

The Pillerton Priors Annual Parish meeting 2015 was held on Thursday 16th April 2015 at 7.30pm in Pillerton Priors Village Hall.

All Parishioners were welcome to attend

Present: Cllr Ian Greenall (Chairman)
 Cllr Jon Roberts (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Marcelle Cater
 Cllr Neil Goodwin
 Sue Greenall (Parish Clerk)

Others Cllr Izzi Seccombe (WCC)
 Cllr Gill Roache (SDC)
 Carole Zambonini (Dementia Friends and Alcester Café)

Residents: C Wilkinson, J Roberts, Mr & Mrs Ison, R Peck, Mr & Mrs Gibbs, P Byrom, R Thompson, R Smyth, R Brown, H Smith, H Jones, D Sant, B Acheson, D Logan, D McWhirter, P Beesley, Mr & Mrs Percival, D Statham, J Ingall, Mr & Mrs Rudkin, R Hampson

Item	Item	Action
1	Chairmans Welcome Ian Greenall welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	Apologies received from J Shenton, M Treadwell and M Fox	
3	Guest Speaker Carole Zambonini gave an informative talk regarding Dementia Friends and Alcester Café. In summary she talked about what is dementia, coping strategies including the use of technology, support services and signposting, the environment and how it can affect people with dementia and communication. She also demonstrated a few of the items that were available to assist sufferers and their families.	
4	Approval of Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 17th April 2014 The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by Ian Greenall.	
5	Matters Arising	
5.1	Speeding in Kiblers Lane WCC Highways informed the PC that unless it was a response to fatalities then they would only look at changing or renewing road markings if paid for by the PC.	
5.2	Vehicle Activated Speeding Sign in Although the sign had previously been repaired it was reported as intermittent at the PC meeting on 08.01.15 so highways were informed. After a little bit of email tennis it was confirmed that a replacement or upgraded solar panel was required and this would be ordered out of the 2015-16 budget. So hopefully this will be completed soon.	
5.3	Fly Tipping in Walton Lane This has been cleared and various other tips have since been reported on the SDC report-it system which have also been cleared.	
5.4	Dog Fouling A notice was placed in the village news which hopefully has urged dog owners to clear up after their pets. The problem has since been reported to the SDC Dog Warden who will make patrols of the village when she is in the area.	

6	<p>Parish Council Chairman's Report</p> <p>The PC have had another busy 12 months since the last Parish Meeting with Planning being a major issue as usual. As well as more routine applications which were mentioned later on the agenda the major decisions have been that Mr Goodman won his appeal to keep the roller shutter doors, cladding and toilet at Dickensbury Farm but the Planning Inspector wrote as part of his report that if the site is used as an ACTS then the Warwickshire County Council Court Order is still valid and he would be in breach.</p> <p>The application for 16 properties on the land on the main road had been withdrawn by the applicants after discussions with the District Council Planning Officer.</p> <p>Neil Goodwin, assisted by a small band of volunteers, had made remarkable progress with the Neighbourhood Plan. This is an agenda item later. The Parish Council and the Steering Group thanked all who had attended the drop in event and returned their questionnaires because without their input the plan would not have progressed so far. A special thanks to Neil for the hours and hours he has put into the project.</p> <p>The new Parish Council website was introduced at www.pillertonpriors.com The new site will be more cost effective than the package that SDC could offer. After monitoring the usage of the old site the requirements of the residents appeared to be mainly planning and what's on both of which are exactly the same on the new site.</p> <p>Finally all residents, District and County Councillors and members of the Parish Council were thanked for their continued support throughout the year.</p>	
7	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>IG reported that apart from the 2 applications mentioned earlier there had been others since the last Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>The appeal for two properties on the land off Sand Pits Farm Road was dismissed but there is a valid permission for one property on the site. However another application 15/00574/FUL for Construction of one detached house, a detached triple garage with playroom above and a new access from Sand Pits Farm Road (amended scheme to planning permission 14/01653/FUL) PC objected with the same reasons as the original application</p> <p>The application for Leylett was withdrawn as was the AGNOT application at Kanes Farm and the LPE at Pillerton Meadows</p> <p>The Gables' extension was refused.</p> <p>Another AGNOT application this time at Newborough Farm was refused.</p> <p>15/00461/LBC & 15/00460/FUL Construction of a sunroom at the Old Granary, 3 Pillerton Meadows, Sand Pits Farm Road for Mr M Backwith PC objected but then amended plans were submitted on the advice of SDC so the PC reviewed its comments and decided to support the application on which was given permission with conditions on 13.14.15</p> <p>Other applications awaiting decisions were</p>	

	<p>15/00444/FUL Insertion of 2 roof lights to garage and roof conversion At Pillerton Meadows , Sand Pits Farm Road for Mr M BACKWITH</p> <p>15/00833/FUL Demolition of existing BT booster station building and change of use of land for the siting of a mobile home for holiday home/holiday let use and associated works at BT Exchange, Pillerton Priors for Mr N Allen. Comments due by 30 April 2015.</p> <p>All applications are available to view and comment on the Parish Council's new website www.pillertonpriors.com or on the Stratford District Council site.</p>	
7.1	<p>Cllr Izzi Seccombe questioned if the PC were aware of application 15/00681/FUL for the development of Poultry Unit and associated area of hardstanding, feeding tower and upgrading of existing access at Tree House Farm Fulready Ettington Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 7PE . The PC were not aware and had not been notified as a neighbouring parish nor had Cllr Roache. IS advised that the closing date for comments was 17th April. GR said she would contact SDC and request an extension of time. IG said that the PC would register an immediate objection online until it was able to view the application fully.</p>	
8	<p>Parish Council Treasurer's Report Jon Roberts explained the current statuses of the Parish Council finances including the Neighbourhood Plan grants. The handouts are attached to these minutes.</p>	
9	<p>Village Organisations</p>	
9.1	<p>Village Hall – Dick Thompson stated that it had been a reasonable year and that the income had exceeded their expenditure. They had just secured a 13 week let for art classes to add to the existing lettings. DT thanked Hazel Smith for organizing the whist evenings for a number of years however these would not be continuing due to lack of support. The 49 Club is still fully supported. With regard to the flooring issues after a long dispute with the insurance company and loss adjusters an agreement has been reached to fund the repairs. The Village Hall Committee are now in dispute with EDF Energy regarding meter readings which they are currently trying to resolve. The Village Hall AGM will take place on Monday 18th May 2015 at 7.30pm. A fun Day and Barbeque will be held on Saturday 4th July 2015 and a Scarecrow weekend is being planned for the 5th/6th September 2015. DT thanked all of the committee for their support and help throughout the year and advised that any new members would be welcome.</p>	
9.2	<p>Drop In Club – Hazel Smith paid tribute to Ros Jones from Pillerton Hersey who had recently passed away. Ros was a founder member of the Drop In Club which had formed in 1998 and expressed her sympathy as Ros will be sadly missed. Hazel then gave an entertaining summary of the various activities and visits which had included a visit to Redwings Horse Sanctuary, The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, Tai Chi, The Drop In Show, Tea at Lobbington Hall Farm, the Winter Lunch and Christmas Lunch, Pancakes in February, A Meal at the Bridge at Halford in March and their next activity in April would be Crafts with Pat Crookes.</p>	
9.3	<p>Friends of St Mary's – There was no report</p>	

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**Ettington Community First Responder Scheme
Parish Council Briefing Note, March 2015**

A written report was read out by Sue Greenall which stated

After several years where the number of Community First Responders (CFRs) has reduced as CFRs have moved away or been forced to give up responding due to personal circumstances, the past year has been a bumper year for new recruits. Over the last 12 months we have recruited four new responders: Alice from Blackwell, and Andy, Rennie and Alison from Ettington. All are now fully kitted out and on the road after several weekends of training. This brings the number of CFRs affiliated to the Ettington Scheme to a healthy seven. (The other CFRs being based in Ettington, Pillerton Priors and Pillerton Hersey). We are still keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in training as a Community First Responder; they can find more information on our website www.ettingtoncfr.org.uk .

And speaking of our website, we have been very grateful to local companies Ettington Chase , Wovenhill, and Zarr (web designers) for helping us to develop a new website this year. After struggling for some time to keep our old cumbersome site up to date, but not wanting to allocate valuable funds away from our core responding duties, we came up with the idea of seeking sponsorship. We were delighted to receive an offer from Zarr to develop the site at a much reduced price which has been largely covered by significant donations from Ettington Chase and Wovenhill. Please take the time to find out some more about what we do by visiting our new website.

In November we were delighted to hear that Russ Inman, one of our Ettington-based CFRs, had been chosen to receive an "Excellence in The Community" Award from West Midlands Ambulance Service for Distinguished Service. This award recognises the time that Russ has given to his community on a voluntary basis. As well as helping to save lives by going on call regularly, Russ also serves as a trustee for the Ettington First Responder Scheme charity and has helped to develop a satnav system which uses the grid reference system mirroring that employed by the ambulance service. This means our CFRs reach the scene of an emergency even faster.

Another highlight of the year was our Quiz Night and Promise Auction which raised nearly £4,000. We are extremely grateful to anyone who supported this event, by attending, donating prizes or even just buying raffle tickets. More recently we have received the support of the Wellesbourne Lions who organised a very successful Valentine's dance with local band Cactus Jam. We have also had a bumper year of donations and we would like to say a big thank you for all of these whether large or small.

One of the challenges that we have faced this year is that our scheme car is starting to show its age. It's a 11-year old ex-WMAS vehicle and is requiring increasing work and expenditure to keep it on the road. We are keen to replace it as it continues to be well utilised by several of our CFRs and, as well as enhancing our service provision, it provides a visible sign of our presence in the community. Obviously the fundraising for this, as well as sourcing a suitable replacement will be a major project for us over the next 12 months. If you think you may be able to help us with this in anyway please email us at info@ettingtoncfr.org.uk .

<p>10</p>	<p>Pillerton Priors Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Ian Greenall reported that The Parish Council had met on Sunday 29th March to discuss the current status of, and the way forward with, the Neighbourhood Plan. The meeting was called against a back drop of increasing volume and complexity of forthcoming work including: drafting and finalising policies, the complexity of site allocations/inspections within the village settlement boundary and sustainability issues, the possibility of having to produce a Strategic Environmental Assessment, drafting our the plan to the required standard and submitting for approval by the community, final screening by SDC and ultimately formal inspection prior to referendum. The Parish Council determined that it does not have the necessary and relevant skills/expertise to complete the project so would have to rely on external consultancy to complete the project.</p> <p>A unanimous decision was therefore made to suspend further work based on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) SDC have not had their Core Strategy approved and we still have a no official confirmation of any additional housing burden that may be put on Local Service Villages over the plan period to 2031 making it difficult to identify what land might be required. 2) The challenge of identifying a number of sustainable sites to accommodate an estimated 40 new dwellings within the main village settlement boundary together with producing objective evidence for each site that is endorsed by community consultation is a complex task. Although potential sites had been proposed these were towards the edges of the Parish boundary and therefore would probably be regarded as not sustainable. If the dwellings were to be in or very near the village centre then this was not what the residents had wanted at the drop-in event. Therefore a lot of work could be undertaken to produce a plan that could fail at the referendum stage. There was a long and exhaustive discussion about whether a village the size of Priors really needed a NP or whether a village plan would suffice although it carries less weight in the planning process. 3) The PC has been fortunate in being awarded maximum grants, thanks to Neil, for the work undertaken so far and it is unclear if any further government funding is likely to be available for the consultancy work that would be needed to complete the plan. Unfortunately the precept had to be set in January before some of these details were known. So although the precept included a significant increase to fund the Neighbourhood Plan it was felt that even with this there would be insufficient monies in the PC's funds to fund the project to completion. The money would be held in the Parish funds until required. 4) The composition of the Parish Council will change significantly as three members did not be seek re-election including Neil who was Chair of the Steering Group. The current PC felt that it shouldn't be taking decisions on behalf of the new parish council who may wish to review the project from a fresh perspective. <p>Questions were invited</p> <p>Hazel Smith asked what would be best for Pillerton Priors either a Neighbourhood Plan or Parish Plan. IG replied that a Neighbourhood Plan has more legal weight when planning decisions are decided but a Parish Plan</p>	
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	<p>Reg Peck asked if the amount of work should have been realized at the start of the process. NG replied that although the Steering Group had been advised about the amount of work involved it had been sold as being much easier than in reality. When we started Pillerton Priors was not classed as a Local Service Village but this classification had been changed because we have a bus service and garage shop. So as a Local Service Village we had been told that 25 properties would be required but we are now told to allow for up to 40 because some could be refused. Dave McWhirter spoke that the process had become very bureaucratic with a lot of compliance issues.</p> <p>Gill Roache spoke regarding the current position of the SDC Core Strategy. She advised that work was being undertaken with a view that the Strategy will go back before the Inspector by November 2015. However the Inspectors initial findings had said that any increase in housing numbers would need to be met by the market towns and not Local Service Villages such as ours.</p>	
11	<p>Pillerton Priors Parish Council IG reported that nominations for Parish Councillors had closed on 09.04.15. There were 4 nominations so those 4 take on the roles of Parish Councillors. Besides himself they are Dave McWhirter, Christopher Wilkinson and Dominic Sant. So on the 7th May 2015 residents would be able to vote for our District Councillor for the Ettington Ward and our Member of Parliament. IG proposed a vote of thanks to the Parish Councillors who chose not to stand for re-election. Marcelle Cater who joined the Council in September 2004, Jon Roberts who joined in May 2006, and Neil Goodwin in January 2014 and thanked them for their dedicated service to the village. IG also added our thanks to Gill Roache as our District Councillor for all the help and support she has given but has chosen not to stand for re-election. A round of applause was given for all their work.</p>	
12	<p>Open Forum</p>	
12.1	<p>Community Speedwatch. IG reported that although various communications between the Shipston Community Support Officer and the PC had taken place the last we had heard was that the equipment had gone elsewhere. Other residents stated that they would be interested in undertaking the necessary training so the Parish Clerk took their details and would liaise with the SCSO.</p>	SG
13	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting The Annual Parish Council Meeting on 14.05.15 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall</p>	
14	<p>Meeting Closed at 8.45pm</p>	

Chair: Ian Greenall

Minutes: Sue Greenall

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