

**Minutes of the meeting of the Pilton Parish Council via Zoom on
via Zoom on Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)
Audrey Brown
David Drew
Colin Elkin
Stephen Kearle
Joe King
Roger Noble
Lynda Roberts
Andrew Shaw

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

14 Members of the public were present.

1. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2. **APOLOGIES:** None

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Councillor Drew reported that he has no declarations of interest at present but may do so in the future.

4. **MINUTES:** of the 3rd March 2021 were approved.

MATTERS ARISING:

i Traffic Matters:

- New Defects:

There were no new defects reported this month.

ii Community Speedwatch:

As lockdown has been eased the Speedwatch Team have been working in groups of three, which makes it easier to collate all the information required.

All is going well and thanks was given to the Speedwatch Team.

iii Police Report:

- Police Reports – a Police Report has been received which covers the Shepton Mallet area but there is no mention of Pilton. The Clerk will contact the police to see if this is the only report that will be received in future.

iv Local Council Alliance:

Councillor Shaw attended the virtual meeting. He stated that there was a lack of knowledge as to expect from the Alliance at the meeting. Other than Footpaths, Pilton would be unable to take on much through delegation. There is a significant downside to the proposal but the Parish Council will need to decide if they wish to join. Councillors felt that there was not enough information to be able to commit at this point. Councillor Shaw will attend the next meeting in six weeks time.

- v Vegetation:
Now we are out of lockdown residents may use the excuse of nesting birds to not cut back their vegetation but the Parish Council will persevere and have the communication with them.
- vi Weir Lane to Ford Footpath improvements:
There has been no further interest from contractors to quote for the work on the Weir Lane Footpath. One quote has been received. The Clerk will ask SALC if the Parish Council can proceed with only one quote.
- vii Climate Emergency Funding:
Councillor S Kearle advised that he has received a quote for a 12 seater electric minibus of £60k with an additional cost of £5k for wheelchair access. Councillors Brown and S Kearle will discuss whether the costs would be viable.
- viii Dates of future meetings:
The Clerk stated that a ruling has been made that face to face meetings can resume from May, although the next Parish Council meeting is before this date. This however is being challenged so may be subject to change.
- ix Dog Poo Bins:
The Clerk has received three letters of objection regarding siting a Poo Bin in the grass at Mount Pleasant. The Clerk was asked to chase permission from Mr Eavis regarding siting a bin near the allotments but also request if one could be sited at the top of Copse Hill.
The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to seek permission to site a bin by the stile as Ashes Wood.
The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for signs stating there is a £1000 fine for failing to pick up dog waste.
- x Broadband: A resident spoke regarding Truespeed Fibre within Pilton. The company will have to offer access to other providers once initial contract is up, Currently 55 residents have signed up to Truespeed. The company will be canvassing the village once lockdown permits it. In order for it to be viable then 150 properties need to sign up, they would stay with their current provider until their contract end. The Clerk was asked to invite the Truespeed representative to speed at the next Parish Council meeting. Should the company receive the required number then they will provide a free for life community hub for the village, it was suggest that this could be the Playing Fields Pavilion.
- xi Possible re-organisation of Council structure within Somerset:
One Somerset may produce better savings than Two Somerset's Councillor Shaw will attend future meetings but Parish Council's will have no say on the final decision as it will be decided by Government. There is online consultation should anyone wishes to comment.

5. **PLANNING:**

Application Number	Proposal	Applicant & Location
2021/0344/FUL	Proposed alterations to agricultural building	Mr T Harvey Land at Winters Hill Lane, West Compton Shepton Mallet
Pilton Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL 11 letters of objection were received and 1 letter of support.		

