

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held at Pilton Village Hall

Wednesday 1 October 2025

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

In Attendance: 7 members of the public present, Cllr Claire Sully (SC), Gill Pettitt (Parish Clerk).

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Thank you was given to all those who helped with Pilton Show
- Totterdown Lane potholes reported. Member of public will report to Report a Problem on the Road
- Telegraph pole at crossroads on road to West Compton is leaning dangerously. Cllr Woodhouse will report

91. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN - all Cllrs present.

92. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hollings declared in interest in item 97.a. - 2025/1660/HSE

Cllr Hall declared an interest in item 101.a.

Cllr Powell declared an interest in item 101.c.

93. DISPENSATIONS

- a. Noted that Cllr Hall's partial dispensation stands regarding item 101.a.

94. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **RESOLVED:** To confirm and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 3 September 2025 with one amendment regarding Cllr Sumner's reason for absence.

95. EXTERNAL REPORTS

- a. Somerset Council Cllr Sully spoke to her report noting that Highways are now issuing reports on work completed. A question regarding potholes at Springfield, Neat Lane where an area is becoming dangerous. The Parish Council will report.

96. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Clerk has tendered her resignation. Recruitment is in process by the Staffing Triad.
- b. Festival meeting on the 29th October at 6pm. Clerk to send summary of comments for the meeting.

97. PLANNING AND LICENCING [Cllr Hollings left the room for item 97.a.]

- a. **RESOLVED:** To object to application 2025/1660/HSE Proposed single storey extension. Southview House, St Mary's Lane, Pilton. Material Considerations - 3 Design - protrudes in front of the building line front and side, 4 Layout and Density - building is too close to Shop Lane, 5 Effect upon listed buildings - note the closeness of is the Church in terms of effect upon heritage assets, 12 currently it is symmetrical but the proposed building line protrudes. There is little discussion on the impact on biodiversity and no net gain is identified. Proposed Cllr Rogers, 2nd Cllr Hall. Approved. [Cllr Hollings returned to the room.]
- b. **RESOLVED:** To support application 2025/1565/OUT Application for outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for demolition of existing dwelling & erection of 2 detached dwelling houses. Tanglewood, Top Street. Material Considerations 3 - visually it will improve the vicinity, 4 - council supports the layout with two smaller houses being developed, and 9 - noted that there is space for 4 parked cars

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included. Also 12 - noted that the application includes a good report on biodiversity. Proposed Cllr Powell, 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved with one against, Cllr Noble.

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

- a. Affordable Housing Triad - meeting is arranged with Thrive for 6th October with Thrive. Expect to have complete survey ready for publishing by end of November.
- b. Biodiversity Triad - meeting identified some areas for focus and an overall action plan has been prepared:- to education and inform people, to prepare a Green Charter; to refer biodiversity management to the Burial Ground Triad; to highlight biodiversity and net gain on planning applications; to work with the preschool, the children to grow on wildflower seedlings for sale locally a number of Cllrs can help with planting trays, compost etc. Larger issues such as how spoil is dealt with will be dealt with as Council becomes more established in dealing with biodiversity conservation.
RESOLVED: To approve each aspect of the the Biodiversity action plan, and purchase of seeds and compost for the preschool wildflower project. Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Approved.
- c. Burial Ground Triad -
RESOLVED: To seek quotes for the erection of a stone surround or other means improve the Burial Ground tap area. Proposed Cllr Noble, 2nd Cllr Sumner.
- d. Flooding Triad - Gulping to be done soon. Shutwell Lane works should be completed. Signs need to be removed - Cllr Sumner will organise.
- e. Footpaths Working Group - no report
- f. Highways Triad - need to re-report bridge collapse at Monks Mill at bottom Cumhill to the engineering department, Cllr Hall will also notify the LCN. Noted a culvert on Lower Street is becoming blocked by stone - this has been reported.
- g. Parish Plan Steering Group - meeting with trustees, community groups and parishioners to be held 8th October to see if there is appetite for activities to commence. Wellness events, repair shop and the work of the Playing Fields Trust will be shared amongst others. A stall was held at the Pilton Show where a few meaningful conversations were held. People wanted to know where things could be taken, they were referred to the trustees of the various organisations. Cllr Connock emailed Somerset Council regarding a top-up surgery, she expects to hear more soon.
- h. LCN update - Priorities have been established - safer roads for heavy goods vehicles, community car scheme, parish engagement, youth engagement. There was discussion around Shepton Community Hospital. LCN next will discuss the large development that borders onto Pilton Parish. Shepton Town Cllr Jane Nicklin is interested in talking about the relationship between neighbouring parishes and Shepton. Drug and alcohol misuse in community was also discussed. Cllr Sully suggested having a Pilton Road Safety forum.

99. SHOOTING GROUND

- a. **RESOLVED:** To promote the East Pennard petition. Proposed Cllr Hall, 2nd Cllr Powell. Approved.

100. REMEMBRANCE DAY

- a. Arrangements - Cllr Sumner will receive the cones and put up the signs. Cllrs Sumner, Hall, and Connock will provide cars for the road blockages.

101. FINANCE

- a. Discussion on the terms of the pledge is deferred. Glastonbury TrainLink is forming a CIO.

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- b. **RESOLVED:** To award the grant, from the general grant fund, to West Pennard School of £3,500 for the school bus escort. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Powell. Approved.
- c. Cllr Powell provided a background to the application for the Pilton Youth Football Team. [Cllr Powell left the room.]
RESOLVED: To award the grant, from the general grant fund, to the Pilton Youth Football Team for under 10-year, and under 13-year teams, of £1,410. Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2nd Cllr Connock. Approved. [Cllr Powell returned to the room.]
- d. **RESOLVED:** To award the grant, from the general grant fund, to the Roundabout Magazine of £200 and suggest that the group apply in next financial year when the group's financial situation will be clearer. Proposed Cllr Roberts, 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved.
- e. **RESOLVED:** To donate £30 from the general grant fund, to Somerset Art Week. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Hollings. Approved.
- f. Payments and receipts were noted.
- g. [This item was discussed last month - To consider and approve (or not) budget for expenditure of GFEL donation 25/26.]
- 102. **MEETING ROOMS** - [This item was discussed last month - To consider and approve (or not) actions arising regarding meeting room space.]
- 103. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**
 No exclusion required.
- 104. **CLOSED SESSION**
 - a. Staffing Committee
 - i. No overtime required.
- 105. **MATTERS OF REPORT**
 - a. Report of building at a property off Whitstone Hill - Enforcement Officer has been given details but has not responded to emails. Cllr Sully has been supporting in this.
 - b. Question regarding topsoil and refurbishing the bench in the centre of the carpark. Topsoil will be ordered. Cllr Sully has spoken with the owner of the bench.
 - c. Roundabout - Thank you to the show committee and everyone involved in the Pilton Show which was excellent.
 - d. We have received the sign-off from the External Auditor for last year's accounts. No comments other than that the Council will need to address the Assertion 10 requirements. Email addresses will possibly be changed in the near future. The IT consultant has been asked to prepare a report for the November Full Council.

NEXT MEETING: November 5th