

PILLERTON PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL

The 200th Meeting of the Pillerton Priors Parish Council was held on Thursday 15th July 2021 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 Jo Wilkinson
Sue Greenall (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE (Warwickshire County Council)

Residents 15 Residents were present

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| 1 | Chairman's welcome Ian Greenall welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the Covid restrictions in place for the meeting. He explained that the previous meeting had been held earlier than scheduled to allow for a virtual meeting to take place but the Government regulations have since been amended and we now have to hold meetings face to face. He congratulated Cllr Seccombe on retaining her Ettington seat at the County Council elections held on 07/05/21 where she will be joined by Cllr O'Donnell representing the Wellesbourne Ward. He reported that Philip Seccombe had also been re-elected to the role of Police and Crime Commissioner. |
| 2 | Apologies were received from one resident. |
| 3 | Minutes of the 199th Parish Council Meeting held on 29th April 2021 Were approved and signed by Ian Greenall. |
| 4 | Matters Arising |
| 4.1 | Kiblers Lane Traffic A site meeting had taken place with WCC highways representatives, Cllr Seccombe and the PC. A suggestion of additional road markings that would visually narrow the junction from Kiblers Lane to the Kineton Road was agreed. The PC are waiting to receive the County Council quote for the work. |
| 4.2 | Footpath from Village Green to Main Road A422 – The requirement for some maintenance works was submitted to WCC after the last meeting but there had been no response to date. It was noted that residents had cut the hedge back along that section of footpath. |
| 4.3 | Footpath SS8C – It was previously reported to WCC Rights of Way that the latch was missing from the gate into the land behind The Rowans. It was also reported that in an earlier section of the path a fence had been installed which has made a significant reduction in the width of the path. It was also questioned if the way the fence was positioned had actually diverted the path from its original position. |
| 5 | Treasurer's Report Dominic Sant shared the financial reports to 15 th July 2021. The accounts showed a current balance of £18,464.58. It was noted that this includes £10,869.68 remaining from the Section 106 money that is ring fenced to speed awareness and village hall equipment. The PC had received the first 50% of its precept and had renewed its membership of WALC. |
| 6 | Planning Application updates on live applications at the last meeting |
| 6.1 | 21/00061/FUL Demolition of existing house, annexe and dutch barn. Erection of replacement dwelling with associated garage and gym/office at Nolands Farm, Oxhill for Mr Connolly. Comments by 23/02/2021. Amendment to the application have been received with a new comment date of 18/05/21. Application pending consideration. |

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| 6.2 | 21/00158/COUQ Proposed change of use of agricultural building to 2x dwelling houses with associated works at The Barn, Fulready Lane for Mr Hicks. Application withdrawn 12/03/21. Replaced with 21/00982/COUQ . Prior Approval granted 19/05/21. |
| 6.3 | 21/00631/LBC and 21/00630/FUL Installation of a vehicle charging point at The Granary, Stamford Hall Farm for Mr Beamont. Permission with conditions granted 04/05/21. |
| 6.4 | 21/00704/FUL Erection of a two storey rear extension at The Priory, Priory Lane for Ms Norman and Mr Munson. Permission with conditions granted 15/06/21. |
| 6.5 | 21/01002/VARY Vary of condition 2 of planning permission 20/00849/FUL (date of decision 14/08/2020) to allow amendments to the approved plans to permit a number of design alterations, including amendments to the layout, materials and reduced scale. (Original description of development: Demolish existing bungalow and erect a replacement dwelling).at The Rowans Kineton Road for College Homes Ltd. Permission with conditions granted 12/06/21. |
| 7 | Planning Applications received since the last meeting |
| 7.1 | 21/01137/FUL Rear single storey extension at Field View House Banbury Road for Mr & Mrs Taylor. Permission with conditions granted 25/06/21 |
| 7.2 | 21/01748/COUR Change of Use Agricultural Building to Commercial at Dickensbury Farm for Mr T Goodman. Comments were by 18/06/21 and the application is pending consideration. |
| 7.3 | 21/01649/FUL Erection of five detached dwellings with associated infrastructure and the erection of a new pitched roof double garage to serve Edoras for Mr and Mrs Gant. Comments to be submitted by 19/07/21 |
| 7.4 | 21/02116/VARY Variation of condition two of planning permission 19/00139/FUL (date of decision 27 June 2019) to allow for a 0.5m increase in height of the building, amendments to the design and fenestration, the insertion of one first floor window on the front elevation and the insertion of four rooflights in the rear roofslope. At Land Off, Banbury Road, Pillerton Priors, for Mr Miller. Comments to be submitted by 28/07/21. |
| 8 | <p>Warwickshire County Council update</p> <p>Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE gave an update on WCC activity. Most WCC staff are still working from home although they are looking towards re-opening. Covid cases are still rising with 450 cases in Warwickshire today but these are not materializing into hospital admissions with 23 people in the main three hospitals, George Elliot, USCW and Warwick, of which 5 were in intensive care. Warwick district has a high number of cases which are starting to fall. Currently North Warwickshire is the worst area in the county.</p> <p>WCC have held two council meetings since May. At the most recent meeting they approved a Warwickshire Five Year Recovery Fund by borrowing from Central Government at a preferential rate. They plan to use this to assist businesses to support and grow to create employment opportunities.</p> <p>WCC have also agreed to set up a Property Company to take advantage of some of the land holdings the County Council have such as old school sites. The plan is to develop affordable housing in the correct areas. A question was raised regarding the link between social housing and affordable housing. It was noted that WCC will be working with housing associations to deliver well built housing that is affordable to buy and live in.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the South Warwickshire Local Plan consultation that SDC and WDC are undertaking. One area of this plan is where future housing should be undertaken and if it should be by expanding the main centres or more widely spread in the rural villages. As WDC and SDC have declared a climate emergency and wish to make policies which reduce carbon then a spread of development is less desirable. Larger developments offer more funding opportunities for larger projects. It was noted that an</p> |

