

## PILLERTON PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL

**The 202<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Pillerton Priors Parish Council was held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm in Pillerton Priors Village Hall.**

**All Parishioners were welcome to attend.**

**Present:** Cllr Ian Greenall  
 Cllr Dave McWhirter  
 Cllr Dominic Sant  
 Sue Greenall (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE (Warwickshire County Council)  
 Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell (Stratford-on-Avon District Council)  
 both had a prior appointment so joined during the meeting.

**Residents** 7 Residents were present

Number	Item
1	<b>Chairman's welcome</b> - Ian Greenall welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2	<b>Apologies</b> were received from Cllr Jo Wilkinson and three residents.
3	<b>Minutes of the 201<sup>st</sup> Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b> Were approved and signed by Ian Greenall.
4	<b>Matters Arising</b>
4.1	<b>Village Booklet</b> - Olga Brades has commenced the updates to the parish information booklet so if anyone has any additional information they would like included please let the clerk know as soon as possible. The PC hope to print and deliver the booklets prior to the Annual Parish Meeting in May.
4.2	<b>Parish Clerk and Parish Councillor</b> - There have been no expressions of interest for either role. The PC are able to co-opt a resident to the vacant councilor seat. To be quorate at meetings one third, or three as it is the greater number of councilors need to be present. The current four councillors were elected on 02/05/2019 with one seat remaining vacant. The clerks replacement was discussed as part of the Treasurers report
5	<b>Village Footpaths - Footpath from Village Green to Main Road A422 and Footpath SS8C</b> - Kathryn Dalglish and Micheal Nevill have walked 90% of the footpaths and the remaining short sections will be completed within next couple of months. Records will start again from May, with an aim for each path to be walked at least once per year. A number of issues have been reported to WCC and it would be good to establish a mechanism to understand which ones WCC have looked at, resolved or rejected.
6	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> - Dominic Sant shared the financial reports to 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2022. Two payments made since 13/10 cheque 100351 - £98 to HMRC for PAYE and cheque 100352 - £25 for Poppy Appeal. Opening balance £19,166 Closing balance on 09/01/22 £19,043 which includes the remaining Section 106 and Transparency Fund money. The Section 106 figures are currently £7,000 for speed initiatives and £5,728 for village hall play equipment.
	Payments in the next quarter Insurance due end of this month £258, Village Hall donation £220. Payment for Grass and hedge cutting done by the village hall £250. The general fund end of financial year balance is projected to be £4102.82 at 31/03/2022.
	HSBC Bank account has now started to charge £1 per cheque and £8.00 per month fee for the account. Therefore £17 cheques for the annum and £96 fee. CPRE use Unity Trust Bank which is £6 per month and offers online transactions. Dominic will investigate potentially changing the PC account to Unity Trust.

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7	<p><b>Parish Precept 2022/2023</b> - Dominic Sant presented the precept workings. At the last meeting in October it was stated that the Parish Clerk had asked to leave once a replacement had been found. Neighbouring Parish Clerks had been contacted with none prepared to take on the role for Priors which we identified as averaging five hours per week. After discussions with WALC it was identified that the clerks was not following minimum wage legislation of £9.50 per hour from April 2022.</p> <p>WALC recommended a figure of £10.04 per hour based on their experience of parish clerk reimbursement. Therefore for 5 hours a week the fee should be £2610.40, an increase of £1578 on current salary.</p> <p>To offset this increase the PC are looking to make some savings. Councillor Training £100, Website hosting £50 and £173 for a Zoom Subscription. The £500 contingency fund for the uncertainty and challenges of what the PC might face due to the ongoing Covid Pandemic has also been deleted for 2022/23.</p> <p>With these savings the precept for 2022-23 was proposed at £3,998 an increase of £756 which is just over 10p per household per week. The budget was proposed and seconded and then agreed with a unanimous vote of those present. Ian declared an interest in the vote as it related to the clerk's fee.</p>
8	<b>Planning Application updates on live applications at the last meeting</b>
8.1	<b>21/01649/FUL</b> 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. Application refused 22/12/21
8.2	<b>21/02116/VARY</b> 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 with a comment date of 21/10/21. On 10/01/22 a revised vehicle swept path plan 23399-02 was submitted with a comment date of 31/01/22. A discussion took place regarding this application and the dangerous precedent that approval could set for other applications in the district. It was noted that a for sale sign on behalf of Kennedy's Estate Agents had been erected at the property and then removed a few days later.
8.3	<b>21/02048/FUL</b> Replacement dwelling and new outbuilding including the creation of a new vehicular access (revision to 20/00909/FUL) at The Spinney for Mr Jenkins. Permission with conditions granted 19/11/21.
8.4	<b>21/02814/LDP</b> Single storey extensions at Nolands Farm, Oxhill for Mr Connolly. Pending consideration. Proposed Lawful Development refused on 21/10/21. On 07/01/2022 this went to appeal APP/J3720/X/21/3289277 with written representations by 18/02/22.
9	<b>Planning Applications received since the last meeting</b>
9.1	<b>21/02981/LBC</b> On 28.08.2021 a section of the outbuildings lying on the boundary between the Property and Yew Tree House (adjoining) collapsed in the process of removing ivy to ascertain the state of the stonework underneath and the extent of repairs required. As a result of the collapse, the tie-bar affixed to the parallel brick wall was pulled towards

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	<p>the collapsed wall, causing the said parallel brick wall to move inwards and become critically unstable. Both walls were left in a state of significant instability as a result, exacerbated by the fact that there is no roof on any part of that outbuilding.</p> <p>The outbuilding was left untouched but by 07.09.2021 the Owner believed that there was a real risk of further and imminent collapse to either or both walls which, given that both properties are occupied and there are young children at the Property, urgent works were commenced to remove the loose stone and bricks in situ.</p> <p>The works undertaken to date extend only so far as the removal of the unsafe parts of the wall(s) to ensure that the outbuilding was not at risk of further collapse and that the occupants of the property were not therefore at personal risk.</p> <p>The section of the outbuilding, along with the remaining outbuilding, does not have a roof and is likely to be considered structurally unsound as a result. The Owner understands that this has been the situation for at least 19 years. The Owner only purchased the Property on 25.06.2021. At Windmill Hill Farm, Banbury Road for Mrs Lanoe. Permission with conditions granted 03/12/21</p>
9.2	<p><b>21/02373/FUL</b> Extend existing track to link existing driveway to field (previously submitted as 21/02373/LDP) at Old Orchard, Kinton Road for Mr Fox. Permission with conditions granted 09/12/21</p>
9.3	<p><b>21/03389/NDAZ</b> Demolition of existing workshop (Use Class B1(c)) to be replaced by a single dwellinghouse at The Barn, Fulready Lane for Hicks Leys Ltd. COUETU Prior Approval granted 14/12/21</p>
9.4	<p><b>21/03340/FUL</b> New agricultural building for housing cattle, feed and machinery at rear of Findons Field for Mr Ray Comments were by 09/12/21 but this was extended to 06/01/22 as SDC were asked why notifications had not been sent. A discussion took place regarding this application and it was noted that there is livestock in the field along with a lean to shelter.</p>
9.5	<p><b>21/02901/FUL</b> Construction of a secure machinery and equipment building at Stockleys Orchard for Mr Stepney Application withdrawn on 30/11/21</p>
10	<p><b>Stratford-on-Avon District Council update</b> - Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell gave an update. The proposed merger of Stratford and Warwick District Councils was approved by both councils and has been submitted to the government for their decision.</p> <p>A combined South Warwickshire Local Plan is being developed and has its own website <a href="http://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/">www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/</a>. All sites identified in the recent scoping and call for sites are available on the interactive map which shows three sites in the parish. There is a newsletter that you can sign up for.</p> <p>The planning service currently has five vacancies and nationally there is a lack of qualified planners as many work for developers rather than local authorities. Robert Weeks retired as Head of Planning and Adrian Harding has taken on the role.</p> <p>There have been complaints that the two week break from collecting green refuse was not communicated very well. The reason for the break was to allow for additional blue recycling collections after Christmas and to cover for driver shortages as a result of Covid self isolation.</p> <p>The digital strategy has identified that up to 20% of residents in the Stratford District do not have access to the internet.</p> <p>There is an initiative named meaningful change where a number of shops in Stratford have a click to donate terminal to help the homeless. This is recommended as an alternative to giving cash to people on the streets. The multi-agency Fred Winter Centre is</p>

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	<p>due to open shortly to assist with the issue.</p> <p>The Victorian Christmas Market had seen an increase in visitors compared to the 2019 event.</p> <p>A question was asked regarding the report that Stratford received the sixth highest amount of New Homes Bonus. This was confirmed and it was noted that Warwick's figure appeared low in comparison. However these funds are capital funds and are not advised to be used as revenue to pay for the day to day operations.</p>
11	<p><b>Warwickshire County Council update</b> - Cllr Izzi Seccombe spoke about County Council activities. Currently there are 250 Covid patients in Warwickshire hospitals which is slightly up. There are nine cases in ICU. However the infection numbers are falling so hopefully the peak has passed. Staff absence has caused problems both at the Council and in Schools. Some staff have been moved to cover essential roles. There are concerns regarding the number of drivers who might be available for the winter gritting schedule.</p> <p>The County Council are working on their budget for 2022/23 which is due to be presented to its Cabinet on 26/01/2022 and then to the Council for sign off on 08/02/2022. They are trying to keep any increase to a minimum but childrens services and adult social care is being pressurised due to falling budgets. Currently there are 800 children in care with 100 of them being asylum seekers. The Council is opening a small teenage childrens home in Stratford and is looking at two more sites. It is difficult to plan long term when this is the fourth year that the Council has only received a one year financial settlement from the Government.</p> <p>It had been reported that Fulready and Halford had not received a postal delivery since Christmas so Cllr Seccombe and Nadhim Zahawi MP have written to the Post Office Chief Executive in London to complain on behalf of the residents.</p> <p>At the last meeting of the Parish Council discussion had led to the idea of last meeting crosshatching as a proposed to help with road safety at the Fosse crossroads on the A422. Cllr Seccombe will check on any progress.</p> <p>Our footpath volunteers had reported a number of missing marker points and it was asked if they were something WCC could supply for us to install. Cllr Seccombe passed on the contact details for the clerk to follow up.</p>
12	<b>Any other Business</b>
12.1	<b>Temporary Closure of the A422 Banbury Road</b> to vehicular traffic between both the junction with B4455 Fosse Way and Halford Road and the junction with B4455 Fosse Way and Hays Meadow on 2nd & 3rd February 2022 for carriageway patching and associated works between 09.30 and 15.30hrs.
12.2	<b>20 is Plenty</b> Ian attended a presentation where there is a national push to lower the speed limit in built up areas from 30mph to 20mph. Although it was generally understood to be good for road safety a lot would depend on enforcement of the limit with many community speed watch groups reporting significant speeding through their areas. There is a website <a href="http://www.20splenty.org">www.20splenty.org</a>
12.3	<b>Building at the junction of the A422 and Kiblers Lane</b> - A question was asked about the history and ownership of the building. This was once the village blacksmiths workshop and is now in private ownership.
12.4	<b>Queens Jubilee Celebrations</b> - Were the Parish Council planning anything to celebrate the forthcoming Jubilee. This will be discussed at the Village Hall Management Committee.
12.5	<b>Village Hall Management Committee</b> - The link between the hall management and the Parish Council was explained. The hall was built on land gifted to the village by John

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	Findon who lived at Cadbold Farmhouse. It was put into a trust for the village and is run by a hall management committee. Ian is the Parish Council representative on that committee. Should the committee cease to exist then management would become the responsibility of the Parish Council. This is similar to if there was no Parish Council its duties and responsibilities would be undertaken by Stratford District Council.
12.6	<b>Sunken drain</b> - It was reported that the drain on the A422 spur to the Kineton Road had sunk and is becoming a safety hazard. Photos will be taken and the issue will be reported to WCC highways by the Clerk.
13	<b>Date and Time of Next Meetings</b> all in Pillerton Priors Village Hall <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Annual Parish Meeting followed by 203<sup>rd</sup> Parish Council Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 commencing 7.00pm.</li><li>2. 204<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting on a date to be confirmed in July 2022</li></ol>
14	<b>The Meeting was closed</b> at 8.45pm and Ian Greenall thanked all for their attendance.

Chair: Ian Greenall

Minutes: Sue Greenall

Date Signed: