

PILLERTON PRIORS ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 2024

The Pillerton Priors Annual Parish Assembly 2024 was held on Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall. All Parishioners were welcome to attend

Present: Cllr Ian Greenall (Parish Council Chair)
Cllr Dave McWhirter
Cllr Jo Wilkinson
Cllr Dominic Sant
Cllr Michael Nevill
Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE (Warwickshire County Council)
Cllr Malcolm Littlewood (Stratford-on-Avon District Council)

Residents: 8 Residents

Item	Item
1	Welcome by the Chair of the Parish Council Ian Greenall welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked those who had been involved in the village hall clear up after the recent flood. He thanked our local council representatives for their attendance. Ian confirmed that most of the items discussed at the Assembly are duplicated on the PC meeting agenda which is held immediately after the assembly so where appropriate the minutes would be repeated for both meetings.
2	Apologies were received from 3 residents.
3	Approval of Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly 24th May 2023 The minutes were proposed by Dominic Sant and seconded by Dave McWhirter as an accurate record of the meeting. They were then signed by Ian Greenall.
4	<p>Parish Council Chair's Report Ian Greenall informed the meeting that it had been another busy year for the council. They have assisted and signposted residents with issues that have been raised</p> <p>Sue has continued to send regular emails to residents who have signed up to receive them. The mailing list has 62 emails covering 55 out of the 137 registered properties in the Parish. To meet the GDP requirements residents wishing to join the list need to email pillertonpriors@gmail.com with their details and approval for us to use the data. The PC is also active on Facebook and Whatsapp so hopefully most residents are able to communicate with us. He also thanked his fellow councillors for the work they do for the community.</p> <p>There were three live planning applications at last years Assembly. Since then there have been 8 new applications with only one still awaiting a decision. All applications are shown on the District Council's eplanning site.</p> <p>He updated on two notable applications.</p> <p>Application 23/1312/FUL Change of use of land to provide 8 travelling showperson plots and associated works including hardstanding at Land Adjoining Coverwell Farm, Pillerton Hersey for Mr C Smith. Permission was refused on 09/11/2023 so the applicant had 6 months to register an appeal with the Planning Inspector if they choose to. There appears to be no knowledge of an appeal being submitted to date and the 6 months has expired.</p> <p>Application 22/02935/FUL for the construction of anaerobic digestion facility in the Tysoe Parish is still pending consideration even though it has been valid since October 2022. Cllr Littlewood advised that the timetable for a decision on the application had been extended and a decision is expected withing the next two months.</p>
5	Planning Applications Updates on the three live applications at last years assembly were as follows.

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5.1	22/03649/FUL Erection of two detached dwellings with associated infrastructure and the erection of a new pitched roof triple garage to serve Edoras for Mr and Mrs Gant. This was refused and went to appeal which was part allowed and part dismissed.
5.2	22/00420/FUL Change of use of annexe over garage to flexible use as either a holiday flat or as an ancillary annexe to the house, plus a car port extension and retrospective minor variations to the approved drawings at Stockleys Orchard for Mr and Mrs Stepney. This was approved with conditions.
5.3	23/01185/VARY Variation of conditions 2, 3, 7 and 11 of planning permission 22/00476/FUL (date of decision: 28/10/2022) to allow for minor amendments including re-siting of garage to Unit 1 attaching outbuilding to dwelling, change in ground floor fenestration of Unit 2, provision of habitable accommodation in roof voids of Units 1 and 2 with the addition of rooflights and windows in gables. Original description of development: 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. This was approved with conditions.
6	Planning Applications The live application at.
6.1	24/00746/OUT Outline application with all matters reserved except for access, for the erection of two self-build/custom build dwellings, formation of vehicular accesses from A422 Banbury Road, and all associated works on land At Cadbold Farmhouse for Mr and Mrs Weaver. Comments were by 08/05/2024. The application is pending consideration.
7	<p>Parish Council Treasurer's Report Jo Wilkinson had supplied written notes regarding the Parish Council's financial position up to 31st March 2024.</p> <p>In the 4th Quarter to 31/03/2024 9 payments had been made in the period, including bank charges. There were no outstanding payments at the end of the period.</p> <p>An internal audit was carried out by Mark Phillips, resident of the village and we record a vote of thanks to him for his hard work.</p> <p>The starting bank balance for 2023/24 was £20,176.93. The total income for financial year 2022/23 was £6,485.75, of which the precept was £3,998.</p> <p>Income was significantly lower than last year, due to smaller CIL payments received of £2487.75 this year vs £5,385 in 2022-23.</p> <p>Total expenditure for 2023/24 was £7,068.56 which included spending a portion of the previous S106 money on planters at the speed gates, benches and sports equipment.</p> <p>The bank balance at 31/03/2024 was £19,594.12 although £15,256.26 is currently ring fenced from Section 106/ CIL money</p> <p>The Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2023/24 will be discussed as part of the 211th Parish Council meeting that followed this annual assembly.</p> <p>Ian Greenall proposed that the accounts be approved and Dave McWhirter seconded.</p>
8	Village Organisations
8.1	<p>Village Hall – Dominic Sant (Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee) stated that it had been a challenging year for the hall.</p> <p>The hall had been flooded and Severn Trent Water Authority would not accept any liability. The hall insurance excess was £1,000. The insurance has funded the flooring in both halls however the heating had to be on continuously in the main hall while the floor bonded. A vote of thanks was proposed for Kevin McNaughton who had taken responsibility to ensure</p>

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	<p>the electricity meters wer continuously topped up during this period. Should the hall flood again insurance will become almost impossible.</p> <p>The roof of the Findon Room was damaged in the recent storms. Another claim has been submitted and the roof is due to be replaced soon.</p> <p>Electricity is a major issue for the hall. In January 2023 when rates were rising rapidly, a fixed tariff was agreed for a 3 year period until January 2026. A quote for £12,000 has been received to leave the contract early. The electricity meters have been calibrated to cover some of the cost and the hall rates have been increased but the hall continues to make a loss. The solar panels are not working so the Hall Committee are looking to fund some repair work to the panels so they can help offset the electricity charges.</p> <p>The Hall Committee are planning to run one social event each month to generate funds to keep the hall going. So far they have held two quiz nights which have raised over £800, the bingo afternoon on 14/04/2024 raised £685 and the Charles Ivin walk raised £175. There will be a pop-up-Pub on 07/06/2024.</p> <p>Regular users would be welcomed to supplement the ad-hoc bookings. The Pillerton Scout Group currently use the hall two nights per week.</p> <p>Dominic thanked the Village Hall Management Committee members for their input. The hall is looking for a volunteer to take on the Bookings Secretary role.</p>
8.2	<p>Friends of St Mary's – Peter Waters updated the meeting. James and Alice Kerr have moved from Pillerton. Alice Cameron has offered to help Fiona and Jonathan Young with the church activities. A new mower has been purchased and the flagpole is due to be replaced. They also hope to renew the tables and chairs that are used for the Church Teas.</p> <p>The Pillerton Fete will be held on 08/06/2024 in the garden of the Old Vicarage, or in the Church if it is wet. As the church is a shared resource between Hersey and Priors, any profits for the fete will be split between the church and hall.</p> <p>The new vicar, Nicki Chatterton has moved in to Ettington Vicarage.</p> <p>There is a special church service on Sunday 9th June to remember the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.</p>
8.3	<p>Red Horse Vale First Responder Scheme – previously known as the Ettington First Responder Scheme. No report received.</p>
8.4	<p>Pop Up Pub – The next pub is on Friday 7th June in the Village Hall. All are welcome.</p>
8.5	<p>Pillerton Scout Group – Tom Aggis gave a report. Currently there are 19 Beavers (6-8 years old) who meet on Tuesday evenings, and 15 Scouts (10-14 years old) who meet on Mondays. Unfortunately due to the lack of leaders Cubs (8-10 years old) is not running.</p> <p>Tom mentioned some of the activities the group have taken part in which includes the Remembrance Day Service, talent show, Christmas tree planting, scuba diving and axe throwing to name just a few. The Scouts will be litterpicking in the village and also attending the Group Scout Weekend. In summary Tom said Scouts is lots of fun and lots of badges.</p> <p>Residents can be in the talent show audience and the date will be advertised in due course.</p>
8.6	<p>Warwickshire County Council – Councillor Izzi Seccombe presented her report. Funding continues to be an issue with adult and children's social care, special education needs and home to school transport accounting for 70% of the County Council's budget.</p>

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	<p>To reduce this percentage to Council is using capital funds to invest in its own children's homes. It is also putting capital funds into Lighthorne Heath and Shottery schools to assist with special education needs. By using capital to offset operating costs it reduces the amount that interest income is received from.</p> <p>Last year WCC were encouraged by the Government to become full members of the West Midlands Combined Authority. Time constraints meant that this did not happen but WCC have managed to reach an agreement for a devolution 2 deal which allows them more say over the local area along with £10.5 million to help align education and work needs across the county.</p> <p>Concerns have been raised over activity at Dickensbury Farm. Some of the historic records are no longer available to confirm any conditions that were put in place previously. Trading Standards have visited the farm, but no lorries were present. Mr Goodman still holds a licence with Animal Health to collect dead stock. If residents report issues they should complete the log form that is available to both the SDC and PC website and submit it to Environmental Health at SDC.</p> <p>Cllr Seccombe was asked if it would be beneficial putting laminated pictures at the local fords of vehicles becoming stuck. This might help deter drivers from attempting to drive through as the flood depth boards are not being followed.</p> <p>As previously reported following PC meetings there are issues with potholes in Fulready and Walton Lanes, and also the clarity of the road signs in the village. The Clerk will contact WCC.</p>
8.7	<p>Stratford-on-Avon District Council – Cllr Malcolm Littlewood reported that planning was the main issue within his area. The Liberal Democrat administration has been in control of SDC for a year with most actions to date appearing to be Stratford centric.</p> <p>The Stratford Victorian Market will now be held over two weekends to help avoid the congestion both on the roads and the amount of visitors. This years market will not have a fun fair and will feature less stalls than previous markets.</p> <p>Lots of work has been undertaken to confirm that there is a need for a medical centre at Lighthorne Heath. Reports have identified that it could have 7,000 people requiring its services by 2027/28.</p> <p>A question often asked is what does Stratford-on-Avon District Council do. Besides planning and refuse collections, it deals with social issues including working with housing associations. Orbit Housing manage 90% of association housing in the district but most of the stock is old and requires regular maintenance. It is hoped that Orbit will revert to more local operations rather than decisions being made at national offices.</p> <p>The Planning Portal which is a national programme is in transition so will be offline for a week. The portal provides all of the information regarding planning applications and, when live, is available on both the SDC and PC websites.</p>
9	<p>South Warwickshire Local Plan – Ian Greenall spoke about the plan</p> <p>This is a joint planning policy document being prepared by Stratford and Warwick District Councils which will take over from the current Core Strategy. It will not go into full development stage until 2027. It is a very important document for the future of the district as it will designate new housing and employment land up to 2050 as well as influencing the types of houses built along with biodiversity issues.</p>

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	<p>An Issues and Options Consultation, with an accompanying Call for Sites, ran from 09/01/23 to 06/03/23. The results have recently been published and the option for dispersed housing is not being taken forward to the next stage of the plan.</p> <p>This is good news for Pillerton Priors as it could have meant to us increasing our housing numbers by between 50 and 100 properties by the end of the plan period of 2050.</p> <p>The Call for Sites raised 4 potential areas which will be consulted on in due course.</p> <p>As part of the process we need to keep our Parish Plan up-to-date and supplement this with regular Housing Needs surveys.</p> <p>Residents are able to follow the Plan's progress and comment via the website https://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/</p>
10	<p>Footpaths – Michael Nevill and Kathryn Dalglish produced a map of the footpaths and bridleways in the parish that they have walked. Apart from some missing signage the routes are generally of fairly good shape. Michael and Kathryn have been walking and reporting issues for 30 months but WCC have not responded to the reports so far.</p> <p>It was raised that the works undertaken at The Rowans has created a large earth bank that cause the footpath to flood in that area.</p>
11	Open Forum
11.1	Village Hall Picnic – This will be held at the hall on Saturday 6 th July. It will be advertised nearer the date.
11.2	<p>Speeding at A422 and Kineton Road junction – Concern was expressed regarding the speed vehicles and some cyclists turn off the A422 onto the Kineton Lane. This is dangerous for any vehicles leaving the properties towards the top of the lane.</p> <p>Recently there have been wires monitoring traffic on the A422 but it is unsure if these were WCC initiatives. However WCC have access to highways data and local information might be available for sharing with the PC.</p> <p>It was noted a number of villages have become 20mph zones with some supporting this move while others would prefer the current 30mph. The issue is enforcement of whatever limit is in place.</p> <p>The possibility of relaunching the Community Speed Watch Group or alternative signage will be looked at.</p>
12	Meeting Closed at 8.25pm and the 211 th Parish Council meeting commenced.

Chair 2024 Meeting: Ian Greenall

Minutes: Sue Greenall

Chair 2025 Meeting: Michael Nevill

Date Signed: