

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held at Pilton Village Hall

Wednesday 2 November 2022

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

In Attendance: G Pettitt, (Parish Clerk), 2 members of the public, 2 members of Police Operational Planning.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mark Nicholson – Retiring Officer from the Operational Planning Team gave the meeting a debrief on Glastonbury Festival. He introduced Gareth Pike who will take over from Mark. The Police footprint is reduced at Glastonbury Festival. Mounted section was not helpful in previous years, but using cycles worked well. 230 crimes reported over the period but this is down on previous years. Crimes included assaults, theft, criminal damage and some drug crime.

There was concern in 2019 over organised crime, the County Lines Team are working through local facilities. No organised crime was apparent this year. A repeat sex offender was found.

Speeding is worse in the weeks preceding the festival. Speed Enforcement motor bikes very involved and supportive of speedwatch team.

Overcrowding – plans next year are being looked at to reduce overcrowding through looking at programming and design.

85. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Cllrs Powell – work commitments & Cllr Roberts – family commitments sent apologies.

Resolved: To accept apologies and reasons for absence. Approved.

Noted that council may take a harder line on absences at Full Council from next meeting.

86. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Hall declared an interest Trustee of Village Hall Trust & Playing Field.

87. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC There were no exclusions of Press & Public.

88. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - The Chair requested that mobile phones are switched off.

89. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the minutes of Full Council 5 October 2022. Approved.

90. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

Reports from Avon & Somerset Police, Somerset County Council were noted.

91. GFEL

- a. Report from GFEL debrief. Council thanked the police officers who attended earlier and were sad to lose Mark Nicholson.

Noted that Council would like to see a full report on music levels and river issues. Mendip District Council were not taking a proactive approach on river pollution however GFEL monitoring will continue through to the long term. The Bangor Report, published in 2021, offers guidance on drug levels in water courses. There was some disagreement on levels at which drug in river become harmful. MDMA may be at levels that could be harmful. S Russell-Yarde was asked to ask with Melvin Benn to make GFEL reports public. MDC will scrutinise noise levels at the November Scrutiny Board which will have the GFEL reports. Cllr Hall will pursue Environment Agency regarding pollution levels.

Cllr Hall has spoken with the new MDC Enforcement Officer, Andy Dearing, who proposes meeting on GFEL site regarding the attenuation pond.

Resolved: Cllr Hall and another Cllr will attend meeting with Enforcement Officer at GFEL site. Approved.

S Russell Yarde reported that a Planning Officer visited the site 1 November who believed there were no outstanding issues. Attenuation pond has not caused issues with recent heavy rain.

92. POLICIES

- a. Accessibility Policy – **Resolved:** To approve Accessibility Statement with some small amendments including to aim to respond within 14 days.
- b. Standing Orders – **Resolved:** To approve Standing Orders with some amendments including allowing public speakers 3 minutes; and that 4 members of Council call a meeting. Approved.

93. UNITARY AUTHORITY

- a. Noted that Somerset County Council is encouraging Parish and Town Councils to increase precepts to cover potential asset purchases. Items on Unitary Authority will now be included in other agenda items and SCC Cllr report. Doultling Liaison group is focussing on the North East of Mendip District.

94. Consultations

- a. Warm Spaces – Agreed to send this to Cllr Powell. Cllr Hall will take to Village Hall Trust;
- b. SALC Health and Wellness – Cllr King will speak with Rev. Christine Butler;
- c. Greenspaces – Local Greenspaces, (LGS) Cllrs Hollings, King, Hall and Noble will work on this;
- d. Fire Service – 1% approved.

95. SOMERSET SHOOTING GROUND

- a. A meeting will be held between Shooting Ground Members, MDC officer, MDC Councillor and Pilton and East Pennard Parish Councils later in November.

96. PILTON VILLAGE TRUST

- a. The working group with Playing Field members put forward draft constitution that was agreed by all members and passed to the Village Trust for consideration. Many thanks to members of the public and the Playing Field Trust who put a lot of time into this. Noted that trees at the field have a lot of scrub around them and needs fencing and to layer the hedge to make it child and stock proof.

97. TRAFFIC

- a. **New highway issues:** State of road from ford to Larkhams Leap in Pylle Parish. Cllr King will speak to Alan Cary.
- b. **Remembrance Day:** Informal road signs and poppies are in place. Final quotes to be sought; signs to be delivered to Cllr King. Cllrs will provide cars to block road.
- c. **Lamberts Hill:** Lamberts Hill works have opened up visibility which is much improved.
- d. **Somerset Bus Partnership:** Noted Pilton does not have a representative on this group. Article in Roundabout to call for a member of public to attend. Cllr Hall will attend next meeting.

98. WEIR LANE

- a. **Update on Maintenance** - The pilot has looked into options: to move soil, put some chippings down and remove trunks, or, install a fence. Cllr Hall will discuss with Claire Haskins.

99. VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE

- a. Village Hall website is looking good. Identify in Roundabout magazine and ask for feedback.

100. LITTER PICK

- a. Litter pick went very well.
- b. Next pick will be 25 February 2023. Frequency of litter picks will be reviewed in February.

101. FINANCE

- a. Meeting noted letter of thanks from West Pennard School.
- b. Transfer to RFO - Noted that this continues to be delayed. Budget review will be brought to next meeting. Budget to include Budget 23/24 to include contingency fund for bins; also allow for 2hrs per month Village website maintenance.
- c. **Payments - RESOLVED:** To approve payments below. Approved.

PAYE	321.37
Training – Essentials Ptl	25.00
Training – Neighbourhood Planning	25.00
Email	30.00
Hall Hire	15.00
Training – Code of Conduct	25.00

102. PLANNING

2022/2139/VRC Vary condition 7 (Schedule of internal works) on planning consent 2021/0253/LBC.

RESOLVED: To offer no objection to application 2022/2139/VRC. Approved.

2022/2138/VRC Vary condition 11 (Flood Surface Water Drainage), condition 12 (Foul Drainage), condition 13 (European Protected Species Mitigation Licence), condition 16 (Replacement of Bat Roosts) and condition 20 (Tree Protection) on consent 2021/0252/FUL.

RESOLVED: To offer no objection to application 2022/2138/VRC. Approved.

2022/2081/HSE Two storey rear extension and alterations

RESOLVED: To offer no objection to application 2022/2081/HSE. Approved.

2022/2123/HSE First floor extension to front elevation

RESOLVED: To offer no objection to application 2022/2123/HSE. Approved.

2022/0741/FUL Change of use of the land to camping and caravan site and the formation of five pitches (Part Restrospective). (re-issuing of decision)

RESOLVED: To object to application 2022/0741/FUL. Council does not feel the plans have altered to ameliorate issues in its previous response: Five letters of objection were received.

The reasons for refusal are: Poor access, the entrance is not sufficient especially with increased traffic entering and exiting the site. The run-off of effluent given the phosphate issue on the levels. The visual impact from the public highway and surrounding area.

Approved

103. MATTERS OF REPORT

- a. Laybys – discuss with fly tipping problem with MDC. £1,000 fine for tipping sign not very visible. Identify exactly which laybys.
- b. Request that old posters be taken off telegraph poles when event past.
- c. Parish Forum looking at Village Profiles – deadline 12 December to be discussed at next agenda.

Date of next meeting: 2 November 2022

Signed

Date