

PILLERTON PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL

The 198th Meeting of the Pillerton Priors Parish Council was held virtually on Thursday 14th January 2021 commencing 7.30pm via Zoom meeting ID 302 308 0366

All Parishioners were welcome to log in.

Present: Cllr Ian Greenall (Chair)
Cllr Dave McWhirter (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Dominic Sant (Treasurer)
Cllr Jo Wilkinson
Sue Greenall (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell (Stratford-on-Avon District Council) (part of meeting)
Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE (Warwickshire County Council) (part of meeting)

Residents 17 Residents were logged in

Number	Item
1	Chairman's welcome Ian Greenall welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting. He asked attendees to mute their microphones when not speaking and use the virtual hand raise or chat functions to ask questions and explained that the District (SDC) and County Council (WCC) updates will be earlier than the published agenda because the Councillors were joining following a Pillerton Hersey meeting, and prior to another.
2	Apologies Neil Goodwin and Mark Treadwell
3	Minutes of the 197th Parish Council Meeting held on 15th October 2020 The draft minutes had been available to view on the Parish Council (PC) website. They were approved by those who had attended as an accurate record of the meeting and will be signed by Ian Greenall.
4	Matters Arising
4.1	Findons Field Section 106 Money Dave McWhirter updated the meeting regarding the speed gates. The gates have been delivered but we are waiting for Warwickshire County Councils highway contractor, Balfour Beatty, to do the installs. Although there is no precise date at present it is hoped this would be in February or March. There is also a requirement for some hedge cutting before installation.
4.2	Pathways and Pavements There is some confusion over who is responsible for cutting the overgrown hedges as it could be the landowner or highways. The PC will continue to search for an answer.
4.3	Community Speedwatch A few more volunteers had joined the group but Police advise is against running any speedwatch sessions during the Covid restrictions which Pillerton will adhere to.
4.4	Flagpoles on Findons Field The Clerk contacted Deeley Homes who have now been removed the flags and poles. They have also been asked to remove some construction site signage that has been left on the verges.
4.5	Pillerton Priors Village Hall It was reported that the Village Hall opened for two nights for the Cubs and Scouts but they are now back into lockdown and having online meetings. The Leaders were happy with the measures the Village Hall had put in place to make it Covid Secure. The children had found the two nights they had been able to attend in person very positive.

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4.5	<p>Reserve Site 13</p> <p>The PC had submitted a response to SDC's Site Allocations Plan stating that it supported the Built Up Area Boundary as shown in the consultation. However the PC has not supported that site 13 on the Kineton Road, the field currently with horses between The Willows and Ashfield, was suitable for building purposes as SDC had suggested. There has been no feedback from the consultation.</p>
4.6	<p>Communications</p> <p>The PC delivered a letter to every house in the parish requesting email addresses to send information to residents. There are 137 properties in the parish and so far we have mailing list of 61 emails representing 54 properties. The PC sends an email most weeks with various updates regarding Covid and other information. If anyone wants to be added to the list, or removed from it, they should email the Parish Clerk at pillertonpriors@gmail.com as this will comply with the GDPR regulations.</p>
5	<p>Stratford-on-Avon District Council update</p> <p>Cllr O'Donnell reported on the District Council services that remained operational during the lockdown however there is no public access to the District Council offices. SDC meetings are being held virtually with most being available to view live or as a recording. SDC staff are working from home and there is a lot of support for the mental health of staff while they are at home because of the isolation.</p> <p>Business support grants are running again and those businesses that had previously applied will be contacted by SDC. There are some scams requesting information but any business not contacted by SDC is advised to complete the online form on the SDC website, www.stratford.gov.uk.</p> <p>SDC is setting its budget for 2021/2022. It is required to have minimum reserves of £2.5 million in its medium term financial plan. Previously its has had robust reserves but because it has been the 4th worst hit area in the country because of its reliance on tourism and hospitality SDC is having to make some very difficult decisions so there will be a rise in the Council Tax. Changes are also being made to parking, that Cllr O'Donnell is fighting, especially regarding the proposed abolition of the over 65's parking permit. She asked for emails from residents regarding their thoughts on this proposal. There is still the free hours parking in Bridgefoot Car Park in Stratford but charges in other car parks are likely to rise by 20p. Charging will also be introduced in all SDC car parks in the district. Payment for parking will be by card or phone, and not cash. The proposals will be subject to a six week public consultation period but the link on the SDC website is not live at present.</p> <p>The charge for Green Waste collection is being brought in. There is currently an offer of £35 per green bin, rather than £40, if you apply before the 28th February.</p> <p>SDC is currently consulting on its Gypsy and Traveller Plan with a call for sights. By 2035 SDC need between 59 and 70 additional permanent Gypsy and Traveller pitches along with 6 Travelling Showpeople plots.</p> <p>Working alongside the West Midlands combined authority SDC has pledged that all new homes will be carbon neutral by 2025. Residents are asked to email her any questions, ideas or points regarding climate change as she is on the Climate Change Panel as rural initiatives are important in helping SDC reach its targets.</p> <p>A question was asked about the Wellesbourne recycling site as it appears to be closed although the website states it is open via a booking system on Saturday, Sunday and Mondays. Feedback was that the booking system had been successful. She was not</p>

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	<p>aware that it had closed and would report back to the Parish Clerk. It was felt its closure had caused an increase in litter and flytipping around Pillerton especially along the Walton Lane and the layby on the A422 towards Banbury. Residents were advised to take a photograph of any flytipping, if possible, and report it on the online form on the SDC website, www.stratford.gov.uk. Cllr O'Donnell asks to be kept informed as she had received reports from other parishes experiencing similar issues.</p> <p>As there were no other questions Cllr O'Donnell then left the meeting.</p>
6	<p>Warwickshire County Council update</p> <p>Cllr Seccombe gave an update on Covid vaccinations that had commenced in the three main hospitals in Warwickshire and has now expanded to the primary care network. Wellesbourne Hastings House has opened covering the Red Horse GP area. Kineton GP practices will be using a centre in Southam. There is also a mass vaccination site being opened shortly at Stoneleigh Agricultural Centre where people will be invited to attend by letter. If residents are unable to attend the appointment provided in the letter they will not revert to the back of the list. It is expected that more vaccinations will be undertaken in local pharmacies from February which will include other groups.</p> <p>WCC have decided to purchase 1,000 laptops with 350 of those will be given to young carers dependant on their need. Schools will allocate the other laptops to children who are unable to access online learning. WCC will also be purchasing around 500 dongles for those children who do not have access to good broadband or enough data allowance. There is also a Government computer scheme proposed that is targeted at secondary school and exam age pupils.</p> <p>Cllr Seccombe had also received a letter regarding traffic speeding off the Kineton Lane into Kiblers Lane that she had shared with the PC. Ian Greenall added that there have also been reports of vehicles speeding down the lane from the Banbury end and even verbal abuse to pedestrians who in the motorists opinion had not got out of their way quick enough. The letter suggested some options including crosshatching the corner of the junction to visually narrow the access or making the lane one way from the Banbury spur down to the Kineton Lane. Ian noted that this issue had been discussed over many years and every option was liable to have a knock on effect. If the lane was made one way would this encourage motorists to increase their speed as there would not be the possibility of meeting other traffic. All residents and deliveries for Kiblers Lane properties would need to go along the A422 to access the lane and concern was expressed that this would result in more traffic negotiating the narrow lane and potentially Chapel Lane and Dark Lane as well. The passing area at Banbury end would also need to be kept clear to allow vehicles to make the corner safely. Ian asked what the procedure would be to make any changes to the lane or any consultation that would need to take place. Cllr Seccombe suggested the WCC Highway Safety Team needed to visit the site and met with the PC to discuss the issues. They would require data before making any recommendations that would require local approval before any implementation. Previously they have tried to put a weight limit on the lane which was unsuccessful. However the Safety Team would not be able to visit during the Covid Pandemic but resident representatives would be invited to join the PC when any meeting is able to take place.</p> <p>Cllr Seccombe then left the meeting.</p>
7	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Dominic Sant shared the financial reports for the third quarter to 14th January 2021. There was no income, but expenditure of £7,728 which included the purchase of the speed gates from the Section 106 money and three year renewal of the website. There is some VAT to be recovered which leaves a closing balance of £17,839.88 which</p>

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	<p>includes £5,145.40 for the speed gate installation and £5,724.28 for village hall play equipment both ringfenced from the Section 106 money which has to be spent within five years of receipt.</p> <p>The cost of gate installation was queried. The WCC quote is £5,800 for the eight gates which includes a highways risk assessment, the ground works and safety certificates. The gates will be located on the verges either side of the highway at both the 40mph and 30mph limits coming from Stratford, the 30mph limit from Banbury, and the 30mph limit from Kineton.</p> <p>The forecast for the end of year on 31st March also includes a sum for the Parish Plan. If all of these payments are made by 31st March the estimated end of year balance would be £2,439.20.</p> <p>John Ingall, as our auditor, was thanked for reviewing the expenditure prior to the meeting.</p>
8	<p>Parish Precept 2021/2022</p> <p>Dominic Sant presented the PC's proposed precept for the financial year 2021/2022. Ian Greenall declared an interest regarding Parish Clerks fees. The Clerk's fee had not risen for five years so was proposing an increase of £1 per week taking it to £1032 per annum, especially given the increased communication with residents. It was noted that the going rate for Parish Clerk's fees was usually larger than what is paid to our clerk.</p> <p>There were other minor changes to the previous year but two new items of expenditure are the costs associated with using the Zoom platform for virtual meetings which we have allocated £172.68 for and a £500 contingency fund for the uncertainty and challenges of what the PC might face due to the ongoing Covid Pandemic. This would give a proposed precept of £3,243 which is a rise of £504 on 2020/2021.</p> <p>The precept figure was proposed and seconded.</p>
9	<p>Planning Application updates on live applications at the last meeting.</p> <p>Ian Greenall reported on the following applications.</p>
9.1	<p>20/00909/FUL Replacement dwelling and new outbuilding including the creation of a new vehicular access with walls and gates (revision to application 19/02636/FUL) at The Spinney, Banbury Road for Mr & Mrs Jenkins. Comments were by 19/05/2020 but still pending consideration.</p>
9.2	<p>20/01337/FUL Ground floor side extension, loft conversion, garage conversion and rear roof replacement at Oberon, Banbury Road for Mr Williams. Comments were by 10th July. Amended plans submitted with new comments date of 23/10/2020 nut still pending consideration</p>
9.3	<p>20/02338/FUL Erection of one detached dwelling on land adjoining Southfields for Mr H Dhinsay, Wannado Investments Limited. Permission with conditions 22/10/2020.</p>
9.4	<p>20/02251/VARY Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 20/00374/FUL dated 29/05/2020 to reduce the size of the proposed garage and amend the elevations. Original description of development was construction of a new dwelling, detached outbuilding and associated works on land off Priory Lane for Mr Roberts. Permission with conditions granted 24/11/2020.</p>
10	<p>Planning Applications received since the last meeting</p>
10.1	<p>20/02901/AGNOT Steel framed agricultural building for storage of hay, tractor and machinery and animal shelter on agricultural land west of Southfields withdrawn 26/10/2020. 20/03031/FUL Erection of an agricultural storage building for tractors, farm machinery, hay and feedstuffs for Mr Baker. Permission with conditions granted 06/01/2021. A question was asked about the location of the agricultural building and Ian</p>