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| | <p>area known as Kings Hill, between Kenilworth and Coventry, is already scheduled for development in WDC's current plan. The Government's planning white paper might remove the duty to co-operate which would mean Stratford would not be required to build additional houses for any overflow from Birmingham, or Warwick any overflow from Coventry.</p> <p>The proposed merger of SDC and WDC to create a unitary South Warwickshire Council on 01/04/2024 was discussed and how that might impact Priors residents. It was noted that the Council Tax Band D charge in Warwick District is greater than the equivalent charge in Stratford District. There will be a period of public consultation later this year. The other option would be a unitary Warwickshire Council incorporating the current five District and Borough Councils.</p> <p>A question was asked regarding the opening times and operation of the waste disposal sites especially Shipston and Wellesbourne. Currently residents have to make a booking prior to using the service which had proved popular by the majority but works less well in the rural communities.</p> |
| 9 | <p>Stratford-on-Avon District Council update</p> <p>There was no official update from SDC but Ian advised that the Council Offices are currently open to the public from 9am to 2pm with most staff working from home.</p> |
| 10 | <p>Pillerton Priors Parish Plan</p> <p>Dave McWhirter presented the document that had been delivered or posted to every house in the Parish along with the Action Plan from the document and the latest Parish Contact booklet. The Parish Plan had been adopted by SDC as a material consideration when assessing development proposals. Although SDC policies would be the major influence the Parish Plan gives some degree of local influence. Dave asked for residents help to take ownership of parts of the Action Plan or booklet. He suggested that perhaps keen walkers could undertake to walk the footpaths and report back with any issues. Other residents might like to check and update the contact booklet to ensure the information is as accurate as possible.</p> <p>There is also a supplementary document to the Plan known as a Village Design Statement that SDC would like Pillerton to produce. This will be undertaken over the next few months.</p> <p>The group were congratulated on their work in bringing the Parish Plan to adoption.</p> |
| 11 | <p>Community Speedwatch</p> <p>Ian Greenall reported that the volunteers hoped to start running sessions again shortly. Ian noted that although Pillerton had reported the apparent speed and exhaust noise of vehicles through the village there had been little evidence of the Speed Van or Shipston Police undertaking speed checks in the village unlike Wellesbourne where both had been reported.</p> <p>Clr Secombe mentioned that WCC had received a Notice of Motion that all built up areas should become 20mph zones. Discussion took place regarding the merits or disadvantages such as scheme would have in Priors. The major issue appears to be the lack of enforcement of the current speed limits although it was pointed out that at 20mph there was less risk of death in an accident which rose by 10% at 30mph. WCC are investigating the use of Average Speed Cameras in some areas and are also setting up a Joint Road Safety Team to investigate the issues.</p> |

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| 12 | Any other Business |
| 12.1 | Parish Clerk and Parish Councillor. Ian invited residents to volunteer to become a Parish Councillor as we have had a vacancy since the last elections. The Parish Clerk intends to stand down and a replacement Clerk will be required. The role offers a current remuneration of £980. |
| 12.2 | Smoke smell from Dickensbury Farm 14/07/21 Reports of a strong smell of smoke had been reported. Residents were advised that these can be reported to Environmental Health at SDC who have the authority to investigate and take action if necessary. |
| 12.3 | SDC Planning Call for Sites A question was asked about the reserve site consultation that SDC had undertaken. Although the final report has not been published it was understood that any sites would only be released if SDC were unable to meet its housing target within its five year land supply. |
| 12.4 | Acoustics in the Village Hall It was noted that the acoustics during the meeting had made it difficult to hear the business being discussed. Members of the Village Hall Management Group would report back to the next hall meeting to see if the acoustics could be improved. |
| 12.5 | 200th PC Meeting As this was the 200 th Meeting a question was asked when the first meeting had taken place. Although the records held by the Clerk do not go back to the original meeting the information might be held at the Warwickshire Archives. |
| 13 | Date and Time of Next Meetings all in Pillerton Priors Village Hall <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 201st Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 13th October 2021 commencing at 7.30pm 2. 202nd Parish Council Meeting on a date to be confirmed in January 2022 3. Annual Parish Meeting followed by 203rd Parish Council Meeting on a date to be confirmed in May 2022. |
| 14 | The Meeting was closed at 8.51pm and Ian Greenall thanked all for their attendance. |

Chair: Ian Greenall

Minutes: Sue Greenall

Date Signed: 13th October 2021