

PILLERTON PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The 169th Meeting of the above Parish Council was held on Thursday 10th October 2013 at 7.30pm in Pillerton Priors Village Hall.

All Parishioners were welcome to attend

Present: Marcelle Cater (Chair), Ian Greenall (Vice Chair), Jon Roberts (Treasurer), Marie Archenhold (Parish Clerk)

Also present: John Ingall, Dick Thompson, Izzi Seccombe, Gill Roache

1. Chairman's Welcome

Marcelle Cater welcomed all to the meeting.

Respects were paid to Barbara Plummer, the former Parish Clerk who died recently after a short illness. The invaluable contribution that she had made to both the Parish Council and the village community was acknowledged.

Thanks were registered on behalf of the Parish Council to Sarah Radford - councillor, for her hard work and dedication over a number of years. Now relocated, we wish her well for the future.

2. Apologies

3. Approval of Minutes PC Meeting 25th July 2013

The minutes of the above meeting were agreed by those present and signed by Marcelle Cater and Marie Archenhold.

4. Matters Arising

- Speed Gun Training – several residents have volunteered to undertake the training by the police to operate the traffic speed gun. The Pillerton Speed Aware group has just completed police vetting and Andy Steventon is awaiting a suitable date for training to be conducted from their central training department. At least three people will be required to attend the training with a maximum of six. The volunteers that have completed the vetting should have been contacted directly from the vetting team. Altogether there are ten names on the Speed Gun volunteer list. As soon as the possible training dates are available the Parish Council will be notified. It was noted that Long Compton have this operation up and running and it is proving very successful.
- Footpath sign on Walton Lane still awaiting repair – the clerk has contacted the Rights of Way Department and they could not give a time scale for when this work would be undertaken, although they are dealt with in geographical sequence. The reason for the delay is that they are a team of eight, of whom only four are responsible for maintenance and they rely heavily on Volunteer Groups.
- Pot holes on Walton Lane still present, clerk has contacted WCC, will contact again.
- Road signs in Walton Lane and on Banbury Rd not yet repaired/replaced – WCC have been contacted again and have informed us that the special shape of the sign requires them to be manufactured to order, WCC are still awaiting their completion.
- Parish Plan – If we are to start developing a Parish Plan we need at least one more volunteer. Currently Neil Goodwin and John Shenton have volunteered and Pillerton Hersey has been approached as it is anticipated that initially it could be a collaborative effort between the two villages, to diverge at a later date. If we can find more volunteers then a potential grant to cover development costs could be investigated. It was reiterated that this is a community driven initiative.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, J Roberts, circulated and explained the financial report for the period 26th July 2013 to 9th October 2013. Cheques were authorised by the Parish Council for donation to The Royal British Legion for £25 towards the poppy appeal and £16 donation for the Parish Newsletter towards printing costs, £50 as a donation to Church and McMillan Nurses in memory of Barbara Plummer. Also, a cheque for £23 to cover Land Registry and Registry Trust downloads by Councillor Jon Roberts.

6. Planning Applications

- 6.1. Application reference: No 13/01975/LBC To paint the exterior woodwork of the property at Sandpitt House, Pillerton Priors, Warwick, CV35 0PG for Mr. D Lamburn.

Granted with conditions on 27/09/2013

- 6.2. Application reference: No 13/02100/TPO T1 Oak: Proposed removal of ivy, thin and reduce crown back of an oak tree by approx 2m where overhanging roof at Priors House, Pillerton Priors, Warwick, CV35 0PG for Mark Newell (Mark Newell Tree Care).

Granted with conditions on 28/09/2013

- 6.3. Retrospective Application No SDC/13CM009 Proposed change of use of former agricultural building to an Animal Carcass Transfer Station including the construction of an extension on the south elevation of the building and a new access track to the east of the farmyard for Mr. T Goodman, Dickensbury Farm, Walton Lane, Pillerton Priors. Application was heard by the Regulatory Committee on 4 June 2013 at WCC.

