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

**Held via Zoom on**

**Wednesday 3rd June 2020 at 7.30pm**

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

Lynda Allen

David Drew

Colin Elkin

Joe King

Roger Noble

Andrew Shaw

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

2 Members of the public were present.

1. **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Stephen Kearle and Audrey Brown

3. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

i. Appointment of Chairman – Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Elkin proposed Robert Kearle, Councillor King seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour. Councillor R Kearle completed the Acceptance of Office Form and showed the Councillors the completed form.

ii Appointment of Vice Chair – Councillor Shaw proposed Councillor Noble, Councillor King seconded, the vote was unanimously in favour. Councillor Noble signed the Acceptance of Office Form.

iii Appointment of Committees, these remained the same.

iv Declarations of Acceptance of Office – these forms were completed.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** There were no declarations to record this month.

5. **MINUTES:** of the 6th May 2020 were approved.

6. **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Matters:

* Top Lane to Stoodley has been tarred and gritted.
* The potholes at Ridge Lane/Lamberts Hill have been repaired.
* The potholes at Springfield House have returned and are large.
* The Clerk was asked to chase regarding the potholes near East Town Farm as these are very bad.

Councillor King advised that he has asked when the Speedwatch Team can resume work. He was advised ‘soon, by August’. Superintendent Nicholson has moved and Councillor King believes the group are nervous about resuming Speedwatch without his replacement being in post.

Councillor Elkin asked for the proposed yellow lines at Conduit Square to be added to the July Agenda. This is to discuss where they should go, why it is being done and do Councillors still want it to go ahead.

Councillor Shaw was asked if the ASBO’s had resumed work. Councillor Shaw stated that the ASBO’s were in the Covid ‘vulnerable’ category but they will start with simple jobs that only require one person or where social distancing is possible.

Councillor R Kearle asked that the Ragwort opposite Councillors Shaw’s property be removed.

ii Police Report: May Police Report

Specific reports for… Pilton

11/05 – Whitstone Hill, report of damaged lamp on junction with B3136 & A361 – Highways notified.

18/05 – Post Office Village Hall, confirmed intruder alarm, found to be activated due to building works.

29/05 – Report of speeding vehicles travelling through village.

31/05 – A361 Pilton vehicle seized due to no current insurance.

iii Website: The Clerk asked for photographs that the Councillors would like added to the new website. She stated that this was a first attempt at the website and anything be changed and included as Councillors see fit.

The Clerk also asked for photographs of the Councillors to include onto the website.

7. **PLANNING:**

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| Application Number | Proposal | Applicant & Location |
| 2020/0854/TCA | Works to Trees in a Conservation Area:- T1 – 5 Leylandiis – Fell. T2 – Goat Willow – reduce by 4m. T3 – Lawson Cypress – reduce by 3.5m. T4 – Lawson Cypress – reduce by 3.5m. | Mr Giles Webb  Stonecrest,  Weir Lane,  Pilton  BA4 4BS |
| Councillor Drew proposed Approval, Councillor King seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour of Approval. | | |

8. **FINANCE:**

i Financial Statement:



ii Financial News/ Requests for Grants:

No requests for grants have been receieved.

The Clerk advised that the Internal Audit is taking place on Saturday 6th June.

The Clerk will write to West Pennard School advising them that the Parish Council has donated £1000 towards manning the school bus however will not be sending the cheque until schools return to ‘normal’.

9. **BURIAL GROUND**

i Maintenance reports: Councillor Noble requested that more top soil is ordered.

There are stones and garden waste dumped close to the entrance. Councillor R Kearle will arrange removal.

ii Information request from resident: The Clerk was asked to check with Wendy Lynn that the query relating the Jean Wright has been answered.

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

i Roundabout report

The Parish Council website is now live (although still a work in progress) [www.piltonparishcouncil.org](http://www.piltonparishcouncil.org)

The ASBO’s are returning to work if you have any issues please report then to Councillor King.

It is the homeowner’s responsibility to remove ragwort, please dispose of it responsibly.

The Speedwatch Team will be back as soon as they get the go ahead.

Please remember to clear up your dog’s mess!

The Parish Council have been unable to hold the Litter Pick, they ask that if there is litter around your property to please pick it up and dispose of it. If waste has been dumped please report it to Mendip District Council.

The footpath sign for Copse Lane is leaning over. The ASBO’s were asked to replace.

The Bush Lane sign is ready to replace the sign for Cock and Bull Drove. The ASBO’s were asked to do this, if they are unable to then Councillor R Kearle will.

It was stated that a second gateway has been made on the land next to Deo Gratis. A lot of work has taken place, land has been levelled and rubbish removed. Councillors felt that it is an improvement t what was there before. Visibility around the bend has also been improved. Although no planning permission has been received for the second gateway Councillors felt that they did not want to report it to Mendip District Council.

**NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 1st July 2020 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.11pm