

PILLERTON PRIORS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2017

The Pillerton Priors Annual Parish Meeting 2017 was held on Thursday 25th May 2017 at 7.00pm in Pillerton Priors Village Hall.

All Parishioners were welcome to attend

Present: Cllr Ian Greenall (Chair)
 Cllr Dave McWhirter (Vice-Chair)
 Cllr Dominic Sant
 Cllr Chris Wilkinson
 Sue Greenall (Parish Clerk)
 Mandy Matthew (Ettington First Responders)

Residents: P Beesley, P Byrom, P & T Crookes, C & M Dove, J & S Ingall, D Logan, H Smith, R Smythe, R Thompson, P Waters

Item	Item
1	Welcome by the Chair of the Parish Council Ian Greenall welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2	Apologies received from N Goodwin and J Waters
3	Approval of Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 14th April 2016 The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting by Dominic Sant and seconded by Chris Wilkinson. They were then signed by Ian Greenall.
4	Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting 2016
4.1	Neighbourhood Plan Ian Greenall reported that representatives of the Parish Council had met with Matthew Neal and Fiona Blundell from the Policy section at Stratford District Council for advise on how to use the information gained as part of the Neighbourhood Plan to form a Parish Plan. A Parish Plan would not have as much weight as a Neighbourhood Plan but is less complicated so hopefully it is something that could be produced reasonably easily. Dave Mc Whirter will report in more depth as part of the following Parish Council meeting but it would still require resident input.
4.2	Community Speed Monitoring A written report was submitted by Neil Goodwin
5	Parish Council Chair's Report Ian Greenall thanked those attending the meeting as it showed that democracy is popular in Pillerton Priors where other parishes struggle for attendees. He explained that this was the first time that the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting had been held on the same evening and requested any feedback. The change had been made because a lot of the information previously reported to the Parish Meeting usually held in April had then been repeated at the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May. Ian recorded a formal thank you to Phillip Seccombe who stood down as our District Councillor at Stratford District Council to concentrate on his Police and Crime Commissioner role. Phillip was always supportive when we spoke at Planning Committees and gave valuable input at Parish Council Meetings. Ian informed the meeting how Phillip

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	<p>had continued both roles until a time when he could resign and the timescale would mean the by election would be held on the same day as the County Council Elections thus saving the District Council additional expenditure. Ian reported that Penny-Anne O'Donnell had been elected as our new District Councillor at the By-Election in May. The County Council elections held on the same day had seen Cllr Izzi Seccombe re-elected.</p> <p>The meeting were informed that 21 planning applications had been decided since the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting which were reported later on the agenda. All Planning Applications could be viewed on the Parish or District Council websites so anyone can comment on an application if they chose to. Ian informed the meeting that should the Planning Officer, District Councillor or Parish Council disagree then the application is heard by the Stratford District Council's East Planning Committee. The meetings had previously been held at Kineton High School but owing to IT issues they are now held at Elizabeth House in Stratford and live streamed so residents are able to view them online.</p> <p>Ian told the meeting that the Parish Council had received some reports of dog fouling, fly tipping, parking and noise issues during the last year. He explained that such incidents should be reported directly to Stratford District Council either by phone or their website as they have the power to act in certain circumstances which the Parish Council do not.</p>
6	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>The attendees were given list of the Planning applications since last year's meeting including the latest application that had been heard at the East Planning Committee that Tuesday. The three current planning applications that were still open for comment were also shown at the end of the list. Residents asked if there were any updates on some of the applications. Regarding Leylett P Byrom informed the meeting that although the site had been cleared there had been no construction work taking place. P Beesley asked about the Priory Lane land to which Ian Greenall replied that the Parish Council had not received any information since the previous application had been withdrawn by the applicant. D McWhirter mentioned that the Planning Officer had responded to a residents question regarding discussions between the applicant and the Planning office prior to the application being withdrawn and that this response may be useful if a future application was submitted.</p>
7	<p>Parish Council Treasurer's Report Dominic Sant presented the Parish Council's financial position up to 31st March 2017. He explained the income and expenditure which included the First Aid course that had been well received earlier in the year. The Parish Council had a surplus of £1065 in 2016/17 which left a balance of £5127 in the bank account. Dominic thanked John Ingall for undertaking the internal audit and informed the meeting that he planned to use a slightly different accounting package in 2017/18 rather than the current system that had been used in previous years. D Logan asked how the Parish Council decided on who to donate to and pointed out a donation of £25 to Alcester Dementia Café in 205/16. She was informed that the donation to the Café was in recognition of being a speaker at the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting. Residents were encouraged to submit details of groups who they would like the Parish Council to donate to.</p>

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8	Village Organisations
8.1	<p>Ettington Community First Responder Scheme – Mandy Matthew from Ettington First Responders thanked the Parish Council for its donation. She reported that currently the scheme had 5 active First Responders but most work during the day so cover is better in the evenings and at weekends. The main reason for the First Responders to be called out are strokes and suspected cardiac arrests. If it is unlikely that an ambulance will not reach a patient within 8 minutes then the responders are asked to assist. It was felt that this year has been busier than the end of last year with 20 call outs in the last month alone. More Responders are always required and any training is organized by the West Midlands Ambulance Service. A discussion took place regarding Pillerton Priors having a defibrillator. Although this had been discussed previously at Parish Council Meetings the Ettington First Responders were able to lend the village one of their spare units free of charge. However the village would have to supply a suitable location for an approved box which requires a trickle electric charge to maintain the defibrillator battery. The box would cost between £450 and £600 and the trickle charge costing around £3 per annum. Dominic Sant suggested that the box could be attached to the wall of the White House subject to him checking with relevant bodies. Although some attendees had reservations after discussion it was decided that this project should be progressed.</p>
8.2	<p>Village Hall – Richard Thompson reported that the hall had had quite a good year and its financial position is good. This was mainly down to the regular bookings by the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. He informed the meeting that this year had seen the car park refurbished and a storage container being installed to house the staging and new mower. Future events include the Village BBQ and Funday on the 8th July and an Umpah band is planned for sometime in 2018. Richard reported that the Village Hall had been subject to some vandalism but this has hopefully ended. When questioned about the Village Hall funds he replied that the hall currently had around £12,000 in its accounts. He thanked the Parish Council for its financial support which contributes to the grass and hedge cutting that historically was paid for by the District Council but over recent years this expenditure was passed down to the Parish Council.</p>
8.3	<p>Drop In Club – Hazel Smith reported on the 19th year of the Drop In Club. She informed the meeting of the various outings and activities that the club had taken part in during the year. This had included a talk about the work of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and the Drop in Club had subsequently raised £138 for the cause. 21 members had attended the Christmas lunch and after a talk by Tim Newcombe regarding bees, the club had purchased a lavender bush to go in the garden. Peter Waters will be giving a talk on photography at a future meeting. Hazel said that new members were always welcome.</p>
8.4	<p>Friends of St Mary's – On behalf of the Friends Peter Waters gave an update on their year. James Kerr is continuing as Chairman of the Friends in addition to his role as a Church Warden with Jonathan Young doubling up as Treasurer for the Friends and the Church. The August church Teas had raised £909 and the quiz night £866. With the help of grants and separate fund raising activities Peter reported that the church bells were currently being refurbished at the Bell Foundry at Loughborough and it is planned for them to be re-installed in a new safe frame sometime in November along with a donated fourth bell. Peter informed the meeting that the new Rector for the parish and the 6 churches is to be the Reverend Sharon Goble who is currently the vicar of two churches in the Stoneleigh group. She should be instituted on the 30th August probably at Newbold Church.</p>

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8.5	<p>Pillerton Priors Community Speed Monitoring – Neil Goodwin submitted a written report that informed the meeting that the group were now sharing a speed gun with Ettington and Alderminster groups. He thanked the Warwickshire County Councillor Grant Scheme for the £500 that enable Pillerton to join this sharing arrangement. When the group relied on the Shipston Police gun it was only available twice a year where this shared arrangement means we have access to the gun for two weeks in every six week period. The Stratford Herald are planning to run an article on how this arrangement is working. Neil’s report identified that there are currently only five ‘active’ volunteers with two of those being in full time employment so it is difficult to monitor the mid-week commuter traffic as the group are obliged by the Police to have a minimum of three people present for each session. 40 hour long monitoring session had been held in the last 12 months which had resulted in 364 motorists being reported to the Police for speeds over 36mph with the fastest recorded at 59mph.</p>
8.6	<p>Pop Up Pub – Chris Wilkinson reported that the monthly Pop Up Pub continued to be popular with attendees from Priors, Hersey and Ettington and the proceeds paying for the village hall cleaner. He encouraged people to attend future pubs and notices would be posted regarding future dates.</p>
8.7	<p>Pillerton Scout Group – Colette Inman supplied a written report that outlined the Pillerton Scout Group to date. She stated that a group of 8 adults had set up the group in March 2016 and had since recruited 7 more adult leaders and a full executive committee with parent representatives and a fundraising team of 5. The Beavers group began on Tuesday evenings in March 2016 with 12 children aged 6 to 8 years. This was followed by Cubs in April 2016 with 18 children aged 8 to 10 years meeting on Wednesday evenings. Currently the Pillerton group have 20 Beavers, 20 Cubs and now have a Scout group of 13 children aged 10 to 14 years meeting on Monday evenings. The report highlighted the various activities the groups have undertaken and how they have managed to purchase equipment through fundraising. Future activities include taking over 70 people to an outdoor activity centre in June and an afternoon tea party near to Christmas where some of the older local residents would be invited to spend the afternoon with the group.</p>
9	<p>Open Forum</p>
9.1	<p>P Beesley stated that the road surface of Chapel Lane would benefit from some maintenance works. The Parish Clerk would report this to Warwickshire County Council highways.</p>
10	<p>Meeting Closed at 8.15pm</p>

Chair: Ian Greenall

Minutes: Sue Greenall

Date Signed: