

## PILLERTON PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The 170th Meeting of the above Parish Council was held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 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), David Foxall (Councillor), Neil Goodwin (Councillor), Marie Archenhold (Parish Clerk)

**Also present:** I. Seccombe (County Councillor), G. Roache (District Councillor), Dr. M. Bell, S. Bell, T. Newcombe, P. Beesley, E. Wainwright, S. Stanton, M. Stanton, R. Smythe, A. Rudkin, J. Rudkin, H. Smith, P. Blacklock, C. Wilkinson, D. Thompson, J. Ingle, J. Carter, M. Carter, J. Eborall, T. Hitchman, G. Stepney, K. Stepney, C. Wilkinson

### **Chairman's Welcome:**

Marcelle Cater welcomed all to the meeting and welcomed Neil Goodwin, who had been co-opted to the Parish Council to fill the casual vacancy that was left by the departure of Sarah Radford.

**Apologies:** Hazel Jones

### **1. Approval of Minutes PC Meeting 10th October 2013**

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

### **2. Matters Arising**

#### **2.1. Proposed location for new houses in Pillerton Priors with dedicated open space -**

Dr. Malcolm Bell and Susan Bell addressed those present. Their company, MB Planning & Prows, a rural planning consultancy, has been commissioned to develop proposals for a small residential scheme on land in Pillerton Priors. An exhibition, in the form of a 'drop-in' event was held on January 4<sup>th</sup> to show residents what the scheme would entail and to seek views and suggestions. Dr Malcolm Bell and Susan Bell gave a brief presentation, answered questions and gave an informative report of the views expressed at the 'drop-in' event. The overriding concern of those people who attended the exhibition was the drainage issue, although other matters were carefully recorded by Dr. Bell and recounted during the presentation.

#### **2.2. George Stepney gave an update on the proposed development at Sandpitts Farm, following on from the public viewing of the plans at Easter 2014.**

#### **2.3. Speed Gun Training – Andy Steventon of Shipston Police Station has been in contact with the Parish Clerk stating that there will be a delayed start to the Speed Gun Training due to the trainers' commitments and budgetary constraints. The earliest date that training could be offered is April 2014. The volunteers for this scheme have been contacted by the clerk to inform them of the delay. Andy Steventon has sent a request to the local force inspector enquiring about the possibility of organising the required training locally.**

- 2.4. **Footpath Sign - Walton Lane** - Footpath sign still awaiting repair – the clerk has contacted the Rights of Way Department. However, no date has been set for the sign to be fixed. The clerk will contact the Department again for a potential update.  
Pot holes were repaired in November.
- 2.5. **Road Signs** - Walton Lane and Banbury Road - not yet repaired/replaced. Feedback from Transport and Highways Department at WCC advises that they are awaiting manufacture of appropriate sign – Clerk will again chase progress.
- 2.6. **30mph Sign - Solar Panel** It was reported that the 30mph solar panel, as you come from Ettington into Pillerton Priors wasn't working. This has now been rectified and it is working effectively.
- 2.7. **Flooding** - Reports of flooding in Kineton Road and sewage over spilling from a drain led to Severn Trent investigating the area. Consequently, the drains were cleaned and no more raw sewage has been reported but the drain continues to flood due to recent heavy downpours. Severn Trent will be contacted again by the clerk. WCC investigated the area last week and lifted the manhole where roots were found to be causing problems. Remedial action was taken in the form of holes being punched through the tree roots which have lodged in the pipes, in order to allow water to flow more freely, however, it was identified that further clearance is required. WCC intend to get a 'root cutting team' in, to remove the roots completely. This requires specialist equipment and entails a batch of problems in the local area being tackled simultaneously. Hence, a date for this work has not yet been given.
- 2.8. **Local Boundary Changes** - The local Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has published considered submissions for changes in District Council Wards and has published these for consultation. The Commission's draft recommendations propose that Pillerton Priors should move from the Vale of the Red Horse to Ettington Ward. The Parish Council cannot understand the reasoning for this move as the local environment and community identifies well with all other parishes in the Red Horse Ward and decisions made in respect of this ward reflect the needs of this Parish. Pillerton Priors does not have infrastructure and facilities in common with the parishes currently included within the Ettington Ward and therefore decisions made in respect of this ward will not reflect the needs of this parish. For these reasons the council has requested that the inclusion of Pillerton Priors in Ettington Ward is reconsidered and that it continues to be included as part of Red Horse Ward.
- 2.9. **Computers** - In September 2013, WCC launched the Community Computers Scheme again. The Parish Council has benefitted in the past from this offer but does not require additional I.T. equipment at present.
- 2.10 **Parish Plan** – If Pillerton Priors is to start developing a Parish Plan at least one more volunteer is needed. Currently, Neil Goodwin and John Shenton have volunteered, more volunteers are sought to make this project viable. Once a full quota of volunteers is realised there is the potential of a grant to cover development costs.
- 2.11 **War Memorial** – Tim Newcombe Chairman of Pillerton Hersey PC spoke on behalf of Janet Knight in order to report on the progress of investigating the possibility of restoring the War Memorial. The War Memorial, built in 1919, is the responsibility of both villages and it requires restoring for the

commemorative celebrations due to take place, country wide in 2014, the centenary year for the start of WW1. The Memorial is built of local Hornton Stone and on its base are the names of the five soldiers, representing both villages. At present, the Memorial base needs repairing and also the stone needs to be cleared of lichen so that the lettering can be read more easily, unfortunately, lichen is a protected species and requires meticulous attention. Janet Knight has been gathering estimates for this work, with a view to grant money being made available. The estimated cost of the work is not likely to exceed £2,500. It was stated that the Conservation Office of the War Memorial Trust would consider a grant of up to £2,500, but the Parishes would need to raise 50% of the grant through fund raising. It could also include money for improvement of the garden around the memorial. It was suggested that one of the Fund Raising events could be WW1 themed social event. However, the process of applying for funding is complex and is still under consideration.

**2.12 Village Flag Flying** – The PC has received notice from John Morgan that he is resigning as the person responsible for flying the Union Flag in the Village. Unfailingly, for over 32 years, John has ensured that the flag has flown on all relevant occasions. Marcelle Cater expressed thanks on behalf of the village and the Parish Council. A formal letter will be sent.

John Ingall has kindly agreed to take over the role.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, J Roberts, circulated and explained the financial report for the period 9 October 2013 to 8 January 2014. Cheques were authorised by the Parish Council for donation to Ettington CFRS £100; Pillerton Priors Village Hall £200; Parish Clerk £376; Zurich Municipal Insurance £243.80; SDC Web Hosting £425-77; Councillor travel expenses £6.00.

### **4. Planning Matters and Updates**

4.1 Retrospective **Application Reference 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**

4.2 Appeal by Mr. Goodman against refusal of planning application above - the hearing took place on 22nd October 2013 at Shire Hall Warwick. **Planning Inspector has Refused Appeal**

4.3 **Application Reference: No 13/ 02523/FUL** Demolition of existing stables and construction of replacement timber stables with ancillary hardcore drive from existing access from public highway at Ashfield, Pillerton Priors CV350PH **Granted with conditions on 6/12/2013**

4.4 **Application Reference: No 13/02524/FUL** Demolition of front wing of existing dwelling and erection of two storey side extension to provide bedrooms, living area, office accommodation and erection of a timber clad cart lodge open fronted garage at Ashfield, Pillerton Priors CV350PH

**Decision pending**

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- 4.5 **Application Reference: No 13/02824/VARY** Allow alternative renewable energy measures, substitute the originally approved solar panels with an air source heat pump at Vine Cottage Pillerton Priors **Granted with conditions on 9/12/2013**

### 4.6 **Other Planning Matters**

Dickensbury Farm - SDC is continuing its prosecution for non compliance with the odour abatement notice; the initial hearing was held at Leamington Magistrates Court on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and then referred for a two day hearing. SDC are currently in discussion with Mr. Goodman's legal representatives and hope to be in a position to give a date for the hearing soon.

WCC is continuing with its next prosecution for Mr. Goodman being in breach of the two enforcement notices. It was registered that not complying with an enforcement notice is a criminal offence.

### 5. **Correspondence**

All emails and post circulated to PCs.

### 6. **Any Other Business**

N/A

### 7. **Parish Council Meeting Dates**

Annual Parish Meeting	Thursday 17	April 2014
Annual Parish Council Meeting	Thursday 15	May 2014
Parish Council Meeting	Thursday 24	July 2014
Parish Council Meeting	Thursday 9	October 2014
Parish Council Meeting/Precept	Thursday 8	January 2015

All Meetings at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

### 8. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**                      **Annual Parish Meeting**

Thursday 17 April 2014 at 7-30 pm

**Meeting closed by Chairman at:** 8-56 pm

**Chair:** Marcelle Cater

**Minutes:** M Archenhold