795/LBC: Hazeldene House, Pylle Road, Pilton Replacement single storey lean-to
Cllr Powell noted that the immediate neighbours had no objection and it is in keeping with its surroundings. RESOLVED: to SUPPORT the application as it is policy compliant.

Proposed: Cllr Noble, 2nd: Cllr Powell. Approved unanimously

➤ Cllr Hall rejoined the meeting

2026/0760/HSE: Tanyard Farm, Tanyard Lane, Pilton. Erection of single storey rear extension and replacement of porch with associated landscaping.

The agent attended and introduced the application.

Cllr Hall asked for confirmation that the existing access will be used and the extension is part of the main house. Which he received from the applicant.

RESOLVED: to SUPPORT the application as it is policy compliant and inkeeping with its surroundings and had gone through the preapplication process with Somerset.

Proposed: Cllr Connock, 2nd: Cllr Sumner. Approved unanimously

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

a Affordable Housing Triad -No report

b Biodiversity Triad - Pilton Play group children have planted all the flowers would like to keep the flowers in their garden rather than sell them. Pictures would be circulated. It was agreed that it should be repeated next year and the Parish Council should consider setting aside some budget.

c Burial Ground Triad - Topsoil has been delivered but not distributed yet. The grass will be cut shortly. No progress on watering can feature. Cllr Sumner has excess stone if needed.

d Flooding Triad - No report

e Footpaths Working Group reported that the ASBO has reduced in numbers and struggling to find new members, so it was suggested that the ASBOS focus on the footpaths only, but unable to help with larger jobs.

i) It appears that footpath SM16/24 between Pylle Road and Mount Pleasant has been re-routed without permission and has been reported to Somerset. Discussions established that the original route is still usable, but an alternative route has been provided by the landowner. The ASBOS are intending to replace a footpath sign and will locate it on the end of the fence between the original route and the alternative route so could apply to either.

ii) Bridle way at North Wootton opposite Perridge Hill- one end has been cleared by the Mendip bridle ways, but the Pilton end of it is very overgrown. It was reported that the Mendip Bridle ways newsletter had stated that they were still planning to clear the Pilton End and it was work in progress.

iii) Winding lake footpath also needs clearing and the ASBO's will get to it at some point - an alternative route is available.

f Highways Triad - None of the white lines have been repainted since being report so would be followed up. Potholes in Totterdown have been reported.

g Health & Wellness Triad - Cllr Hall has spoken to Somerset regarding grant and received a positive response. A scope of work needs to be submitted before September.

h LCN - Meeting on 27th April confirmed next Cars meeting will be on the 18th June; LCN does not need to approve highways requests, they can co-ordinate requests for white lines etc; LCN is trying to improve parish Engagement, and the next LCN meeting is on the 6th July.

11. To approve (or not) the creation of Triad/Working Group

a Neat Lane Pavement - RESOLVED: The Neat Lane Pavement project would be incorporated into a new combined Highways & Flooding working group. Members: Cllr Sumner, Connock & Moulder.

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

b Shepton Housing Working Group -RESOLVED: The Shepton Housing working group would be created to monitor and respond to the large development planned for Shepton Mallet and its impact on the parish particularly East Compton. Members: Cllrs Hall and Woodhouse

- 12. Appointments to Working Groups / Triads / Somerset Council**
- a Affordable Housing Triad - Dissolve
 - b Biodiversity Triad: RESOLVED To appoint members: Cllrs Connock, Hall & Wynn
Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Powell: Approved
 - c Burial Ground Triad: RESOLVED To appoint members: Cllrs Woodhouse, Hall & Noble.
Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Powell: Approved
 - d Flooding Triad - Dissolve
 - e ASBOs / Footpath Working Group: RESOLVED to appoint members: Cllr Hall and Andrew Shaw.
Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Sumner. Approved
 - f Highways & Flooding (inc Neat Lane) Working group - Cllr Sumner, Connock & Moulder (See 11a)
 - g Health & Wellness Triad: RESOLVED to appoint members: Cllrs Wynn, Woodhouse & Sumner,
Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Connock. Approved
 - h Staffing Triad. RESOLVED to appoint members: Cllrs Woodhouse, Roberts & Wynn.
Proposed Cllr Powell, 2nd Cllr Connock. Approved
 - i Finance Triad - RESOLVED to appoint members: Cllr Woodhouse, Sumner & Wynn.
Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Connock. Approved
 - j Local Community Network - RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Hall & Cllr Woodhouse.
Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Hall. Approved.

- 13. Appointments to external bodies**
- a Pilton Playing Fields - RESOLVED to appoint Cllrs Moulder, Powell & Wynn.
Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Sumner. Approved
 - b Gabriel's Orchard - appointment of Managing Trustee representative, deferred to next month.

- 14. Review of Asset Register 26/27**
- a RESOLVED: To approve the Asset Register 2026/27
Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved

- 15. Review of Council and Staff subscriptions to outside bodies including:**
- a Somerset Association of Local Councils
 - b Society of Local Council Clerks
 - c Parish Online
 - d ICO (Information Commissioners Office)
 - e ICCM (Institute of Cemetery and Cremation Management)
- RESOLVED: to accept the above Subscription. Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Powell. Approved.
Noted to investigate the War memorial Trust as an additional subscription.

16. Review of Parish Council Policies

	POLICY	Amendments suggested Y/N
a	Standing Orders	N
b	Financial Regulations	N
c	Financial Risk Assessment	N
d	Code of Conduct	N
e	Complaints Procedure	N
f	Freedom of Information and Data Protection Policies	N
g	Press and Social Media Policy	N
h	Publication Scheme	N
i	Grant Policy	N
j	Employment Policies	N
k	Biodiversity Conservation Policy	N
l	IT policy	N

RESOLVED: To adopt the above policies unchanged.
Proposed Cllr Wynn, 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved.

- 17. MEETING DATES:**
RESOLVED to accept the meeting dates proposed being the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm.
Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Sumner

18. TRAINLINK

Cllr Hall reported that Somerset Council had agreed to proceed with the pilot for the Trainlink, however the route no longer goes through Pilton. The Glastonbury Trainlink project group planned to object and would continue to press for the route to go from Glastonbury to Castle Cary through Pilton and would consider including Shepton Mallet.

19. FINANCE

- a RESOLVED to approve the end of year balance summary and bank reconciliation 31 March '26.
Proposed Cllr Powell, 2nd Cllr Sumner. Approved
- b RESOLVED to approve bank signatories Cllr Woodhouse, Sumner, Wynn & the Clerk
Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Powell. Approved
- c RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Roberts as the Internal Review Officer
Proposed Cllr Powell, 2nd Cllr Sumner. Approved
- d RESOLVED to approve regular payments to salary, hall hire, Scribe and the Data protection fee.
Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Powell. Approved
- e RESOLVED: To note payments & receipts listed.
Proposed: Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Powell. Approved

20. CLERKS REPORT- The report was circulated

21. MATTERS OF REPORT

Notices for Roundabout: New Chair & Vice Chair, Fostering

22. NEXT MEETINGS: Parish Council Meeting 17th June 2026 at 7pm.

Items to discuss: Remembrance/Bugler, vegetation, Accounts, speed limit on Higher Westholme road, restrict access to large vehicle, Loan agreement.

The meeting closed at 8.36pm