

# MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING held at Pilton Village Hall Monday 23 September 2024

**Present:** Cllrs: K Sumner, L Roberts, N Hall, R Woodhouse, R Noble, T Hollings

**In Attendance:** Members of the public.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- There were no questions.

## 90. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from Cllr Connock, unwell, and Cllr Moulder, outside the parish. **RESOLVED:** To approve apologies received from Cllr Moulder and reasons given. [Cllr Connock's apologies were received by the Clerk who was not present at the meeting to pass them on.] Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Hollings. Approved with one abstention, Cllr Noble. Cllr Powell was absent.

## 91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 92. DISPENSATIONS

- a. All Cllrs were covered by the general dispensation for interest in the Glastonbury Festival.

## 93. FEEDBACK FROM GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL 2024

- a. To discuss and approve feedback to Glastonbury Festival Liaison meeting to be held 16 October 2024.

This meeting aims to approve objectives that GFEL may consider over the winter period. Feedback received from Parishioners will be redacted and shared with GFEL. Generally, systems were much better this year and feedback minimal, GFEL to be commended for the improvements. However, questions were asked as to whether the Parish Council engaged fully enough in gathering feedback. Some issues did arise - objectives from these fell into 9 main areas:

- a. **Security within the Parish** - road control was much better.
- b. **Noise**, from the festival and helicopters. Overnight / early hours noise very loud in some parts of the village.
- c. **Environment**, we note the good report from the Environment Agency where there was only one ammonia spike in Whitelake River, which was dealt with promptly. Congratulations on the good performance.
- d. **Village Tickets**. Some experienced difficulty with the new ticket system, for example where named holders were changed within the two month period prior to the festival. A suggestion was made to remove the complimentary tickets and provide monetary compensation in their stead.
- e. **Helicopters and related traffic** - helicopters in particular were problematic this year and much worse than in previous years.
- f. **Access to all parts of the Parish**. Difficulty of residents reaching local appointments - unable to pass through neighbouring hamlets.
- g. **Communication from GFEL**.
- h. **Safety in the lanes**, particularly brambles/nettles reducing the useable road width. The amount of traffic caused safety issues for pedestrians especially at night. Drop off points sometimes force pedestrians to take dangerous routes e.g. A361. Official festival traffic ignored one-way systems.

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- i. **Off-site camping, parking and ticketing.** Traffic from off-site campsites caused congestion. Block ticketing encourages more nuisance within the village. Evidential report to be sought. Can GFEL bring in measures to reduce the impact of off-site campers on village traffic.

Reports will be requested from Police, external to fence, with comparison to previous year; Report on Green Car Park; Traffic count information; Report from Somerset Council re off-site, traffic. Also requested report on air traffic numbers and helipad sites used.

**NEXT MEETING:** Full Council - 2 October 2024