

# PILLERTON PRIORS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The above meeting was held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7-30pm  
in St Mary's Church Pillerton Hersey (by kind permission of the PCC)

**All residents were invited to attend.**

<b>Parishioners Present:</b>	M Stanton (Chair)	M Cater	S Stanton	S & J Ingall
	B Plummer (Clerk)	S Radford	D Rowan	J & C Odell
	H & K Smith	J Hitchman	C Johnson	D Bird
	J & J Roberts	I Greenall	S Treadwell	R Thompson
	P & M Erlanger	J & D Shenton	R Brown	M Shears
	R & M Smyth	P Beesley	J Morgan	H Dumas
	E & M Wainwright	T & M Sturk	D Ives	S Ison
	E & A Coombes	M & T Mayo	L Cope	M Fox
	S & J Percival	M & J Carter	J Waters	J Rossiter
	D Cunningham	C & N Shortt	S Gibson	D Carter
	P Hewson			

<b>Guests Pillerton Hersey</b>	T Newcombe	F Young	A Brooks	J Hall
	K & D Allen	C Fiddler	G Howell	T Hitchman
		J Lewthwaite	T Fillimore	

**Also present:** Ian Grace (Principle Planner WCC) Nick Ellison (Environmental Health Officer SDC)  
Councillor I Seccombe (WCC) Councillor G Roache (SDC)

## 1. Welcome & introduction by the Chairman of the Parish Council

The Chairman (M Stanton) welcomed everyone to the meeting. It is a statutory requirement to hold this meeting annually and we have a record book that dates back to the 1890s. He particularly welcomed the guest speakers and councillors and thanked them for their support.

2. **Apologies** P & M Blacklock A & C Graham

## 3. Presentations by Ian Grace (Principle Planner WCC) and Nick Ellison (Environmental Health Officer SDC) explaining the format of the Public Inquiry (PI) for Dickensbury Farm commencing June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am

**Ian Grace** outlined the reasons that WCC had served 2 Enforcement Notices (EN) on Dickensbury Farm. It is WCC's view that the building which is the subject of the EN and granted under an AGNOT by SDC is not an agricultural building but has been purpose built as an Animal Carcass Transfer Station. He explained that the retrospective application for a change of use which had been refused by the Regulatory Committee had been appealed and was now being included at the PI with the ENs. He outlined the time schedule for Exchange of Statements and Proofs of Evidence – the documents for the former being available for public viewing on WCC website after 28 April. The Statement of Common ground is still to be agreed upon.

The format for the PI was explained and residents opposing the current use of Dickensbury Farm should attend the PI to offer support. Anyone wishing to speak at the PI must submit their name at the beginning of the proceedings to the Inspector. The Inquiry is rather like a court case and is expected to last 2-3 days or longer.

Each case will be presented by an advocate – Peter Oliver (Solicitor for WCC) will present the case for WCC – and expert witnesses will be called. Proofs of Evidence will be subject to cross examination. The Inspector will probably visit the area prior to the PI but no interaction is allowed by anyone connected with the case. A formal site visit will follow after the PI.

Mr Grace then answered questions from parishioners.

**Nick Ellison** stated his responsibilities dealt with pollution control and nuisance smells and the impact on the environment. He assesses any complaints and advises SDC or WCC if he is convinced there is a problem. The Environmental Officer remains neutral in his observations at all times. He needs to be provided with information which can be substantiated in a court of law. If residents have complaints regarding obnoxious odours, forms are available from the PC, PC website or EHO at SDC. This is the official way to record complaints which can be used as evidence at the PI. All completed forms should be sent to Nick at the EHO SDC as soon as possible but continue to record complaints up to the date of the PI. Isolated incidents are not sufficient for action but regular, sustained nuisance which can be proved and which impacts on amenity is significant.

Any pollution involving the land or water courses is dealt with by the Environmental Agency.

Both Nick and Ian answered further questions from the residents.

The Chairman thanked both Ian and Nick for attending this evening and clarifying many aspects of the PI. Guest speakers and other residents then exited the meeting.

#### **4. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting for Pillerton Priors held 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

The minutes of the above meeting were agreed by those present and formally adopted.

#### **5. Matters arising**

The illegal connection made into the main sewer on Kineton Rd has been disconnected by Severn Trent.

#### **6. Pillerton Priors Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report**

M Stanton stated that a more comprehensive report would be given at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May. Items of immediate interest: the mobile library will now be in Pillerton on Wednesdays (changed from Tuesday) commencing 27 April and then every 3 weeks: Grass cutting in the village has been reduced to 5 cuts per annum as SDC will no longer fund extra cuts due to budget restraints and WCC will only meet their statutory obligations for highway safety: parishioners are advised to be aware of any unauthorised camps or settlements in the area that might occur over the bank holiday and to report immediately The PC have an emergency phone number to ring.

#### **7. Pillerton Priors Parish Council Treasurer's Annual Report**

J Roberts circulated and explained his annual financial reports. He explained that the remaining flood grant money had now been allocated for flood defence at the Village Hall and the Precept for the coming year had been set at £2350 – a slight reduction on the previous year.

#### **8. Annual Reports by Village Organisations**

##### **Village Hall**

R Thompson – Chairman to the Village Hall Management Committee – said that the Hall was in a good financial situation at the end of the financial year. Lettings were up on the previous year and forward bookings looked promising but things went wrong on Friday 11 February when the kitchen caught fire causing a major insurance claim. The position at the moment is that the loss adjustors are still looking at the cause and the costings. Sheldon Bosley, our agents, have had contact with Cunningham Lindsey last week regarding the specification. I'm afraid we are in a frustrating time period awaiting a go ahead on starting work. Updates will be published in the parish magazine.

The 49 club is fully subscribed but names could be added to the waiting list.

The planning issue at Dickensbury Farm is being monitored and our comments have been sent to the appropriate bodies.

## **Badminton Club**

M Cater said since the Village Hall was unusable at present, badminton was being played at the Kineton Sports and Social Club on Wednesday evenings. New members were very welcome to join them. Badminton was ceasing soon and then the walking group would commence their summer walks which lasted from 2-3 hours and ended with refreshments in a local hostelry. Anyone interested in walking should meet outside the old post office on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Contact organisers for more details.

## **First Responder Scheme**

Derek Allen said that since this scheme was commenced in November 2009 they had received great support from both Pillerton Priors and Hersey Parish Councils by way of donations. The scheme now covered a much wider area – maps showing areas visited and calls answered were circulated. There had recently been a reorganisation of the system which was now much improved. All calls are directed by phoning 999 when an available responder in the area would be contacted. Derek is based in Pillerton Hersey and Catherine Hewson in Pillerton Priors and they both covered a wide area. Derek had personally attended 17 calls so far this year and all the responders had been extremely busy when the snow was around.

## **Drop in Club**

H Smith – one of the organisers of the Drop in Club had submitted a report. On July 25<sup>th</sup> the Club will have been running for 13 years. Meetings this year have been rescheduled due to the fire at the Village Hall. Membership fluctuates between 10 and 20. Further meetings for the year have been arranged – including a slide show and a visit to a garden centre. Details are posted on the village notice boards, in the parish magazine or can be obtained by contacting the organiser. More members are needed to keep this club viable. Please join us.

## **FOSM**

The Friends of St Mary's were saddened and affected by the fire in the Hall and had to cancel Quiz Night. As a result, we only ran two fund raising events in the past twelve months - Church Teas and Harvest Supper. The Friends have made a significant contribution towards the provision of a toilet at the Church - a project which is now substantially complete. The AGM is on the 13th May in the Church when Huw Williams will give a talk on his work at Warwick Racecourse. We look forward to restoration of the Hall and would hope to run a Quiz Night there in the Autumn as well as the Harvest Supper

## **9. Open Forum**

A resident asked when the hall is likely to re open – no date could be given.

## **10. Next Meeting for Parish Council**

Pillerton Priors Annual Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 7-30pm  
Venue to be confirmed.

Details will be posted on the village notice board and the Parish Council website.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending this meeting.  
Meeting closed at 9-15pm

Chairman – M Stanton

Clerk – B Plummer