<p>Councillor King proposed refusal on the grounds of incomplete necessary details, handling of waste, lack of a sound financial case and not economically viable, Councillor Noble seconded. Councillor Roberts proposed approval, Councillor Drew seconded. The vote was 5 in favour of approval and 3 in favour of refusal.</p>		
2021/0345/FUL	Erection of an Agricultural Workers Dwelling (retrospective)	Mr T Harvey Land at Winters Hill Lane, West Compton Shepton Mallet
<p>Pilton Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL Councillor Noble proposed refusal, Councillor Shaw seconded on the grounds of access to the property, drainage, effluent, run off from field to Red Lake river and public visual amenity. Councillor Roberts proposed acceptance, seconded by Councillor Drew. The vote was 4 in favour of approval, 3 for refusal and 1 abstention.</p>		
2021/0561/FUL	Erection of a traditionally styled 3-bay Carriage House to provide additional covered storage.	Mr Martin Sims
<p>Pilton Parish Council Recommends: APPROVAL The applicant spoke in relation to his proposal. Councillor King proposed approval, Councillor Elkin seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour of approval.</p>		

ENFORCEMENT:

- I Councillor Noble advised that a caravan and other vehicles are sited illegally. As you travel to Shepton Mallet to Pilton on the A361, on the old railway bridge lane to the right of the bridge on the Society Bridleway, which runs on Ridge Lane to Knowle Lane on the Western side of Shepton Mallet. The vehicles have not left space for riders to pass.

6. FINANCE:

i Financial Statement:

		Total Funds
Balance b/f from 31/03/2021		15,688.30
Banked		
	RC Fassam Wright	£ 305.00
	West Pennard School (adj Uncashed cheque)	£ 1,000.00
		<u>£ 1,305.00</u>
Less cheques drawn:		
cq number	details	
2221	K Buckley (€15.50 HWA, stamps 5.10 & Zoom 14.39)	402.26
2222	W Lynn	40.00
2223	Norton Garden Machinery	563.23
2224	HMRC (K Buckley 278.60 & R England 16.80)	295.40
2225	R England	67.70
		<u>£ 1,368.59</u>
Balance at 31/03/2021		<u>£ 15,624.71</u>

- ii Financial News/ Requests for Grants:
The Clerk advised that an adjustment was made as the cheque for West Pennard School as it was never sent at the beginning of the first lockdown. The Chairman advised that a local resident had paid for the school minibus in full.
- iii Insurance:
The insurance has been renewed for a year, a saving of £715.35 was achieved by awarding to BHIB. Thanks was given to Councillor Elkin for assisting the Clerk with the renewal. The Clerk was reminded to insure the new mower. The Clerk will do this when she requests the Playing Field Contribution figure.
The Chairman confirmed that there is an annual inspection of the Playing Fields.

7. BURIAL GROUND

- i Maintenance reports: Councillor Drew reported that everything is good.
- ii Maintenance work: The work regarding the fence has not yet been completed. Councillors R Kealre, Drew, King and Noble will be meeting on the 17th April at 9am to complete maintenance work.
The Sandra House Memorial Tree has been planted and Councillor King is watering it weekly.
- iii Burial Fees: The Clerk advised that she is waiting until the start of the new financial year to compare the burial fees of other Parishes as they may be publishing new fees.

8. FOOTPATHS

- i Proposed footpath SM16/42 diversion order: This involves a change to the left turn, a new bridge over the stream and the field boundary, moving it away from the house. The Parish Council supports this change.
- ii Winter's Hill footpaths SM16/ 4 and SM16/5: A new kissing gate instead of stile will be installed. It was confirmed that the footpaths are no longer blocked but makes uncomfortable walking. Claire Haskins and the Ramblers Association are aware. The owner stated that if there are any further concerns to contact him and he will look to resolve.
Footpath M16/16
A working party is being assembled to look at this footpath. Councillor King will speak to the owners of the property adjacent to the footpath to request access to the footpath so stone can be barrowed in to firm up the path. Councillor R Kearle will supply the stone and machinery, Councillors Drew, S Kearle and a local resident agreed to help with the work.
Platterwell Lane has been reported to Claire Haskins. The ASBO's currently are unable to carry out the work due to lack of manpower.

9. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION:

- i Roundabout report
Village Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 1st May, meeting outside the Village Hall at 9am. Please come along and help keep the village beautiful.

Villagers are asked once again to park considerately, not on corners or blind bends, slow down and be respectful to pedestrians.

Residents are requested to contact the Parish Clerk with their suggested locations of Dog Poo Bins. Residents are reminded that there is a £1000 fine for not picking up your dog waste.

A local resident advised that the bins have not been collected regularly in Burford, they have visited the company but it has not improved. The Parish Council will monitor the situation and the Clerk will make Nigel Hewitt-Cooper aware.

The Bush Lane sign has been stolen.

Councillor King and Noble did a litter pick a couple of weeks ago and suggested a village litter pick. It was agreed this would take place on 1st May at 9am.

10. **GFEL**

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Festival Event:

Adrian Coombs from GFEL explained that the potential event would take place on the 17th and or 18th September 2021 with a maximum of 49,999 people including performers and staff. Exact details cannot be provided as it depends on any Govt directives in the future post Step 4. If main Glastonbury Festival takes place then no concerts will take place in that calendar year. The event would have one stage, no public camping and the site would be fenced. It would open at 2pm and close at midnight, bars would close at 11pm. Music would be from 4pm to 11pm with low level background music playing at other times. Food would be available from 2pm to midnight. Any licence given would have conditions. The usual teams would be involved with noise, traffic, and litter control.

Questions to be put to GFEL are as follows:

- Would Mary's Gate be used and where would staff parking be?
- Will there be a village access point?
- Will Village Tickets be available?
- What assurance can you give that there will not be overnight parking, especially if people have been drinking?
- How will noise be controlled in the car parks when people leave the event?
- Is the event a two day event or two, one day events?
- Would traffic leaving the site leave by the usual festival route?
- What will be the impact of the lighting?
- What will be the impact of crowds walking/ driving in the village?
- Residents asked for an email address where further questions could be asked.

The Clerk will forward the above questions to GFEL.

NEXT MEETING: Annual Parish Meeting 21st April 2021 at 7.30pm
Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 10.03pm

Pilton Local Residents Questions and Answers

- **Would Mary's Gate be used and where would staff parking be?**

Mary's Gate would only be used for normal Farm and Delivery Traffic. Staff numbers using this access would be limited and adequate provision for crew parking provided on site.

- **Will there be a village access point?**

A route to the site would be identified and an entrance point established for any local residents wishing to walk to the event.

- **Will Village Tickets be available?**

A priority booking system is currently being considered for villagers to purchase tickets.

- **What assurance can you give that there will not be overnight parking, especially if people have been drinking?**

Pre event communications including Social Media postings, website comms and / or Terms and Conditions of ticket sales will state that this will not be permitted. If isolated examples do occur, there will be security staff and protocols to deal with this eventuality.

Previous experience of our Offsite Manager at other events with consecutive single day concerts, is that this isn't considered a significant issue.

- **How will noise be controlled in the car parks when people leave the event?**

Security and stewarding provision will be in the carparks to facilitate the swift exit of all vehicles and prevent any instances of public nuisance and with the pedestrian routes to carparks being stewarded.

Car parks have been specifically selected in areas that are as far away from residents as possible and routes away from them to the main road limit the number of potential properties likely to be affected.

Pre event communications will include the request to exit the site as quickly and quietly as possible.

- **Is the event a two day event or two, one day events?**

If a licence is granted then it is one event where concerts are able to be delivered on 2 successive nights.

- **Would traffic leaving the site leave by the usual festival route?**

Traffic will be located on both East and West sides of the site – using the Orange, Purple and Blue routes used in during the main festival to gain access to the relevant A roads

- **What will be the impact of the lighting?**

Lighting will be installed where required on safety grounds; key points in the car parks will be lit with tower lighting. Festoon lighting will be used for pedestrian walkways and other wayfinding purposes.

Lighting will be kept to a minimum wherever possible whilst at the same time ensuring people are safe and feel safe.

- **What will be the impact of crowds walking/ driving in the village?**

We do not envisage any event attendees walking or driving through the village, (with the exception of any local residents attending and their guests.)

Any further questions should be directed to: - villageliasion@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk

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