**Minutes of the meeting of the Pilton Parish Council**

**held in Pilton Village Hall**

**on Wednesday 2nd June 2021 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)

Audrey Brown

David Drew

Joe King

Roger Noble

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

5 Members of the public were present via Zoom.

1 **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** Colin Elkin, Stephen Kearle, Lynda Roberts, Andrew Shaw and Nigel Hewitt-Cooper.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Councillor R Kearle Glastonbury Festival.

4. **MINUTES:** of the 5th May 2021.Page 2 should read 100 vehicles per month are recorded as speeding. The April minutes should read Sandra Howe and not House under Burial Ground.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Matters:

* New Defects:

The road is on very bad condition as you approach West Compton from Stumps Cross, also at Lamberts Hill to West Compton.

South towards the Tithe Barn in Pilton the mortar in the bridge parapet wall has been washed away and could fall into the river.

ii SIS Proposal TI004358 for the A361

* Street Lights – A resident has strongly objected to the proposed street lights. The crossing is mainly for the children who do not cross the A361 in the dark. There are no other street lighting within the village. It was also felt that improved lighting at night would improve visibility and encourage speeding. The Parish Council voted unanimously in favour of opposing the street lights but were in favour the rest of the proposal. The Clerk was asked to respond to Andrew Nellist and to request a time frame for the works.

iii Community Speedwatch;

There were 93 vehicles logged speeding in May, details have been given to the police to receive a warning letter. It is hoped that as the Speedwatch Team are out every week that this will act as a deterrent to regular users of the road. Thanks was given to the Speedwatch Team.

iv Police Report:

* Police Reports – A quarterly report has been received however there are no specific references to crimes in Pilton despite requesting this from the local PCSO. The Clerk was asked to contact the new Crime Commissioner to request regular reports as Councillors reported that there have been various break-in’s and accidents.

v Local Council Alliance: There was no update this month.

vi Vegetation: As this is now the nesting season and hedges cannot be cut back it was agreed that this would be removed from the agenda until later in the year. Councillor’s King and Noble will contact landowners when hedge cutting can resume.

vii Climate Emergency Funding: It was felt that the electric minibus would be extremely expensive to purchase and would not be able to travel a long distance.

viii Dog Poo Bins: The landowner has retracted their permission for a poo bin by the allotments. The Clerk will let Mendip District Council know to cancel the licence. This means that the Tithe Barn, allotments and Mount Pleasant sites are unacceptable locations. The Clerk will chase Highways to see if the verge by Ashes Wood, along from the broken wall would be an acceptable location. Councillor Noble will contact a resident to see if they would give permission site a bin on their land opposite the allotments.

ix Broadband: Councillor R Kearle has met with Tony regarding free broadband, this has been offered to the Village Hall and Playing Fields Pavillion however it will be in approximately a year’s time. Councillor Kearle is awaiting the forms to complete.

x Possible re-organisation of Council structure within Somerset: There were no comments from the Parish Council and this will be removed from the agenda.

xi Update from Nigel Hewitt-Cooper: There was no update from Nigel Hewitt-Cooper.

6. **PLANNING:** There were no planning applications this month.

**ENFORCEMENT:**

i Update: Nigel Hewitt-Cooper advised that there is no time limit to clear Cock and Bull Drove. The Clerk was asked to chase a response to the letter sent to MP James Heappey.

The Clerk was asked to chase Enforcement regarding the reported caravan in Lower Westholme Road. There are two caravans on the side of the road past Herne Farm on the left hand side.

7. **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:



ii Financial News/ Requests for Grants:

There were no requests for grants this month.

The Clerk was asked to apply for the next round of Covid Grants.

iii Approval of AGAR part 2.

The Clerk explained details of the AGAR part 2 and it was unanimously approved.

8. **BURIAL GROUND**

i Maintenance reports: The Burial Ground reports were received from Councillor Drew.

ii Maintenance work:

Councillor R Kearle has spoken with the grave digger regarding the disposal of spoils.

A plaque has been erected in the Burial Ground by Councillor King in tribute to Sandra Howe. The Parish Council asked Councillor King to pass on their best wishes to John Howe.

9. **FOOTPATHS**

i Weir Lane Footpath:

A quote has been received from Piers Chamberlain for carry out the repair work to the footpath. The Clerk has contacted Mr Chamberlain to ascertain whether this includes the railings.

The hedge has been cut on Footpath 51 in Platterwell Lane. The bridge has been destroyed. Claire Haskin, Footpath Officer at Mendip District Council has advised via email that something substantial needs to be put in place. The ASBO Team will try to make the bridge as good as possible in the meantime.

Thanks was given to Councillors R Kearle and S Kearle for resurfacing the eastern half of Burrows Lane. Thanks was given to everyone that helped.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr and Mrs Macey thanking them for letting the parish Council access their land to complete the works to the footpath.

10. **ITEMS FOR COUNCIL’S INFORMATION:**

i Roundabout report:

For any queries relating to this summer’s Glastonbury Festival events please email [villageliaison@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk](mailto:villageliaison@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk)

Due to the withdrawal of the permission to site a dog poo bin by the allotments the Parish Council are seeking suggestions of other locations within the village. Please contact the Clerk via [piltonparishclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:piltonparishclerk@yahoo.com)

The Road Closure request has been submitted for the Remembrance Day Parade. Thanks was given to Steve Russell-Yarde for his help.

Steve Russell-Yarde from GFEL and Poppy Handy from Worthy Pastures Camping joined the meeting,

11. **GFEL**

1. Festival Event:

Campsite plans – Named Worthy Pastures, will run for 6 weeks from 23rd July to 31st August 2021. It will consist of pre-erected 2, 4, 6 and 8 person tents, with a capacity of 3000 people. Booking is from Thursday to Monday to allow time for cleaning. People cannot stay week to week but can book for more than one week but must leave and then return. It is intended to be a family campsite, with festival staff and local residents employed. There will be up to 100 staff employed but not all at the same time. There should not be huge deliveries arriving on site as they will be working with the equipment the festival already has. It is expect that there will be between 800 and 100 cars arriving each week via Red Gate, this will be spread out of 8 hours per day. All details sent with bookings state entry is at Red Gate, they will receive a postcode, map and vehicle pass and staff will be at the gate to meet them when they arrive. They will then be taken to the camp site which is as far away from the village as possible.

Campers will receive wristbands to stop just anyone turning up to camp and there will be fences, security and locked gates.

The layout of the site discourages people from coming into the village. If there is a disturbance in the village then the police should be called. All best effects have been made to discourage hen, stags and revellers. They are flagging groups who wish to camp together and contacting them if they feel it is not appropriate.

There will be workshops running to entertain campers.

There will be no live performances, amplified or live music, no drums or sound systems. If rules are broken campers can be removed. A resident has requested confirmation of what is an acceptable level of noise and requires a formal response.

There will be one bar at Goose Hall, which a licence will be applied for. This will be family friendly and will have no film showing or music and no noise after 11pm. Last orders are at 10pm and the curfew is 11pm.

No footpath closures are required. Footpath 16 will have a sign stating there may be an increase in farm traffic.

Residents stated that they had felt mislead as they thought the campers would be bringing their own tents. The reason for pre-erected tents was to have tighter control of the cleaning process to make it Covid safe and better control of the clientele as this should reduce larger gatherings.

Covid tests will only take place should it be required by the Government.

There are no plans to repeat Worthy Pastures but GFEL reserve the right to consider it, if another pandemic occurs or the Festival does not take place.

Steve Russell-Yarde is happy to attend a meeting in September to receive feedback.

Off Site arrangements and concerns for the 18th September. GFEL are very interested to hear the concerns of any Villager about the Equinox Concert. It will help them to plan for the event and make sure that they meet as many concerns /issues as possible. They may not be able to confirm provisions as they are still awaiting to see if there will be an appeal. They will not be able to answer questions about the internal operation and Adrian Coombs will be attending the meeting in July to answer questions.

The will be no camping for this event which will be held for one day (not two) on Saturday 18th September.

There will be no camping provided. Concerns were raised about drink driving but it was felt by GFEL that festival goers will need to drive to the event and will be aware that there is no camping facilities so should have a designated driver. Coaches and buses will be laid on for local drops.

Steve Russell-Yarde is not aware of any off-site camping being offered but he will be investigating.

There is provision for £10k staff, the final figure is not known as yet but will be nowhere near that many.

The water course will be fenced off and signs erected where any possible issue could be to avoid pollution.

Covid Risk Assessments are being regularly reviewed with national agencies and local hospitals. This plan will evolve.

There is no plans to combine camping and concert in future years if the main Festival takes place.

Steve Russell-Yarde will be drawing up stewarding points in the village and will check this with Adrian Coombes and bring details back to the July Parish Council meeting.

Both the camping and concert will only take place if Government Guidelines allow it.

If you have any queries please contact [villageliaison@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk](mailto:villageliaison@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk)

1. GFEL Meeting re 18th September Concert – a question for the Parish Council. Do we want to meet GFEL separately on this subject as we do for the main festival? The alternative is for GFEL to hold a day of individual meetings with residents where we invite people to meet us to reduce the numbers congregating at any one time. Councillors requested that there be representation from GFEL at the July and August Parish Council meetings.

The Chairman asked the members of the public in attendance, via Zoom, if they wished to ask GFEL anything further.

**NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 7th July 2021 at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed