

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING for PILLERTON PRIORS

The above meeting was held on Thursday 17 April 2014 at 7.30 pm
in the Village Hall

All residents were invited to attend

Present: I.Greenall (Vice-Chair) N.Goodwin (Councillor) J.Roberts (Councillor)
D.Foxall (Councillor) M.Archenhold (Clerk) S.Greenall M.Fox R.Thompson
M.Stanton S.Stanton P.Waters P.Beesley J.Kerr H.Jones J.Ingall S.Ingall M.Mayo
T.Mayo D.Shenton J.Shenton B.Atcheson T.Atcheson S.Ison G.Ison B.Cooper
D.Carter P.Ogden –Jones J.Rossiter
J.Rossiter M.Carter M.Stanton S.Stanton J.Stanton R.Smythe M.Smythe B.Agnew-
Morley H.Marshall E.Wainwright H.Smith O.Brades J.M.Cano Helen Marshall

Councillors:

Visitors:

Guest Speakers: Neil Goodwin

1. Welcome and introduction by I.Greenall the Vice –Chairman of the Parish

Ian Greenall welcomed everyone to the meeting. He expressed his thanks to Sarah Radford, now relocated, for her tireless and determined efforts in the role of Councillor. Also, he registered thanks to Barbara Plummer who sadly passed away last year. Her role as Parish Clerk was invaluable and is greatly missed. He introduced Neil Goodwin as a newly elected member of the Council and Marie Archenhold as the Parish Clerk.

2. Apologies Marcelle Cater, G.Roache (SDC) I.Secombe (WCC) Jane Waters Eric Kingdom Derrick Allen

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting for Pillerton Priors held on 18 April 2013

The Minutes of the above meeting were agreed by those present and adopted as a true record. The Vice-Chairman signed the Minute Book.

3. Matters arising

- Speed Gun Training has enough volunteers but no date has yet been given and the reason is solely down to the recent alliance with West Mercia and a streamlining process that is being put in place.
- The Village Hall postcode is the same as Hazel Smith's house CV35 0PH. It can't have its own secure postcode because it doesn't have a letter box.
- Pot holes which were present in Walton Lane have now been repaired.
- No reports of flooding have been reported for Walton Lane this year.

4. Pillerton Priors Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report

Ian Greenall on behalf of Marcelle Cater, the Chairman, informed those present that it had been another busy year since the last Parish Meeting. During the year Sarah Radford, who made a significant contribution to the village as a whole and to resolving the issues of Dickensbury Farm in particular, stood down from the council due to relocation. Following Sarah's departure Neil Goodwin was elected to the Council. Neil has formed a "Neighbourhood Plan Project Team" which is looking at the potential for developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the village.

Dickensbury Farm has featured prominently during the year. However, there is a growing optimism that closure is near and this lengthy and unhappy period for the village will soon cease. Ian Greenall anticipated that the majority of people would be aware that Mr.Goodman signed a Consent Order, which is an "Order of the Court" and a legally binding document. It was

acknowledged that if Mr. Goodman breaches the Order he will be found in contempt of Court and liable to a custodial sentence.

The Council hopes to report at the Annual Parish Council Meeting next month that all operations relating to animal carcass transfer at Dickensbury Farm have ceased and the residents of both Pillerton Priors and Pillerton Hersey will again be able to enjoy their gardens in the summer months.

5.1 Core Strategy

Ian Greenall stated that during the last year Stratford District Council has made changes to village status and boundary:

As part of SDC's Core Strategy proposals they have considered a dispersal strategy to provide areas for future residential development. Under this strategy, Pillerton Priors has been identified as a "Local Service Village". Ian Greenall explained that the Council had repeatedly and strongly challenged this classification, as in the Council's view, the village does not have suitable infrastructure to accommodate development. Unfortunately these challenges have failed and Residents were informed that Pillerton Priors is included as one of the Local Service Villages

5.2 Electoral Review

Ian explained that SDC has recently undertaken a review of the number of District Councillors and the Wards of the District Council. The outcome of the review is that the electoral boundaries for Vale of the Red Horse and Ettington should change so that Pillerton Priors becomes part of Ettington Ward. The PC strongly objected to this on the basis that Pillerton Priors identifies best with the Vale of the Red Horse, having similar characteristics to the other villages in the ward. However, the Boundary Commission has accepted SDC's proposal and therefore at the election, in May 2015, Pillerton Priors will be voting as part of Ettington Ward.

5.3 Planning Application Proposals

Sandpits Lane – Refused

Sandpits Lane extension - Ongoing

Findon Family Land – 16 houses proposal soon to be made a live application

Dickensbury Farm – Operations to cease 16th May, 2014; buildings down 16th September, 2014

Ian Greenall, thanked all residents and members of the Parish Council for their continued support throughout the year.

6. Pillerton Priors Parish Council Treasurer's Annual Report

Jon Roberts circulated the accounts for the Parish Council and explained the items. The precept has been determined for 2014/2015. Questions were asked about the increase for the computer and website expenses and Jon informed the Residents that the web hosting fee was now due to be paid, after a period of pre-payment. It was acknowledged that there was no audit fee recorded because a budget of up to £10,000 is now exempt from an annual audit fee.

7. Annual Reports by Village Organisations

7.1 Village Hall

The annual report was given by Dick Thompson of the Village Hall Management Committee.

Dick thanked the Councillors for all their efforts on behalf of the village. It was reported that flooding is an ongoing issue, proving problematic at the beginning of 2014.

The Hall has several regular bookings and finances are secure.

Future planned events include a combined BBQ and Fun Day on Saturday 12th July.

The '49 Club' has adequate subscriptions but new members are always welcome to add their names to the waiting list which has been set up in order to replace those residents leaving the village. If you are interested please submit your details to Sue Ingall who will make contact when a number becomes available. Thank you to all those people who have supported the Club this year.

The Badminton Club had a brief resurgence and will start a new season in September.

7.2 First Responder Scheme

A report was received from Derrick Allen and was read out by Councillor David Foxall. Last year was noted as being the busiest year since the launch of the First Responder Scheme. The patient age range was from 1 week to 100 years.

7.2.1 Last year West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) deployed their single paramedic cars to various 'ready to go' locations such as Wellesbourne and Shipston. Except when services are high, this results in CFRs as not now being the closest resource and call-outs have seen a drop in numbers. Obviously, with extra vehicles this will lead to an improved service.

7.2.2 A reduction has been seen in Ettington CFR's, from 8 to now 3. Consequently, new volunteers are sought who have the aspiration and spare time to undertake the training and be available for the log-on aspect of the scheme.

7.2.3. WMAS has reviewed their thinking on Public Access Defibrillator Boxes, being placed in Central locations in villages. Subsequently, where locally there is a wish to purchase and have a box fitted in a village and villagers wish to have local training in their use, to be used within 8 minutes of a local cardiac arrest, this is supported. There are various issues which need to be discussed with Parish Councils if it is felt that a suitable, central site location is available and enough people are prepared to undergo training in order to manage incidents as they arise. In his report Derrick informed the Council that Ettington First Responder Team would offer help to Pillerton Priors if they were to consider that this scheme would be a helpful and viable option for the village.

7.3 Drop In Club Hazel Smith delivered an Annual Report on behalf of the Drop in Club which has now been in existence for sixteen years. The club meets on the last Monday of each month and currently there is an average of twenty attendees at each meeting. The events of the club are now included on the Parish website so that members and non-members alike are able to check on the date and activities organised for each Meeting. Speakers are sometimes booked and demonstrations often take place, also outings are arranged periodically throughout the year. This year a lunch was held at the Swan in Kineton and a visit has been organised to the Horse Sanctuary at Oxhill. Finances are healthy but new members are always welcome.

7.4. FOSM A report was not received from the Chair of FOSM.

8. Neighbourhood Plan Presentation by Councillor Neil Goodwin

Neil Goodwin gave a presentation on the proposal for a Neighbourhood Plan for Pillerton Priors. At the outset Neil affirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan would need endorsement

from the Residents of Pillerton Priors and he began the presentation by highlighting the key stages in producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the village.

Neil explained how Neighbourhood Planning is being introduced by the Government through the Localism Bill (May 2012) with the aim of giving back power to local residents, councils and civic leaders.

It was emphasised that with a Neighbourhood Plan in place, communities would be in a position to create general planning policies for the development and use of land within the plan area.

The Project Team members were introduced and Residents were informed that they could access the proposed development of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan on the Parish website.

It was acknowledged that the Project Team must reflect the adult population of the village and therefore should be of mixed age groups. Preferably, the team should consist of at least eight people, as the whole process requires a great deal of time and effort. Objectives, key issues and desired outcomes would need to be established and this can only be achieved by Community engagement which Neil avowed would be a thorough and continuous aspect of the project at every stage of the process.

A Pillerton Priors Neighbourhood Plan, it was emphasised, would be a legal document which SDC would be obliged by law to consider.

Neil's presentation marked the first step in the process of engaging the community and the proposal received overwhelming endorsement from those at the meeting.

The next steps will be discussed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 15th May, 2014.

9. Open Forum

James Kerr talked about the planned restoration of the War Memorial and its cost of £2000. A fund raising evening has been organised for Sunday 18th May, on the theme of Pillerton at War and the proceeds will go towards the Restoration Fund.

Several residents of Kiblers Lane mentioned that speeding vehicles through the Lane was a problem and asked if there was something that could be done to rectify this. They asked whether white lines could be painted at the Kineton entrance to the Lane to make it look narrower and so deter heavier/wider vehicles. They also queried the viability of it becoming a one way street. Enquiries to be made to Highways Dept, WCC.

It was noted that the Speed sign does not reliably work on the Banbury Road, the clerk will notify WCC.

Hazel Smith reported Fly Tipping in Walton Lane; this has been reported to SDC by the clerk and several residents.

Dog fouling at the back of the Priory was reported by Peter Ogden-Jones. New signs will be ordered for the footpath. An article will be placed in the Parish Newsletter advising dog owners of their responsibility.

10. Next Meeting for Parish Council

Pillerton Priors Annual Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 15th May 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Ian Greenall thanked everyone for attending the Meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.14 pm
Chair I. Greenall

Minutes M. Archenhold