

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held at Pilton Village Hall

Wednesday 11 January 2023

Present: Cllrs Woodhouse, Hall, Noble, Moulder, Hollings, Sumner, Roberts, Powell and King.

In Attendance: G Pettitt, (Parish Clerk), 15 members of the public.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Call for volunteers to help plant the North Bank of the A361 with wildflowers. Suggestions made for sources of seeds and continuation of daffodil planting.
- Community preparation for Coronation event. Funds are in the 23/24 budget, may need to apply for further funds.
- Flooding at Bread Street and Shop Lane will be discussed in the agenda.

104. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

All members present. Apologies were also received from Cllr Sully, (SCC) & Cllr Hewitt-Cooper, (MDC)

105. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Roberts - GFEL.

106. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

No exclusions of Press and public required.

107. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a. **RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of 2 November. Approved.

108. **BUDGET 2023/24.** Council was presented the draft budget by Cllrs King & Woodhouse. The environment budget item was increased to £2,000. LCN costs to £1,500. Parish Plan costs to £1,000. The General Reserves were reduced to cover the increases.

RESOLVED: To approve the 2023/24 Budget with amendments. Approved.

RESOLVED: To approve the Precept 2023/24 at £17,100. Approved.

109. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

110. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS - all reports received were noted.

a. Avon & Somerset Police

b. Mendip District Council

c. Somerset County Council - Noted that LCN boundaries and Unitary Authority structures including constitution, licensing and planning are going to Full Council 18 January. There are now 18 LCNs. Pilton is based upon the Shepton Mallet LCN though boundaries are 'porous'. Officers encourage feedback from Parish Councils.

111. PLANNING

a. Report communications with the Enforcement Officer regarding attenuation pool and Bread Street flooding. There has been difficulty arranging this meeting. The Clerk will follow this through, Cllrs Hall and King will meet with the Enforcement Officer.

b. Planning Applications

• 2023/0024/TCA T1- Pittosporum-Fell, Hyfield Top Street Pilton
RESOLVED: To offer no objection to 2023/0024/TCA. Approved.

• 20232/2452/TCA T1- Lawsons Cypress-Fell. The Dell Weir Lane
RESOLVED: To offer no objection to 2023/2452/TCA. Approved.

• 2022/2458/FUL - Proposed mixed use comprising: (i) continuing agricultural use (ii) continuation of annual festival on a permanent basis; (iii) continuation of the annual Pilton Party; (iv) camping event to take place during fallow festival years; (v) permanent regularisation of pyramid structure and festival storage building; and (vi) provision of areas

to accommodate the temporary festival workforce. Land At And Adjacent To Worthy Farm Worthy Lane Pilton Somerset.

Noted that consultations will be held with Parish Council members in the morning and public in the afternoon of 26 January. Parish Council will consider the application on 1 February. Full Council will be held at 6pm and, after a comfort break, the application will be considered. Clerk will ask the MDC Planning Dept for an extension for member of public responses to the application. GFEL representative will be invited to the meeting, it would be helpful if comments were referred to them before the meeting and the Clerk will email them to formally request a site visit. Cllrs will inform the clerk of sites within the application that they wish to visit.

- 2022/2348/FUL - Retention of building for residential use (retrospective). Land At Winters Hill Lane West Compton. Cllr Woodhouse declared personal interest in this application and did not speak or vote.

The application was represented by the applicant. Members of the public spoke for and against the application. Each Cllr responded to the application.

RESOLVED: To offer no objection to application 2022/2348/FUL. Approved 4 for; 3 against; 1 abstention.

112. SOMERSET SHOOTING GROUND

- a. Report on Somerset Shooting Ground deferred to next meeting.

113. FLOODING AND WATER ISSUES

- a. Noted that flooding at Mary Street is now affecting neighbouring properties. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting. Members of the public reported several issues. Members of public encouraged to send clerk details and copies of their correspondence with the authorities. The Clerk will communicate with Flood Authorities - this will be discussed again at the next meeting with the view to approving a Flooding Working Group.
- b. Noted burst water pipe at Whitstone Hill and subsequent stoppage of water to 70 properties.

RESOLVED: To approve to defer items other than Finance and Matters of Report to the next meeting. Approved.

114. Finance

- a. **RESOLVED:** To approve payment of PAYE - £664.18. Approved.

115. POLICIES

- a. Review of Complaints Policy deferred.

116. TRAFFIC - deferred to next meeting.

117. Matters of Report

- a. Items for Roundabout January '22 - Horse riders to be asked to ride on the road if possible and to clear droppings; Note one-fare bus fares of £2; Advertise the village website; 25 February will be the next litter pick.
- b. For next agenda - heavy traffic on Bowermead Lane through Warminster - need no lorries sign. This is referred to the Traffic Working Group that will meet 24 January. Noted East Compton residents have formed an Action Group to address speeds.

Meeting Closed at 22:00

Date of next meeting: 1 February 2023

Signed

Date