

# MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

## FULL COUNCIL MEETING

### held at Pilton Village Hall

### Wednesday 5 February 2025

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

**In Attendance:** 6 members of the public, Gill Pettitt (Parish Clerk).

#### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Regarding roadwork closures that result in excess traffic within village. Cllr Sumner will write to Somerset Highways.
- Accident involving a child on the A361 has been reported.

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

Cllr Hollings gave his apologies, unwell.

**RESOLVED:** To accept Cllr Hollings apologies and reason for absence. Proposed Cllr Powell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Connock. Approved with one abstention, Cllr Hall.

#### 153. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 154. DISPENSATIONS

No dispensations were requested.

#### 155. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **RESOLVED:** To confirm and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 8 January 2025. Proposed Cllr Moulder, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Powell. Approved.

#### 156. EXTERNAL REPORTS

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

#### 157. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noted that wildflower planting primroses, bluebells, snowdrops, cowslips, red campion, meadow sweet would take place at the Burial Ground from 12:30pm Friday 7 February.

#### 158. PLANNING

2025/0050/TCA [T1 & T2 \(Willow\) - High pollard stems. Removing approx 4 meters off both trees.](#) Noted.

#### 159. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS AND RESOLVE ANY ACTIONS

##### ARISING

- a. **Burial Ground Working Group.** Markers have been received. Work will start soon to mark the rows as well as identifying reserved plots. The stone feature around the tap will be completed in more clement weather. Council thanks visitors for keeping their plots tidy and clear of dead foliage.
- b. **Traffic Planning Working Group** no report. A member of the public noted that a number of dead foxes have been found placed along the sides of roads.a
- c. **Flooding Triad** Will meet next week. Cllr Sumner reported: A361 works carried out at Whitstone Hill culvert and have cleared a number of drains. The culvert will need to be replaced in the future with a bigger culvert. Cllr Sully and Tessa Munt MP have been supporting. A blocked drain at Shutwell Lane should have been investigated and resolved on Monday. Cllr Sumner asked them to also deal with the potholes and the water pipe burst on St Mary's Lane. If the problems continue a number of further actions were mentioned including submitting a Freedom of

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Information request to Somerset Council, attending Somerset Full Council meeting, organising a demonstration. Noted that a number of drains at East Town Lane, Neat Lane and Top Street are blocked and have not been cleared for a long time. The triad will review all the drains. Keir will be asked for a costing for gully clearance.

- d. **Footpaths Working Group** - A large branch is precariously about to fall in Platterwell Lane. Cllr Noble will have a look to ascertain responsibility.
160. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** -The Annual Parish Meeting will be held Wednesday 12 March, 7pm, at Pilton Village Hall. Notice will be placed in the Roundabout. This meeting will be looking at the Action Plan arising from the 2024 Parish Survey.
161. **PILTON LITTER PICK** - The next Litter Pick will be held on Saturday 19 March, 9am, meet at the Village Hall car park. All equipment will be provided.
162. **FINANCE**
  - a. **RESOLVED:** To approve Grant application from The Rubbish Art Project for £500 and to ask a representative of the group to provide a written or verbal report. Proposed Cllr Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Moulder. Approved with one abstention, Cllr Noble.
  - b. **RESOLVED:** To approve Grant application from the Pilton Community Fridge group for £250. Proposed Cllr Powell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Connock. Approved.
  - c. Payments noted - Remembrance Day signs/cones £160; Scribe initial payment £249; Burial Ground Hedge cutting £40; Burial Ground plants and delivery £547.27; Salaries £576.27; Working From Home Allowance - January £26; Postage £16.50. Receipts noted - £3,375 received this month in burial fees, which includes £775 paid out for a return of four plots to the Parish Council.
  - d. To note Bank Reconciliation to December 2024 - Cllr Woodhouse will check at the end of the meeting.
163. **MATTERS OF REPORT** - Items for Roundabout, Burial Ground, Annual Parish Meeting, Litter Pick, notification of grants offered recently. Signs to be taken down once events finished, please. Overgrowth and dog waste - deferred to a future Roundabout. Hedge laying around the village to be discussed at the APM.
164. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**  
**RESOLVED:** To exclude press and public from item 164. Approved.
165. **CLOSED SESSION**
  - a. Staffing Committee
    - i. **RESOLVED:** To approve overtime of 14 hours over the January period. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Noble. Approved.

**NEXT MEETING:** Full Council - 5 March 2025