

MINUTES OF PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held at Pilton Village Hall

Wednesday 7 August 2024

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

In Attendance: Eleven members of the public; Councillor Claire Sully; G Pettitt, Parish Clerk.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Overgrowth on public thoroughfares is difficult through the village. Hedges can be cut back from the end of August, and before then if they pose a hazard. Low growth can be cut back at any time. The public will be notified of this.
- Weir Lane flooding - landowners are clearing the stream of debris brought down from the floods, other landowners are aware and have pledged to also clear the stream bed.

MEETING OPENED 7:06 PM

60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

RESOLVED: To accept apology for absence and reason, childcare, given from Cllr Powell.
Proposed Cllr Hollings, 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved.

61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Sumner declared an interest in item 65. 2024/1249/TCA. Cllr Hollings declared an interest in item 67.

(NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

62. DISPENSATIONS

- a. To consider any written requests for dispensation the Clerk may have received from Councillors - none were received.
- b. To consider dispensation for entire Council regarding debate and decision making on usage of GFEL donation. Cllrs signed a blanket dispensation for the entire Council on discussions around decisions for usage of the GFEL donation, which is valid until the May 2025 Annual meeting.

63. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **RESOLVED:** To approve and sign minutes of the Pilton Parish Council meeting of 3 July 2024. Proposed Cllr Hall, 2nd Cllr Sumner. Approved

64. EXTERNAL REPORTS

- a. Avon and Somerset Police - no report
- b. Somerset Council - noted the [tree planting register](#) for trees planted from October 2024 and advice for [provision of free trees](#) from the [Woodland Trust](#).

65. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS Work on Top Street drains has started - limescale will be removed and pipes replaced.

66. PLANNING

- a. To consider the following Planning Application and any that arise before the date of the meeting.

[2024/1253/FUL Retrospective application for the erection of new general purpose agricultural building including storage of ancillary items.](#) Land At 360080 139131

Cockmill Lane East Pennard

After representation from the public and Cllr debate, Council

RESOLVED: Pilton Parish Council Objects to application 2024/1253/FUL with regard to the Material Considerations noted below.

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2- Loss of privacy This huge barn is visible for miles around. It overlooks the valley and across to East Pennard Hill. It impacts the visual amenity on public roads and footpaths in a wide area. It impacts the privacy of the neighbouring properties.

3- Design and appearance Regarding the Design and appearance, the scale drawings are incomplete not showing the height of the base section. The height of the barn appears to be close to 12m when viewed from South. The application states that it is both for agricultural storage and a farm diversification project. Not only does it seem excessive size for farming 77 acres, but it is also impractical for use as an agricultural storage facility with the double-glazed windows and poor access for farm machinery and storage.

4- Layout and density of the building is inappropriate 8 Access onto Cockmill Lane is poor. The building has been used for hospitality during Glastonbury festival, however consideration of traffic and access to the site is not given.

9- Inadequate servicing There are no foul sewerage facilities and there is no consideration given to parking of vehicles.

12- Other There is no consideration of the ecological impact of the building and its usage as a hospitality venue. - The 2019 application (2019/2678/AGB) is considered irrelevant because it was: For an agricultural building rather than a farm diversification project for two rather than one building for a building area of 800 sqm rather than 1025 sqm. Proposed Cllr Noble; 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved.

[2024/1249/TCA T1 - Beech - Reduce overall crown to previous pruning points T2 - Holly - Fell T3 - Irish Yew - Reduce in height by approximately 1m](#)

Little Malta Bread Street Pilton - Noted.

[2024/1117/PED Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of use from Commercial, Business and Service \(Use Class E\) to Dwellinghouses \(Use Class C3\).](#) Bourne Farm, East Town Lane, Pilton.

RESOLVED: To support application 2024/1117/PED. Pilton Parish Council would like information of the footprint, extensions and other impacts, visual and residential if a planning application is forthcoming. Proposed Cllr Hall; 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Approved.

[2024/1163/HSE Erection of a framed garage/garden store.](#) Barrowfields House Barrow Lane Pilton

RESOLVED: Pilton Parish Council support 2024/1163/HSE Proposed Cllr Hall; 2nd Cllr Moulder. Approved.

[2024/1374/TCA Ash - Fell.](#) Gable House Lower Street Pilton - Noted.

67. SHOP LANE EMERGENCY ACCESS ISSUES

- a. To discuss the issue of poor access through Shop Lane due to parking and to approve, (or not), any actions.

[Meeting Closed]

Members of the public contributed their views. Noted that there is a lack of parking available. Cllr Hollings noted that any parking is illegal as any parked car will narrow the highway unacceptably. There is no signage warning of this. Cars have been significantly damaged when parked there.

Cllr Hollings left the room.

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RESOLVED: To delegate to the Traffic Planning Working Group to discuss the issue and bring findings to the September Full Council. Proposed Cllr Hall; 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Approved.

[Cllr Hollings returned to the room]

68. COMMUNITY SURVEY

- a. To review and approve, (or not), the questionnaire prior to publication 3 September.

RESOLVED: To call an Extraordinary Meeting next week. Councillors will submit

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their responses prior to the meeting on an online shared document or by email.
Proposed Cllr Sumner; 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Approved.
Council also suggested considering the draw prize be a £40 voucher to be spent at the Pilton Co-op. Also suggested to note in the introduction that survey results may not result in commitment.

69. FINANCE

- a. To note receipts - £900 Burial fees.
- b. To note/approve, (or not), payments: £669.89 Salaries and payroll; £26 WFH allowance & SALC affiliation £406.72.

70. MATTERS OF REPORT

- a. Items for Roundabout Sep '24 Overgrowth of hedges and low growth; 9am 12 Oct Litter pick; considerate parking; Launch of survey.
- b. Working Groups will be included in future agendas.

71. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: To exclude the press and public from item 72. Proposed Cllr Sumner; 2nd Cllr Woodhouse. Approved.

72. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Staffing Committee
 - i. Consideration of and approval, (or not), of staff overtime.
RESOLVED: To approve 23 hrs worktime on finalisation of digitalisation of Burial Ground records, noting that final cost has come in under budget.
Proposed Cllr Woodhouse; 2nd Cllr Sumner. Approved.

NEXT MEETING: Full Council - 4 September 2024