Unanimously refused

An appeal subsequently submitted and registered by Planning Inspectorate, at the Regulatory Committee. The hearing is set for 10.00am on 22nd October 2013 at Shire Hall, Warwick.

6.4. Other Planning Matters

WCC has pursued prosecution for non-compliance of two Enforcement Notices relating to Dickensbury Farm, Walton Lane.

1. To cease operations and not to keep any vehicles associated with the Animal Carcass Transfer Station at Dickensbury Farm
2. To return the building to its original permitted condition, i.e. an open / 3 sided barn for feed store and agricultural implements.

Mr. Goodman pleaded not guilty to breach of both Enforcement Notices on 23rd May at Leamington Magistrates Court. Consequently, the case was adjourned until 14th August 2013. Mr Goodman changed his plea to guilty and the result of this Hearing was that the Magistrates, after giving the opportunity for both parties (Warwickshire CC and Mr Goodman's solicitor) to make statements and pleas to the Court reached the decision to fine Mr Goodman £15,000 on each for breach of the two enforcement notices and to pay WCC's costs of £2,270. - Total Sum £32,270.

Mr. Goodman was given 14 days to pay, but he was also advised that if he couldn't pay then he could ask for consideration to be given to arrangements for payment. Both Enforcement Notices

stand and any continuing ACTS operations at Dickensbury Farm will result in WCC taking Mr. Goodman back to Court for breach of conditions.

7. Correspondence

All emails and post circulated to PCs

8. Updates on Village Issues

Dickensbury Farm – Odour issues: Nick Ellison, EHO, Stratford DC, had meeting with Mr Goodman. No resolution resulted and EHO considering future action. The Hearing will take place at Leamington Magistrates Court on October 24th at 2pm.

Planning Enforcement are being consulted regarding non compliance with planning conditions at Dickensbury Farm.

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1. Elections In accordance with section 53 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Stratford-on-Avon District Council has made an Order changing the ordinary election dates of Parish Councils within the District to coincide with District ward elections commencing in 2015 and every four years thereafter. The order 'The Stratford-on-Avon (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2013' was also made on 22 July 2013 and a copy can be viewed at the Stratford-upon-Avon Council Offices during normal office hours.

What this means to Pillerton Priors Parish Council: Pillerton Priors Parish Council elections were due to take place in 2014, however, the term of office has now been extended by one year to 2015 and from then on elections will be held every four years, from 2015.

At present another councillor is sought, after the resignation and relocation of Councillor Sarah Radford.

- 9.2. Computers WCC has launched the Community Computers Scheme again this year. There are 20 laptops and 5 desktops on offer in the Stratford District (100 laptops and 25 desktops countywide) and are available to locally based community or voluntary organisations, including Parish and Town Councils small-scale groups who have little or no IT equipment and can show how it will be used to grow their organization, also Groups who do not have significant reserves or other resources. Closing date is Friday 1st November.
- 9.3. Flooding WALC is interested in creating a Flooding Pressure Group as a way to influence the decisions of The Warwickshire County Council in its Flood Alleviation Policy. If the Parish Council is interested in forming such a group the County Secretary should be contacted. Sandbag refilling has been offered to the Parish Council in preparation for potential flooding but Pillerton Priors is well equipped and doesn't require this service at present. Since the new drains have been added, no flooding has occurred and Severn Trent are checking sewers regularly.
- 9.4. It was noted that the 30mph solar panel, as you come from Ettington into Pillerton Priors isn't working. The Parish Clerk will notify SDC.
- 9.5. Cllr Izzi Seccombe stated that there had been a reduction in reported accidents at Ettington / Fosse Way crossroads. Therefore, the proposed project for upgrading the junction to a roundabout, is still low on the list of future highway schemes, with other locations, where high incident rates occur, taking priority. Statistics will continue to be closely monitored.

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10. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** Thursday 9th January 2014 in the Village Hall, at 7.30pm

Meeting was closed by Chairman at: 8.15pm

Chair: Marcelle Cater

Minutes: Marie Archenhold