

# MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING held at Pilton Village Hall Friday 16 August 2024

**Present:** Cllrs R Woodhouse, N Hall, C Connock.

**In Attendance:** G Pettitt, Parish Clerk.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- No members of public present.

**Meeting opened 5pm**

**RESOLVED:** To elect Cllr Woodhouse as Chair of this meeting. Approved.

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

Apologies received from Cllrs Sumner and Hollings (out of the parish), and Cllr Noble, (work).

**RESOLVED:** To approve apologies received and reasons given. Approved.

Cllrs Roberts, Moulder and Powell were absent.

### 74. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 75. COMMUNITY SURVEY

- a. To consider and approve, (or not), the Community Survey, which launches 3 September.

Cllr Woodhouse thanked those who attended and those who provided their thoughts on the survey prior to the meeting.

Comments were received from Cllrs Hollings and Sumner.

Cllr Hollings' comments were read to the meeting. Council response as follows: The Chair noted that the Parish Plan is not predicated on a Neighbourhood Plan. The Council may create a Neighbourhood Plan but no commitment has been made yet.

The survey was subject to intense negotiation, so regrettably some topics have been removed including Housing, which the Steering Group is satisfied will be covered by the Neighbourhood Plan process if Council determines to produce one. Traffic - a detailed question or two in this area was deemed to be premature and this important topic may be addressed alongside housing and design in the Neighbourhood Plan or by some other route. The Traffic Working Group has been expressly requested to cover this and other pertinent issues when able.

It was acknowledged that the lateness of the draft survey being made available to Councillors was regrettable. Apologies were made at the last Full Council and the process has been explained at the last two Full Councils. Topics have been presented and questions have been the subject of heated negotiation both within the Steering Group and with CSS.

Cllr Sumner's comments were read to the meeting. Council response as follows: Question 4 - The Tithe Barn will be added.

Question 6 includes dog waste bins - it is an indicative question.

Questions 7 & 8 - Views regarding the Village Hall and Playing Field Trust were noted. A sentence will be added to the introduction stating the survey includes all village assets, however trustees were not members of the Steering Group. Actions will not be indicated by survey results, rather, the results will be made available to trustees to consider.

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Regarding repetitive questions 4 & 21 - these are for adults and children - two different target groups.

Question 19 is aspirational. To assess whether anything has been missed. Results do not always indicate action from within the parish, but may indicate a case for lobbying higher authorities.

The Steering Group considered it a good idea to add a question along the lines of "If there is one thing that is most important to you for change, please state" - with a text box provided.

Regarding the raffle prize:

**RESOLVED:** That the raffle prize will be a £50 voucher to a local restaurant or shop of your choosing. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Connock. Approved.

Council offered best wishes for the intense workload coming up and for a successful survey.

**RESOLVED:** Having agreed to certain comments, (see above), from Councillors, to agree to go ahead with publication of the survey on the understanding that CSS will have last veto on any amendments. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Hall. Approved.

Preparation for launch: the last preparations for the poster are being made prior to distribution after launch day to every household.

**RESOLVED:** To approve that the Steering Group go ahead with publicity including a face-to-face stand at the Pilton Show (Stand 3) and at the Coffee Shop; to advertise on social media and within the Roundabout. Proposed Cllr Woodhouse; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Connock. Approved.

Meeting closed at 5:44pm