

PILLERTON PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL

The 201st Meeting of the Pillerton Priors Parish Council was held on Wednesday 13th October 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) arrived during the meeting

Residents 16 Residents were present

Number	Item
1	Chairman's welcome Ian Greenall welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2	Apologies were received from Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell and one resident.
3	Minutes of the 200th Parish Council Meeting held on 15th July 2021 Were approved and signed by Ian Greenall.
4	Matters Arising
4.1	Kiblers Lane Traffic - Dave McWhirter gave an update. He had spoken with WCC who had stated that it was not feasible to make the lane one way in either direction. Residents did not support additional road markings so the only other option would be to dig up some of the highway and relay with kerbstones to narrow the Kineton Road, Kiblers Lane junction. This would cost around £4500 - £5000. A suggestion was made to put no entry signs at both ends of the lane but this would be unenforceable. Another suggestion was to make the lane 20mph but again enforcement would be an issue. Unfortunately sat nav systems often direct vehicles to use the lane. Previously the PC had written to all the major suppliers but had not been successful in persuading them to amend the route maps. Therefore as there appears to be no suitable solution it was proposed that the matter is closed.
4.2	Footpath from Village Green to Main Road A422 and Footpath SS8C had been reported to WCC Rights of Way but we have received no response. Further to the call for volunteers to take a lead roll on some of the Parish Plan action points we are pleased to announce Kathryn Dalglish and Micheal Nevill volunteered and have been walking the various footpaths. Michael gave an update stating they had walked around 80% of the footpaths in the parish. Most were ok but they had reported 39 items including missing signage and impassible routes. One footpath even goes through a residential garden. He asked if the PC could ask County Footpaths if we could replace missing signage ourselves if we were supplied with the appropriate signs. There is the possibility for a guided walk in 2022 to educate residents in the location of the various paths.
4.3	Village Booklet – Olga Brades had volunteered to lead on the updates to the village directory and she gave an update. She asked residents to inform her of local clubs and societies, local businesses by sending any information to the parish council by email to pillertonpriors@gmail.com The updated booklet is planned to be delivered prior to the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2022.
4.4	Parish Clerk and Parish Councillor - There has been no expressions of interest for either role. Dave has contacted Ettington, Oxhill, Tysoe and Halford PC's to see if their clerk might like to add some additional hours to work for Priors. we needed to recruit

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	<p>through WALC (Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils) it would be subject the appropriate local government salary grades which is currently between £10.04 to £13.74 per hour. It is estimated the clerks role averages out around 5 hours per week which would mean a salary of between £2,610 and £3,572. Currently our clerk receives a remuneration of £980 so we would need to increase the parish precept to meet the additional costs. If anyone would like to discuss either the clerk or councillor role then please email pillertonpriors@gmail.com and one of the team will respond.</p>
4.5	<p>Acoustics in the Village Hall - This was raised at the Village Hall Management Group and a couple of companies were identified to quote for the work.</p>
4.6	<p>200th PC Meeting - The Clerk asked the Warwickshire Archives if they had any details of the 1st Parish Council meeting which it does not have.</p>
5	<p>Treasurer's Report - Dominic Sant shared the financial reports to 13th October 2021. The accounts showed a current balance of £19,166.10. 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 second 50% of its precept.</p>
6	<p>Planning Application updates on live applications at the last meeting</p>
6.1	<p>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. Permission with conditions 10/08/21</p>
6.2	<p>21/01748/COUR Change of Use Agricultural Building to Commercial at Dickensbury Farm for Mr Goodman. Prior approval was refused on 20/07/21.</p>
6.3	<p>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 pending consideration</p>
6.4	<p>21/02116/VARY Variation of conditions 2 and 12 of planning permission 19/00139/FUL (date of decision 27 June 2019) to allow for: Increase in height of building by 0.5m; Amendments to design and fenestration; Insertion of first floor window on front elevation; Insertion of 5no rooflights in rear elevation; Use of attic space to provide additional living accommodation; Alteration to layout of site to include repositioning of house 2m forward within plot and provision of an additional car parking space.at Land Off, Banbury Road, Pillerton Priors, for Mr Miller. Original variation application made valid on 29/6/21 with comments to be submitted by 28/07/21. Application amended on 04/08/2021 to include additional living accommodation with comments by 18/08/21. On 07/10/21 this was further extended with an amended site plan and vehicle swept path. The new date for comments is 21/10/21.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding this application as the PC and many residents near the site are disappointed that the build that is nearing completion is a five bedroom property which is larger and in a different position within the site to the planning approval for a three bedroom property. This is the third amendment to the original variation application which sought to justify the differences between the building being constructed and the approved plans. The latest amended plans provide a new vehicle swept path which is supposed to show how vehicles can access and leave the three allocated parking spaces in a forward gear. The plan shows a multiple point movement for each vehicle which the PC questioned would happen in reality and vehicles just reverse on the main road. It was noted that the builders vans are being parked on the verges of the Kiblers Lane junction adding weight that there is not enough room for safe parking. There is case law where other councils have made developers demolish buildings and rebuild them to the approved plan. It was noted that although Planning Enforcement had identified some of the errors and suggested</p>

