

The 178th Meeting of the above Parish Council was held on Thursday 7th January 2016 at 7.30pm in Pillerton Priors Village Hall.

All Parishioners were welcome to attend

- Present:** Cllr Ian Greenall
 Cllr Dave McWhirter
 Cllr Dominic Sant
 Cllr Chris Wilkinson
 Sue Greenall (Parish Clerk)
- Residents:** P Beezley, J Carter, A Crookes, P Crookes, N Goodwin, J Ingall, S Ingall,
 R Peck, R Smythe, R Thompson
- Councillors** Cllr Izzi Seccombe (Warwickshire County Council)
 Cllr Philip Seccombe (Stratford-on-Avon District Council)

Number	Item
1	Chairman's Welcome Ian Greenall welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2	Apologies were received from Mike Fox and Hazel Smith
3	The Minutes of the 177th Parish Council Meeting held on 15 th October 2015 were approved and signed by Ian Greenall
4	Matters Arising from the minutes.
4.1	Community Speed Watch and Pop Up Pub were both later on the agenda
4.2	Flooding The Clerk had contacted WCC Highways who had inspected the 3 sites. Chapel Lane did not appear to have any leakage at present. The overflowing drains on Kineton Road were jetted on 18 th December and highways were waiting for the contractor's report to see if this had highlighted any further issues. The Clerk had removed the material that had been left after the resurfacing from the 2 drains at the junction of the A422 and Kineton Road.
5	Treasurer's Report Dominic Sant presented the financial report up to the 7 th January 2015 and included a summary sheet showing the income and expenditure for the year to date.
6	Parish Precept 2016/17 Ian Greenall introduced the item by stating that the precept for 2015/16 had been £4700 which had included a sum for the Neighbourhood Plan and to pay for the Parish Council Elections held in May 2015. However the Neighbourhood Plan had been put on hold owing to the various legislative changes and the uncertainty of the Stratford-on-Avon District Council Core Strategy. The Council had also only had to pay £100 for a non-contested election. Dominic Sant reported that although the expenditure for the current year is expected to be around £2300 it was felt that the precept should be set at £3500 for 2016/17. This was because the Parish Clerk had taken a 50% cut in fees during 2015/16 to help reduce the precept that may have been required. Ian Greenall declared an interest and the other councillors agreed that the Clerk's fee should be returned to £940 which is the level paid in 2013/14. The Clerk stated that she undertook the work on behalf of the village but the councilors felt that the payment should relate to the amount of work undertaken by the Clerk, much of which is unseen outside of the Parish Council. Dave McWhirter agreed with the proposed precept which should leave a little in reserve to enable the Parish Council to be proactive and enable unforeseen issues to be actioned. The proposal was put to the floor and Neil Goodwin agreed that the Parish Council should look to build up a reserve. It was decided that the precept would be set at £3500 for 2016/2017 and the Clerk would notify Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

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7	Planning Applications
7.1	15/02741/FUL Erection of two storey tourist guest house building (Class C1) to replace short term holiday let accommodation (granted permission under 10/02708/VARY) together with associated parking at Newborough Farm, Oxhill, Warwick, CV35 0RJ for Mr And Mrs S Gibbs. PC had not objected but application withdrawn 15.10.15. Cllr P Seccombe informed the meeting that the application was withdrawn because the Planning Officer had made the applicant aware that it was unlikely to be supported.
7.2	15/03610/FUL Construction of 3 detached dwellings at Land Off Priory Lane Pillerton Priors for Mr Mick Williamson. PC objected along with a number of residents regarding access, drainage and density. Target date 01/12/2015 with a decision pending.
7.3	15/03631/OUT Outline application for 10 dwellings with associated access. All other matters reserved at Land In Pillerton Priors off A422 for Rev J Findon. PC made no objection but did point out its concerns regarding drainage and visibility. Target date 17.02.2016. R Thompson stated that he was concerned that the report by Dr Bell had acknowledged the flooding issues but the actual flood report had not found any problems.
7.4	15/04404/TEL28 Installation of 1x olive green DSLAM equipment cabinet on Verge Kineton Road by telephone box Pillerton Priors for Harlequin Group Ltd. Target date 08.01.2016. R Thompson asked what this box was for as high speed broadband is not expected until 2019 and it had been delivered on site on 07.01.16. Chris Wilkinson reported that it was to assist with the number of telephone line issues that residents had experienced over the recent months.
7.5	Planning Appeal APP/J3720/W/15/3137729 Development of Poultry Unit and associated area of hardstanding, feeding tower and upgrading of existing access at the above address Tree House Farm, Fulready, Ettington, Warwicks CV37 7PE. Although in the Ettington Ward the PC had objected to the original application. We have subsequently added an additional representation regarding the suitability of the roads to and from the site. Cllr P Seccombe stated that he had written to the inspector on behalf of Pillerton Priors and Ettington & Fulready objecting to the plans.
7.6	15/04325/OUT Outline application for a new bungalow with associated external works at Lindfield, Pillerton Priors CV35 0PQ for Mr Michael Hopkins (Executor of the Estate of D F Hopkins). This was received 07.01.206 with comments due by 28.01.2016.
8	Correspondence Emails and post circulated to the Parish Councillors but the following items have been raised.
8.1	Clean for the Queen 4th - 6th March 2016. Keep Britain Tidy are organising an event to celebrate the Queen's 90 th birthday. SDC are offering equipment for groups to be involved if they want to. The residents present were interested so the Clerk will ask SDC when the equipment would be available and then notices would be placed in the noticeboard and garage advertising the clean.
8.2	Western Power Distribution The meeting was informed of a letter received that in conjunction with our civil contractor Morgan Sindall, Western Power Distribution is intending to carry out major excavation work. This work will be limited to the carriageway, verges and properties whose owners have already been consulted about the work. The work is being carried out because some existing low voltage overhead lines require replacing with underground cables. Excavation works are planned to start in the last week of March 2015 along the verge of Kineton Road near the junction of Chapel Lane and then into Chapel Lane up to the Junction with Kiblers Lane, which will require the closure of that section of Chapel Lane from around the 4th April for 2 weeks. Access to properties will still be available via Kiblers Lane. The road closure is required due to the width of the road, along which we have to install new cables, being too narrow to work safely in while maintaining traffic flow. To reduce inconvenience scheduled work on normal working days. They do not intend to carry out any excavation work at weekends unless conditions on site change dramatically.

8.3	<p>Stratford-on-Avon District Voluntary Sector Forum meeting will take place on Thursday 25 February 2016 at St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Church Lane, Shottery, Stratford-upon-Avon. CV37 9HQ</p> <p>Agenda</p> <p>09.30 – 10.00 Arrival, registration, coffee and biscuits</p> <p>10.00 – 10.10 Welcome and housekeeping</p> <p>10.10 – 10.40 First speaker. Jill Young, Director, Stratford Samaritans</p> <p>10.40 – 11.10 Second speaker. Jackie Elshaw, My Guide Ambassador, Guide Dogs for the Blind</p> <p>11.10 – 11.30 Coffee and biscuits</p> <p>11.30 – 12.10 Third speaker. Emily Medcraft, Front of House Manager, Compton Verney</p> <p>12.10 – 12.30 Information exchange</p> <p>12.30 Depart</p> <p>To book a place please go to https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stratford-on-avon-district-voluntary-sector-forum-meeting-25-february-2016-tickets-19097883283</p>
9	<p>Village Issues</p>
9.1	<p>Community Speed Watch</p> <p>On behalf of the Parish Council Ian Greenall thanked the trained, and untrained volunteers who have made this initiative a success with special thanks to Neil Goodwin for co-ordinating the activities. Ian also expressed the praise that PCSO Hayley Ditchburn had asked to be forwarded to the team for the way they had undertaken the role</p> <p>Neil Goodwin had prepared a written report (below) and summarized its main points to the meeting.</p> <p>Report of Community Speed Watch Activities in Pillerton Priors</p> <p>Background: <i>Over recent years increasing concern has been expressed about the speed of vehicles passing through the village on both the Banbury and Kineton Roads. In a survey of villagers undertaken in October 2014, 82% of respondents thought that speeding traffic through the village was a serious problem. In early 2014 the Parish Council initiated talks with Shipston Police (primarily PCSO Hayley Ditchburn) with a view to having a small team of villagers trained in the calibration and use of a laser speed gun and therefore able to conduct regular SpeedWatch monitoring events in the village.</i></p> <p>Current Status: <i>After much liaison, and with Hayley's help, a team of seven people were formally trained by the police in the use of the speed laser gun and safe conduct in holding speed monitoring events. On 4th December 2015 the parish council were finally loaned a gun which was returned on 5th January 2016. The timing was opportune since it would give us the chance to 'pilot study' the use of the gun and gather data ahead of the parish council meeting on 7th January 2016. The main objective was to establish a speeding deterrent and attempt to hold as many sessions as possible in the four weeks so that motorists would get used to seeing a speed gun in the village at regular, unpredictable intervals. Catching speeding motorists was a secondary objective and personally speaking I would have been happy if we had caught no-one at all.</i></p> <p><i>The data from this period is as follows:</i></p> <p><i>8 monitoring events were held (notwithstanding the Christmas & New Year holidays) on both week-days and week-ends. Each session usually lasted 90 minutes.</i></p> <p><i>145 vehicles were caught doing in excess of the max permitted speed of 34mph (range 35 to 51mph)</i></p> <p>Observations: <i>I think it's no exaggeration to say that the affect on vehicle speed through the village was dramatic and vehicle speeds slowed considerably. It was however, still somewhat surprising that a number of vehicles, despite the advance warning signs and hi-vis jackets, were caught doing speeds in significantly excess of the minimum advice letter threshold of 35mph. We monitored both Banbury Rd (facing east and west) and Kineton Rd (facing north). The monitoring sessions were busy and capturing vehicle registration</i></p>

number, colour and make at speed was more difficult than we thought. We didn't receive any abuse but we did receive quite a lot of support from passing drivers.

Logistics: Although we have seven trained volunteers, due to work/domestic/holiday arrangements, we usually had only two available for any one monitoring event. The police recommend a minimum of three people are present at each session and this occasionally caused us some logistical problems. We probably need a larger pool of trained people in the village.

Summary: Based on ad hoc feedback from residents, the overwhelming majority said that they believe this to be a useful and highly visible activity. Of course, a single four week campaign will achieve very little in long term reduction of speed through the village unless it is reinforced by sustained activity and for our SpeedWatch sessions to become an effective long term deterrent. The current speed gun has to be rotated between nine councils in the Shipston area and this means our next turn for the gun will be in September 2016. In terms of achieving our objective of creating a lasting deterrent clearly a nine monthly rotation is unacceptable. Hayley has however, suggested a couple of options to overcome this:

1) The PC purchases it's own set of high-vis jackets (approx £4.50 each) and road signs (Hayley will advise of cost). This means that we only have to wait for a gun to be available and Hayley advises that, from time to time, there may be a spare gun that we can use. It also helps that we are able to organise SpeedWatch sessions quickly to make the most of any gun availability from Shipston.

2) Another viable option would be for two or three PCs in close proximity to contribute together to fund a speed gun that could be rotated much more frequently (and with greater ease) and split the costs three ways. I believe that the SpeedWatch groups in Ettington and Oxhill are open to discuss this possibility.

Recommendations: It would seem a pity, given the momentum that now exists, if the project stalled by not having access to the necessary equipment.

Firstly, I recommend that we immediately move forward with option 1) - it is low cost, quickly achievable and, once in place, I can notify Hayley that we can take a gun at anytime she has one available.

Secondly, I would recommend that the parish council pursues option 2) and starts formal discussions with parish councils in Ettington and Oxhill to a view to part purchase and sharing of our own speed gun.

Thirdly, I recommend we should have more trained gun operators in the village.

Finally, my sincere thanks to PCSO Hayley Ditchburn for her help, encouragement and support but in particular to all those 'untrained' volunteers who turned out on cold, damp days to help us - without their help this 'pilot study' would have floundered very early on.

Neil Goodwin, Unofficial SpeedWatch Co-ordinator, Pillerton Priors, 5th January 2016

Ian Greenall suggested that the Parish Council should request the cost and specification for the required signage from Shipston Police and then subject to approval of the expenditure the Parish Council would look to purchase signage and six high visibility jackets. This would enable the group to borrow a speed gun from Shipston whenever it was available.

The Clerk reported that Ettington Community Speed Watch were undertaking there first operation on Friday 7th January but they only had three trained volunteers. Oxhill would be taking the gun after Ettington for their first operation.

The Clerk would also put a request for more volunteers in the Parish Magazine, Noticeboards and Garage.

9.2	<p>Pop Up Pub These have proved a success with many residents attending and Ian Greenall thanked Dominic and Chris and their team of helpers. Chris Wilkinson gave a summary of the three pubs to date. He reported that there were 64 people at the December event including some from Pillerton Hersey. Attendees had enjoyed the events and found them worthwhile and an excellent place to have a chat in an informal and friendly setting. The next event is scheduled for Friday 15th January 2016 with an entry fee of £2 per person to cover hall hire. There is no bar so please bring your own drink and food plus anything you wish to put on the central shared table.</p>
9.3	<p>Defibulator Dominic Sant had been offered a defibulator by Max Downs from Wellesbourne Lions at zero cost with the intention of the Parish Council purchasing the necessary box and the Village Hall Management Committee agreeing to its location on an exterior wall and its connection to the electricity supply. However on further investigation it was found that the unit was 9 years old and is out of warranty. The cost of a new unit is around £900 but the British Heart Foundation Grants have run out.</p> <p>Cllr Izzi Seccombe suggested we speak to the Ettington Community First Responders as most of the defibulators in the area have fairly heavy on-costs and are unused. Cllr Philip Seccombe suggested that perhaps funding should be community led like Ilmington rather than Parish Council funded. Dominic had spoken to the First Responders who had told him that they were looking for more recruits as their numbers were down to five from nine. Neil Goodwin said that it was regarded that anyone suffering a cardiac arrest had a maximum time of five minutes for CPR to be started for a reasonable chance of survival. Although a defibulator is a very emotive subject should we actually be looking to provide more people trained in CPR and emergency first aid. A number of residents expressed an interest in attending CPR training so the Parish Council would look at the training available and inform residents in due course.</p>
10	<p>Any Other Business</p>
10.1	<p>Sugarnet Dominic Sant gave an update regarding the possibility of wireless internet using a repeater system being supplied by Sugarnet with the main repeater possibly being on Nick Gardner's barn. Richard Aitcheson is the main lead for Pillerton Priors but there is an option on the Sugarnet website to register your interest http://www.sugarnet.co.uk/registering-interest-for-superfast-broadband-in-ettington-and-pillerton-warwickshire/ They offer a 5mb upload and download speed for £19.99 per month on a 12 month package, £29.99 for 10mb and £39.99 for 20mb. There might be a possibility that the £169 joining fee could be waived. Ettington Parish Council are going forward with a repeater on the Community Centre. Cllr Izzi Seccombe suggested the Parish Council ask Leigh Hunt at Warwickshire County Council for an idea of when Superfast Broadband might reach Pillerton Priors although it was stated as 2019 when this was checked prior to the last meeting in October.</p>
10.2	<p>Womens International Cycle Road Race Cllr Izzi Seccombe informed the meeting that the road race leg 2 is on the 16th June 2016. The proposed route will take in Moreton Morrell, Kineton and then down Sunrising Hill before turning towards Tysoe and finally finishing in Stratford. The leg is 130 kilometres and it is expected to take about 2.5 hours.</p>
10.3	<p>Warwickshire County Council Settlement Cllr Izzi Seccombe warned the meeting that the County Council is facing £10 million of savings which will mostly have to come from reserves. This then has a knock on effect for future years. There is currently a consultation regarding County Council funding and Izzi will inform us of the outcome.</p>

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11	Next Meetings All commencing 7.30pm in Pillerton Priors Village Hall Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 14th April 2016 179 th Annual Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 12th May 2016 180 th Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 21 st July 2016 181 st Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 13 th October 2016 182 nd Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 12 th January 2017
12	The Meeting was closed at 8.55pm and Ian Greenall thanked all for their attendance.

Chair: Ian Greenall

Minutes: Sue Greenall

Date Signed: 12th May 2016