

PILLERTON PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL

The 204th Meeting of the Pillerton Priors Parish Council was held on Wednesday 20th July 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
 Cllr Jo Wilkinson
 Cllr Michael Nevill
 Sue Greenall (Parish Clerk)

Residents 10 Residents were present

Number	Item
1	Chairman's welcome Ian Greenall welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2	Apologies were received from Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE (Warwickshire County Council) and Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell (Stratford-on-Avon District Council).
3	Approval of the minutes of the 203rd Parish Council Meeting Minutes of the 203 rd Parish Council Meeting held on 11 th May 2022 were approved and signed by Ian Greenall.
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes
4.1	Change to route of number 75 bus - Pillerton Priors now has a bus stop outside the garage. The bus travels between Stratford, Shipston and Banbury.
5	<p>Warwickshire County Council update. In the absence of Cllr Izzi Seccombe, Cllr O'Donnell supplied the written report below that the Clerk summarized.</p> <p>Stay safe during the hot weather</p> <p>We have a Heat-Health Alert until approx 2100 on Tuesday in parts of England, including Warwickshire. All of us, even the fittest amongst us, need to be extra vigilant re our health during this heatwave. Do check in with family/friends known to have Asthma and COPD. Find out more about staying safe during the extreme heat: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3064/keep-cool-during-the-warm-weather-</p> <p>Open water swimming warning</p> <p>As temperatures soar across England, many families will be taking the opportunity to spend time outdoors in Warwickshire. But with drowning causing hundreds of preventable deaths every summer, Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service would like to remind residents of the importance of staying safe around water. Read more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3061/warwickshire-fire-rescue-service-issue-open-water-swimming-warning-as-heatwave-hits</p> <p>Gritter alert!</p> <p>Please do not be alarmed if you see our gritters out and about this week. Usually associated with chillier times</p> <p>Heatwave Response – Warwickshire Gritters</p> <p>The culprit that has triggered Warwickshire's fleet of gritters being on standby is not the white stuff but the exact opposite. Read more: https://warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3073/a-surprise-return-to-warwickshire-s-roads-for-its-fleet-of-gritters-could-be-on-the-cards-this-week</p>

Once temperatures cool active travel is back at the forefront of our minds.

Safe and Active Travel in Warwickshire.

A new online platform from Warwickshire County Council's Road Safety and Active Travel Teams aims to help residents to choose more active travel around the county. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3068/helping-residents-to-switch-justonejourney-and-ditch-the-car-for-an-active-travel-alternative> I would be really interested in Pillerton Priors' response. I am aware that it is trickier for rural villages to be as active in their travel when compared with our more urban neighbours.

Keeping with the active travel theme: **Walking and Cycling plans consultation** Your views sought on the plans for walking and cycling across Warwickshire. Read more and get involved: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3065/get-involved-with-infrastructure-plans-for-walking-and-cycling-in-warwickshire>

Grass Cutting

Please be prepared for a little delay if caught up in traffic associated with the annual grass cutting taking place. As you will know this is to keep our highways safe and visibility optimal. Warwickshire County Council's grass cutters are out in force as they continue their annual roadside grass cutting operations to help ensure the continued safe running of Warwickshire's highways. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3062/warwickshire-s-grass-cutters-out-in-force>

Keeping with our grass theme but moving now into Parks....

Country Parks in running for UK's Favourite Park title (Twitter and Facebook)

People across the country have a chance to give national recognition to their favourite local park, as voting opened last week for this annual contest run by green space charity, Fields in Trust. Find out how you can vote for your local Warwickshire country park:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3074/four-of-warwickshire-s-country-parks-in-the-running-to-scoop-uk-s-favourite-park-title>

As Summer holidays are almost upon us and the drive to strengthen literacy skills amongst 4-11 year olds and bring the joy of reading to life, children can join the

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

This summer, children aged 4-11 can visit Warwickshire libraries to meet the Gadgeteers characters and to get involved in a science and innovation themed Summer Reading Challenge. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3071/libraries-across-warwickshire-are-inviting-children-to-participate-in-the-gadgeteers-summer-reading-challenge-from-saturday-16-july-2022>

Drug services in Warwickshire

It is a service you hope those close to you will never need. However having a robust service supports those most in need. Tonic research agency on behalf of Warwickshire County Council is asking residents of Warwickshire to share their thoughts on drug support in the county to help shape the future of the service. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3059/have-your-say-on-drug-services-in-warwickshire->

Pensioners struggling with household costs

The Cost of Living Crisis impacts across the age range. Older people in receipt of Pension Credit will receive a contribution toward food and fuel this summer from Warwickshire County Council. Find out more:

	<p>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3066/help-for-warwickshire-pensioners-struggling-with-household-costs</p> <p>Covid.</p> <p>Finally, it is 900 days since we heard of the word Covid! I was delighted to represent WCC at a ceremony at Coventry Cathedral on Thursday to see UHCW trust receive the freedom of the City. They shared incredibly moving and inspirational stories of what their front-line service was actually like. Their bravery of dealing with the unknown on a daily basis under such pressure was truly humbling. If you are 50 or over you are eligible for you next covid booster from September. Currently Hospital Beds Occupied by Covid 19 patient: UHCW 172 SWFT 42 CWPT 16.</p>
6	<p>Stratford-on-Avon District Council update. Cllr Penny-Anne O’Donnell supplied a written report that the Clerk summarized.</p> <p>Stratford Herald Eco Supplement</p> <p>New 123+ Waste Collection Service</p> <p>On 1 August 2022, we will be making changes to your waste and recycling collections and introducing a new 123+ collection service. The new service will be delivered to both Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick district residents through our joint waste contract with Biffa.</p> <p>As part of the new waste collection service we are introducing a separate weekly food collection.</p> <p>Why are we doing this?</p> <p>Food waste makes up approximately a third (33%) of householders’ refuse bins. Collecting food waste from households weekly using a separate container is a common collection method used by many local authorities in the UK. This method has been proven to increase the amount of food waste recycled and reduces the waste in refuse bins more than other collection methods. Food waste recycling stops this material going for incineration. Instead, it is taken to a specialist facility where it is recycled.</p> <p>The new food waste recycling service will make it easy for people to recycle their food waste every week. This will help remove any smelly waste from refuse bins and give you more space for other rubbish. It also helps people realise how much food they waste each week and act as a prompt to reduce avoidable food waste, such as making the most of leftovers, planning meals and creating shopping lists and storing food correctly.</p> <p>You will be provided with a small kitchen caddy and larger external food waste bin.</p> <p>You can empty the kitchen caddy into the external food bin as regularly as you wish to prevent smells in your kitchen. The external food bin is designed to be stored outside and has a lockable lid to contain any smells and prevent vermin getting in. Your food waste will be collected every week which will also help to prevent smells.</p> <p>UK households waste 6.5 million tonnes of food every year, 4.5 million of which is edible. The average family of four can save just over £60 per month by reducing their food waste. For hint on tips on how to make the most of leftovers, plan your shopping and meals and make your food last longer visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com</p>

What can go in the food caddies?

- Fish, meat and bones
- Leftovers and plate scrapings
- Bread, rice and pasta
- Fruit and vegetables (including peelings)
- Teabags and coffee grounds

The following items **should not** be put in to your food caddies:

- Packaging of any kind
- Liquids such as milk or oil
- Garden waste
- Pet waste

**Benefits of the new collection services
Climate Change Impact**

- Collecting waste every 3 weeks will save 102,796 miles per year - that's equivalent to 4 and a half times around the earth! That's also a saving of c2,650 tonnes of CO2e per year (equal to 66 Asian elephants)
- An estimated £108k fuel saving per year
- Expected rise in recycling
- Expected reduction in waste

Residents are also encouraged to download the new app

Find out which day you need to put your bin out, where and how to recycle different materials and report a missed collection to us all in one place!

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/123-waste-collections.cfm?frmAlias=/123/>

7	<p>Treasurer's Report – Jo Wilkinson shared the financial reports to 20th July 2022. The accounts showed a current balance of £22,133.21. 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 £1,999.00 as the first 50% of its precept and also £3,487.84 relating to Section 106 payments.</p>
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8	<p>Change of PC Bank Account HSBC have started charging £9/month (£107) + £1 a cheque... (last year we wrote £21 cheques)</p> <p>I have spoken to Unity Bank and they charge £6 / per month (paid quarterly). The name of the account that Unity could offer us is a Unity T1 Current Account as our turnover is under £100K</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This account enables online internet banking access for all councillors/clerk that is available 24/7 • UK based call centre – Unity claim that 90% of calls are resolved by the first person you speak to. It took me 15 mins to get through at lunchtime. It is a lot longer with my personal bank... • Unity don't have a debit card facility • There is a system online that allows us to set up a protocol for authorising payments i.e. one person can Submit payment and then two
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	<p>other councillors have to authorise. This is important as it is key element in our financial controls/governance. This system will allow this to be more transparent in the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheque books are available and there are no fees for cheques. • There is a facilities set up at RBS / NAT West if we need to w/d money i.e. for petty cash • Can pay in cheques into Post Office. • No credit or interest is available. • To switch we need to apply online. Processing the form can take up 15 days and then switching from HSBC to Unity a further 7 days - If we want to switch I would suggest that we try and do it over the Summer holidays ready for September <p>For more information please look at Unity website - https://staging.unity.co.uk/business-current-accounts/</p>
9	Planning Application updates on live applications at the last meeting
9.1	22/00030/FUL Changes of use of agricultural building and associated parking area to commercial B1/B8 use at Dickensbury Farm for Mr Goodman. Comments by 23/05/22
9.2	22/00748/VARY Variation of conditions two (approved plans), three (materials), 10 (access), 12 (parking) and 16 (landscaping) of permission 19/00139/FUL (granted 27.06.2019) to regularise changes made during construction. Original description of development: erection of a three-bed dwelling house at Banbury Road for Mr Miller. Comments by 05/05/22.
9.3	22/00834/LBC Installation of two rooflights at Sandpitt House for Mr & Mrs Moore. Listed Building Consent Approved 30/06/22
9.4	22/00476/FUL Demolition of farm and light industrial buildings and erection of three new dwellinghouses with associated parking, amenity space, and landscaping in replacement of three dwellinghouses permitted under 21/00982/COUQ and 21/03389/NDAZ at The Barn, Fulready Lane for Hicks Leys Ltd. Comments by 24/05/22
10	Planning Applications received since the last meeting
10.1	22/01116/FUL - New Agricultural building for housing cattle, feed and machinery at Land Rear of Findons Field, for Mr Ray. Permission with conditions 27/06/22
10.2	22/01410/FUL Change of use of a small area of existing orchard land to residential curtilage and the erection of a detached garage and store at the property known as The Rowans for College Homes Ltd. Comments by 08/07/22
11	<p>Site Allocations Plan Consultation</p> <p>Dave McWhirter gave a resume of the Plan stating that SDC's figures showed a requirement for 14,500 additional houses in the district by 2031. Although they say they are on course it is the plan B if they either don't make the figure. The figure might also need amending if companies such as Jaguar Land Rover expand or there is increased demand for overspill from Warwick and Coventry. Hence the requirement for reserve sites.</p> <p>Attendees received a copy of the draft Parish Council objection to aid discussion. The current consultation ends on 29.07.22 with the results forming part of the plan consultation review late in 2023. The document would then go to the Secretary of State in 2024 followed by a Planning Inspector in 2025. However this schedule does not stop developers submitting planning applications at any time.</p> <p>The last Site Plan consultation in 2020 received 39 comments for site PILL.A in Pillerton Priors. 38 of those objected to the site and 1 was in support. All of the objections were overruled by SDC so you question do you trust SDC or the politicians that this is a fair process.</p>

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	<p>Bearing in mind the previous objections were not supported we need to supply new and up-to-date reasons to object to the site. The District Council promote its climate change agenda and its wish to minimise cars and travel. With the lack of public transport, cars are the main way to get to work, school and any leisure activities which is the direct opposite to SDC's wishes. Highways have commented on the access to the site but are not objecting to the site at present.</p> <p>The primary catchment schools at Ettington and Newbold & Tredington are both fairly full as are the local doctors so this need might involve additional travel.</p> <p>Tim Newcombe added that Severn Trent Water had conducted a capacity survey of the Butlers Marston pumping station two years ago which then had capacity for an additional 13 houses. However this number is for Priors, Hersey and Butlers Marston. Since the survey new properties have been built that reduces the capacity available. Hersey is the lowest point of the three villages so run off from the fields and roads tends to cause flash flooding in Hersey. Some houses have had 3 feet of flood water and residents in Watery Lane and the Oxhill Bridle Way have become unreachable.</p> <p>The Village Hall in Priors suffers from flooding issues when the infrastructure cannot cope and this leads to the manhole covers lifting.</p> <p>The SDC Core Strategy 4 states that sites which increase the risk of flooding should not be allowed and the Sustainability Assessment includes the impact on neighbouring villages. Site PILL.A appears to fall into this category. Climate change is likely to make flooding more likely and some planning applications including the one off Priory Lane which is next to the site, had to submit a scheme of foul and surface water disposal. The definition of the watercourse includes surface water and below so drainage and flooding is a major concern.</p> <p>Other points mentioned included road safety with residents walking along the road in the dark and also the impact that developing this site would have on the separation of Priors and Hersey. In the opinion of the meeting infill is where one or two properties are built in a garden area and not 13 houses.</p> <p>The Parish Council will be submitting its objection by email prior to the deadline of 29/07/22.</p>
12	<p>Youth Council</p> <p>Jo Wilkinson presented an idea to be more inclusive of the secondary school children in the village. Their input into the proposed equipment in the village hall grounds would be valued. A special meeting will be held between 5pm and 6pm on Thursday 22/09/22 which they are welcome to drop into. More publicity will be distributed nearer the date.</p>
13	<p>Open Forum</p>
13.1	<p>Dog mess on public footpath SS8C.</p> <p>Some owners are not picking up after their dog while others do pick up, but then leave the bag. If your dog fouls in a public place, you must clean up the mess under the Public Spaces Protection (Dog Fouling) Order 2020. If you do not clean up after your dog, the District Council could give you a £100 on-the-spot Fixed Penalty Notice. If you do not pay, then you could be prosecuted and may face a court appearance with a maximum penalty of £1,000. It was noted that some dog walkers pick up then leave the bag to collect on their return. However other walkers seeing the bag sense that it has been left and leave theirs as well. The issue is noticeable not only on the footpaths across fields but also down the Walton Lane. The Clerk will speak to the SDC dog warden regarding special spray paint messaging.</p>

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13.2	<p>Reports of foul smells along Kineton Road</p> <p>There has been a report of a foul smell along the Kineton Road near Walton Lane and villagers are encouraged to report this to Environmental Health at Stratford District Council if they smell it or they know where it is coming from.</p>
13.3	<p>Village Hall</p> <p>The Village Hall Management Committee at its AGM had proposed to place the grounds into Fields in Trust to protect it from future development. It was noted that should the Management Committee cease then responsibility is passed to the Parish Council. Should that not be operational then SDC would take control. The meeting agreed in principle to the Fields in Trust proposal but would welcome more information about the scheme before it was progressed.</p> <p>The poor acoustics in the main hall were mentioned and it was confirmed that acoustic panels have been purchased via grant funding and these are due to be fitted at the end of July, beginning of August.</p>
13.4	<p>Speeding and Vehicle Noise</p> <p>Concern was expressed regarding the excessive speed that some vehicles drive through the village on both the main road and the Kineton road. Some of these vehicles also have sports exhausts that appear to be far louder than road traffic law permits. It was agreed that we need to try to educate drivers to keep to the speed limit so any additional signage that makes them aware would be useful. The Community Speed Watch Group had not restarted since lockdown but are prepared to run again although the number of trained volunteers has decreased. The Speed Enforcement van has not been seen in the village recently which has not helped the issue. The Village gates have been installed but there is no data available regarding any difference they may have made.</p> <p>The Clerk will contact Highways to see if a traffic survey would be possible and also look at mobile units that we might be able to purchase from the Section 106 money to enable us to warn drivers of their speed and potentially collect data. We will also ask if there are any measures that can be taken regarding the noise levels. It was also noted that the flashing 30 sign at the garage end of the village has stopped working. This will be reported.</p>
14	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting 205th Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12/10/22 in Pillerton Priors Village Hall</p>
15	<p>The Meeting was closed at 9.12pm and Ian Greenall thanked all for their attendance.</p>

Chair: Ian Greenall

Minutes: Sue Greenall

Date Signed: 12 October 2022