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	the original variation application, they had not issued a stop notice so construction has continued. It was felt that this could set a very dangerous precedent for SDC where developers do not follow approved plans.
7	Planning Applications received since the last meeting
7.1	21/01995/LDE - Lawful use as C3 residential dwelling (resubmission of approved 19/03462/LDE) at Nolands Farm, Oxhill, for Mr Connolly. Existing Lawful Development permitted on 12/08/21
7.2	21/01883/NDAZ Demolition of existing workshop (Use class B1(c)) to be replaced by a single detached dwelling house at The Barn, Fulready Lane for Hicks Leys Ltd. Application withdrawn 08/09/21
7.3	21/02373/LDP Extend the existing track to join with the existing driveway by replacing part of the front lawn, excavating and replacing with granite chippings (to match existing material on drive) on top of 6" of hardcore surfaced with 2" of crushed stone. Remove existing granite setts as indicated and resite to new lawn boundaries as shown, adding new setts as required. Resurface existing track with granite chippings to make appearance consistent with existing driveway. Note: The three proposed apple trees towards the lower edge of the drawing were never planted and therefore do not exist. At Old Orchard, Kineton Road for Mr Fox. This application had not been validated as an LDP by SDC so a FULL application would be required.
7.4	21/02048/FUL Replacement dwelling and new outbuilding including the creation of a new vehicular access (revision to 20/00909/FUL) at The Spinney for Mr Jenkins. Comments by 14/09/21 Pending consideration
7.5	21/02680/AGNOT Secure machinery shed - standard steel frame agricultural construction at Stockleys Orchard for Mr Stepney. Application withdrawn 09/09/21
7.6	21/02812/HHPA Single storey rear extension at Nolands Farm, Oxhill for Mr Connolly. SDC decided on 06/10/21 that Householder Prior Approval was not required
7.7	21/02814/LDP Single storey extensions at Nolands Farm, Oxhill for Mr Connolly. Pending consideration
8	<p>Stratford-on-Avon District Council update</p> <p>Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell had given her apologies so Ian made residents aware of the consultation currently taking place regarding the proposed merger of Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils to form a South Warwickshire Council. This merger is designed to cut costs but will have local implications with some powers potentially being delegated to Parish Councils while other decisions could be made by councillors representing wards as far away as Kenilworth. He also noted that currently the council tax figure for each authority differed with it being higher for Warwick district.</p> <p>He encouraged residents to view the consultation document and online questionnaire that can be viewed and completed at www.southwarwickshire.org.uk Questionnaires for completion on paper, as well as in different formats, can be requested by emailing: swconsultation@stratford-dc.gov.uk or calling 01789 267575. The paper questionnaires are returned using a FREEPOST address. The consultation started on Monday 6 September and runs until Sunday 24 October.</p> <p>The two authorities are then holding council meetings on 13 December to decide if they should put a merger case to government. If they do, and the government approve the application, the plan is for the new South Warwickshire Council to be incorporated on 1 April 2024 with councillor elections to be held in May 2024.</p>

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9	<p>Warwickshire County Council update</p> <p>Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE apologized for arriving late as she had attended the Ettington & Fulready PC earlier in the evening. She responded to the SDC / WDC merger and questioned if the savings being advertised could actually be achieved. There was also the potential of merging the staff of the two councils while maintaining the current two political authorities. Childrens services currently administered by WCC would be an issue if the merger goes ahead as there would be a north south split.</p> <p>She also reported that the Police & Crime Commissioner and WCC had been awarded £250,000 for the safer streets project to look at crime hotspots, nuisance youths and CCTV. Ettington have asked about the possibility of CCTV in the village.</p> <p>At the Ettington meeting they had asked her to mention the boundary review currently out for consultation. The Boundary Commission is the independent body that is reviewing Stratford-on-Avon to make sure councillors will represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements will help the council work effectively. The Commission has published it proposals stating there should be 35 wards, one fewer than currently. Pillerton Priors is currently in the Ettington Ward but if the plans are approved Ettington would be part of the Tredington Ward and Priors part of the Tysoe Ward. The consultation runs until 8 November and more information can be found at https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/24993</p> <p>Cllr Seccombe spoke about her visit to support the Afghan refugees currently in Wellesbourne. The Department of Work and Pensions visit once a week and have managed to set up bank accounts for the refugees and advised them on the benefits available to them. They left a very difficult situation and the many agencies and volunteers have made great progress in improving the lives of the refugees with clothes, food and toys etc. Some of them are skilled people who have suffered severe trauma. Medical assessments have commenced and immunisations given. Within two weeks of arriving some of the children started attending schools. Som of the older children would like to start or continue university courses but the fees are causing issues. They are very grateful for the chance they have been given but worry about what they have left behind.</p>
10	<p>Any other Business</p>
10.1	<p>Footpath along the Kineton Road between Priors and Hersey</p> <p>There has been discussion in the Pillerton Hersey community and at the parish council regarding a footpath along the Kineton road between Hersey and Priors that in the past, had a hardcore base but has since become overgrown by grass which WCC will mow three times a year. Hersey PC have asked the Priors PC if it would consider helping to fund the reinstatement of the path.</p> <p>The approximate cost provided by WCC to restore the path is £66,000.</p> <p>The meeting declined the invitation.</p>
10.2	<p>Butlers Marston Sewage Treatment Plant and Sewage System</p> <p>The sewage system that we are all connected to struggles from time to time and previously Pillerton Hersey PC have spoken at our PC meetings regarding the issue. Earlier this year the Butlers Marston Treatment Plant struggled to process the waste water and the pumping station failed resulting in raw sewage being discharged into the watercourse.</p> <p>Pillerton Hersey receive run-off from Pillerton Priors and over towards Oxhill. This leads to flooding in the village centre and in the vicinity of the pumping station in Hersey that pumps it towards Butlers Marston.</p> <p>Butlers Marston PC have taken this up with Severn Trent and several improvements have</p>

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	<p>been made to the treatment plant and the pumping station. During conversations Severn Trent stated that Butlers Marston site is exceeding its capacity at times. Severn Trent do not raise this when it comes to responding new housing planning applications. Their future plan is to close the Butlers Marston site and to replace it with a large storage facility and pumping station that pumps the waste to Kineton. Severn Trent are currently spending millions on upgrading the Kineton site with the aim that there will be extra capacity to enable them to transfer the Butlers Marston's and Radway's waste to Kineton in the next three years.</p> <p>Ian has volunteered to represent Priors on a working group with Hersey and Butlers Marston PC's to collectively put pressure on Severn Trent to improve the current situation to collectively monitor the sewage issue and to raise awareness of the low capacity. As a collective of Parish Councils we can be more joined up in reporting and together put pressure on Severn Trent to fix issues and ensure future failures are less likely to occur.</p>
10.3	<p>Ettington crossroads</p> <p>It was reported that another crash had occurred at the crossroads of the Fosse Way and the A422 at Ettington and asked if there was any chance of a traffic island. Cllr Seccombe replied that decisions about road improvements were prioritised by the fatality and serious injury accident record of the site. In 2005 an island was costed with the figure being £750,000 at that point. Most accidents at the crossroads are damage only with just three reported injuries in the last eight years, so it is not high on the list. Work has taken place at the Potabellow crossroads in Shipston which had had two fatalities and the Harbury junction which is currently classed as more dangerous than Ettington.</p> <p>Discussions took place regarding potential measures that might help the situation with one proposal being a cross hatched junction where vehicles are not supposed to enter unless there exit route is clear.</p>
10.4	<p>Pothole on Kineton Road from works to new bungalow.</p> <p>It was noted that since the drainage connection works to the new build property the road has sunk. It was agreed the clerk would take pictures and report this to Highways. However the patch has since been repaired so no action will be taken.</p>
11	<p>Date and Time of Next Meetings all in Pillerton Priors Village Hall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 202nd Parish Council Meeting on 12th January 2022 commencing 7.30pm. 2. Annual Parish Meeting followed by 203rd Parish Council Meeting on 11th May 2022 commencing 7.00pm.
12	<p>The Meeting was closed at 8.55pm and Ian Greenall thanked all for their attendance.</p>

Chair: Ian Greenall

Minutes: Sue Greenall

Date Signed: