

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held at Pilton Village Hall

Wednesday 3 July 2024

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

In Attendance: Five members of the public; G Pettitt, Parish Clerk.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Thanks were expressed to Glastonbury Festival Events Ltd and the Parish Council for making the festival much smoother this year. Small issues included having to provide own signage, some difficulties with allowing service personnel into the village, and offsite camping issues. Otherwise, the event was enjoyed, Green car park was much better, security management was excellent and Cockmill Lane congestion vastly improved.

MEETING OPENED 7:06 PM

48. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

RESOLVED: To accept apology for absence and reason, ill health, given from Cllr Connock. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Hollings.

49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

(NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

50. DISPENSATIONS

- a. There were no requests for dispensation.
- b. To consider dispensation for entire Council regarding debate and decision making on usage of GFEL donation. Deferred.

51. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **RESOLVED:** To approve and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 5 June 2024. Proposed Cllr Sumner, 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Approved with one abstention - Cllr Roberts.
- b. **RESOLVED:** To approve and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 25 June 2024. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse, 2nd Cllr Sumner. Approved with one abstention - Cllr Moulder.

52. EXTERNAL REPORTS

- a. Avon and Somerset Police - no report
- b. Somerset Council - no report

53. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feedback on festival will be directed to the Clerk this year and will not use Facebook, notification of this will be on the website and in Roundabout. There were suggestions that the Council Facebook profile be converted to a Facebook page. An Instagram account @PiltonParish had been created to publicise the Parish Community Survey that can be used by Council.

Enforcement - Somerset Council Officers are reshuffling, and the department remains understaffed.

Confirmation received that the Parish Council does not have liability for the new speed limit signage maintenance.

54. PLANNING

- a. Application 2024/0996/TCA [TA \(Conifer\) - Crown reduction by up to 1.2m TB \(Laburnum\) - Crown reduction by up to 1.5m TC \(Beech\) - Overhanging branches cut back by a width of up to 1.8m & up to a height of 5m](#), Meadow Lea Shutwell Lane was noted.
[2024/1163/HSE Erection of a framed garage/garden store](#). Barrowfields House

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Barrow Lane Pilton. Received too late to consider fully. Deferred if extension approved; delegated to Clerk if not. [Extension approved.]

55. UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM 5 JUNE MEETING

- a. Publication of Parliamentary Candidate public meetings - no agents responded to invitation to publicise. No notices were promoted.
- b. Cockmill Lane development - Somerset Council Enforcement Officer is aware of the issues but was unable to visit during the festival period.
[Meeting Closed]
A member of the public stated that the barn is used for non-agricultural purposes year round. The higher barn blocks internet signal. Barn is inaccessible for farm machinery due to decking.
[Meeting reopened]
Noted that one of the barn owners is applying for retrospective planning permission, the other has agricultural permission. Communication with Somerset Council will continue.
- c. Local Planning Authority correspondence re cogency of S106 allocation systems and update on sale of Social Housing. Deferred.
- d. Platterwell Lane Junction - update on signage improvement correspondence. Deferred.
- e. Offsite campsites - Letter to be drafted to ascertain how Somerset Council monitors offsite campsites. Noted that a helipad is in use at East Town Lane - SC to be asked whether this requires consultation - 85 helicopters flew over the village on the Friday of the festival.
[Meeting Closed]
Query as to whether offsite campsites are approved - previously, requirements for approving offsite campsites was required for those used for more than 28 days for 500 people, this has changed to use for more than 60 days and 50 tents. There is no requirement for authorities assess cumulative impact.
[Meeting reopened]

56. TRAFFIC PLAN WORKING GROUP - To consider and approve, (or not), additional signage.

Cllr Hollings explained that Pylle Road signage was not extra to the original spec, but was missed from the scheme. He will pursue this. The other sign concerns East Town Lane, which was not on the original spec so will not be done. There was a query as to whether there should be another 20mph sign on Cumhill. Cllr Hollings will investigate. Suggest that press release be prepared regarding the community effort to get the scheme completed and that Pilton is the first to 20mph scheme to have been completed. Clerk and Cllr Hollings will liaise.
[Meeting Closed]
Suggestion that publicity would be useful to make public aware that the scheme is now permanent.
[Meeting reopened]

57. FINANCE

- a. **Receipts** £300 - Pilton Playing Field trust toward 23/24 insurance cover; £150 Burial Ground fees.
- b. **Payments** £33.30 - strimmer head for Burial Ground maintenance; Salaries and HMRC £1,017.57.
- c. To consider and approve, (or not), grant to Mendip Bridleways and Byways Association
PROPOSED: To offer £300 to Mendip Bridleways and Byways Association. Proposed Cllr Noble, 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Rejected - three for (Cllrs Noble, Woodhouse and Hall), five against, no abstentions.
RESOLVED: To refuse application but suggest that the group submit another application for a scheme within the parish. Proposed Cllr Roberts, 2nd Cllr Moulder.

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Approved 6 for the propose, Cllrs Noble and Woodhouse abstained.

[Meeting Closed]

It is noticeable that the Strawberry Line is being used by younger people much more over recent weeks.

[Cllr Moulder left the meeting]

[Meeting reopened]

58. LCN - The meeting of 10 June was the AGM. Cllr Ham was re-elected as Chair and Cllr Robbins elected as Vice Chair. Flooding workshops will be held later in the year.

[Cllr Moulder returned]

Summary of highlights - Young people working group is active in Taunton; Highway Stewards are being well received across the county, there is a collaborative approach on capital projects as well as maintenance; Flooding and community resilience - there is collaboration between parishes along the river; Active Travel working group; Level of police involvement is low, engagement will be encouraged; Social housing was discussed - awaiting minutes of meeting; the LCN encourages more public engagement in the LCN.

59. MATTERS OF REPORT

- a. Items for Roundabout Aug '24 - Invite festival feedback; 20mph speed limits; advertise Parish Plan stall at the Pilton Show.
- b. Noted that next meeting is the 7th August, not 8th.
- c. Expectation is that parishioner responses and feedback on festival will be discussed at the September meeting.

Meeting Closed 8:22pm

NEXT MEETING: Full Council - 7 August 2024