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	explained that the Planning Officer had advised that a FUL application was required as AGNOT are normally of agricultural conversions. There had been concerns raised against the FUL application regarding the location, size and access but the application had been granted with conditions regarding some of these worries.
10.2	20/03192/FUL Proposed extension and alterations to existing dwelling at The Granary, Nolands Farm for Mr & Mrs Lea. Comments were by 08/01/2021 and still pending consideration.
10.3	20/03315/AMD Non material amendment to application 20/02338/FUL at Southfields for Mr Dhinsay. Approval was given 17/12/2020.
11	<p>Pillerton Priors Parish Plan</p> <p>Dave McWhirter gave an overview of the history of the Parish Plan project that had included a Housing Needs Survey and open days. The idea of the Plan is to have some say in how Priors will be in the future while understanding the the policies in the SDC Core Strategy have the major role in any development. All villages are being encouraged to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan or Parish Plan for their area. Neighbourhood Plan's have a legal authority regarding decision making but require a substantial amount of work and expenditure so small parishes, especially local service villages such as ours are advised to submit a Parish Plan which is more proportional to the needs.</p> <p>Speeding has always been raised as a main issue during the consultation process. Previously the PC have looked at speed humps, rumble strips and chicanes but these require street lighting which is something that residents have always been against as they enjoy the dark skies. When the PC managed to negotiate that a proportion of the Findons Field Section 106 money could be used to install speed gates at the entrances to the village it welcomed the opportunity. Research in other areas has shown that motorists seeing the gates understand they are entering a village and tend to reduce their speed.</p> <p>The main reason for a Parish Plan is a set of criteria of how the PC would respond to planning applications. The Priors plan has been re-written around 18 times and re-submitted to SDC many times who have fed back with some minor and some major comments and changes. The Parish Plan Working Group feel that our plan has been changed enough and some of the current suggested amendments would make it more SDC's plan than what Pillerton residents have said they wanted. There is one major element regarding the opportunity to build outside the built up area boundary where a compromise looks unlikely. Residents have said they do not want development to take away the separation between Priors and Hersey or Ettington which is the reasoning for opposing Site 13. SDC state that self build or local need is allowed outside the boundary but do not quantify what local need is so the Groups disagree with this position. SDC say they will not sign off the Plan unless we agree to their way of thinking. The Plan Steering Group need to discuss our way forward and perhaps take a view from Cllr O'Donnell before deciding if or when to submit an amended version for sign off.</p> <p>A question was raised about Gypsy and Traveller sites in and around the village but as far as the PC are aware there are no sites being put forward at present. Should a site be suggested it is unclear if there would be any consultation with the PC. I was agreed the Clerk will write to the SDC Planning Policy Team and ask for clarification how the call for sites works.</p>
12	Any other Business
12.1	<p>Ettington First Responders.</p> <p>Discussion had taken place regarding defib training but it had been delayed during Covid. The Ettington defib had been used after an accident and are now looking to purchase two more units. The Priors defib is situated on the wall outside the White</p>

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	House on Kineton Road. The battery has another two year life span after which we will need to look at a new battery or a new unit which would cost around £800.
12.2	Public Transport There appear to be buses between Stratford and Banbury that do not stop in Priors. The PC will ask WCC or the operators if they do, or will stop in Priors. The UBUS service was mentioned as an alternative.
13	Date and Time of Next Meetings <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Annual Parish Assembly followed by the 199th Parish Council Meeting at 7.00pm on 13th May 2021. These are to be confirmed.2. 200th Parish Council Meeting – July 20213. 201st Parish Council Meeting – October 20214. 202nd Parish Council Meeting – January 2022
14	The Meeting was closed at 8.43pm and Ian Greenall thanked all for their attendance.

Chair: Ian Greenall

Minutes: Sue Greenall

Date Signed: