

# PILL & EASTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

## MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm at the Resource Centre

### MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Jopp, Langton, Davey, Davies, Dawson, Kent, Stanley, Winsley & J Smart (Clerk)  
Apologies: Cllrs Beasant & King

1. Public Participation

Mr Roger Collins was present.

2. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record.

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

4. Ward Councillor's Report

NSC had passed a 2.75% increase in the Council Tax.

NSC had found £15m more funding for the proposed reopening of the railway passenger line. A meeting with Chris Grayling had been arranged for next week.

NSC had declared a state of emergency regarding climate change. PK suggested that the PC fully supported this. AJ agreed to write a letter of support, stating that hopefully NSC would follow this up in due course. DD suggested this issue be looked at again in May. **Action AJ.**

5. Crime & Disorder

Cllr Davey reported lots of petty crime – youths smashing glass at Hardwick Road playing field.

6. Clerk's Report & Action Log

Agenda Travelwest consultation for the next E, H & T Committee Meeting. **Action Clerk.**

Highways England had cleared the bushes along the cycle path that leads from Avon Road to the M5 Bridge. It had not cleared from the rail spur to the Avon Road garages. **Action Clerk.**

The Clerk had received a complaint about the state of the field at Avon Road, and the remains of the annual bonfire. His dog had sustained an injury and required veterinary treatment from the metal debris that was still there. He thought the field was an eyesore with the fly tipping that had accumulated. Clerk to ask Kevin Weeks to clear the area. BL suggested the Clerk write to residents of Avon Road to say what should be done in future. Clerk also to speak to Avon Fire Brigade regarding this issue. **Action Clerk.**

7. Maintenance & Highways Issues

- i. Memorial Club Bus Stop – Cllr Dawson asked when this was likely to happen. AJ pointed out that this was part of the MetroWest project to re-open the railway for passengers. DD suggested that the plans were dangerous – a wheelchair could not get on or off the bus at that stop. BL suggested writing to MetroWest to relay the PC's fears and suggest a meeting to look at it again. Agenda next E, H & T Committee meeting. **Action Clerk.**

Heywood Road – DD reported a problem with the road surface, which had started to disintegrate at the edges. Clerk to investigate and report as necessary. **Action Clerk.**

8. Reports from Committee Meetings:-

- i. Environment, Highways & Transport - Inserts had been printed and given to Nigel Antolic for insertion into the Pill Paper, for PC Promotion.
- ii. Planning - DD reported on problems with the development at 9 Westward Drive. Building materials were being depositing on the pavement. The road was constantly blocked with vans, and NSC/BIFFA was unable to empty the bins.

At 9 The Moorings, the NSC Planner agreed that the owners should put a barrier against the door, but would be unable to use the flat roof.

29 Heywood Terrace - Overlooking – residents had attached sticky back plastic to the windows instead of obscured glass, as required. DD would report to NSC Enforcement. **Action DD.**

Baptist Church - The builder was asked to produce a construction development plan. This had been produced, but it had done nothing to address the specifics of the site – parking, extracting rubble etc. The document was not fit for purpose, and it needed to be much more specific. Following discussion, it was agreed that PK would draft a letter for HSE. **Action PK.**

9. Neighbourhood Plan - Update

DD reported that Murray Stewart had been taken ill and would be in hospital for a couple of weeks. BL reported that the NP website was about to go live.

AJ, BL and members of Abbots Leigh PC, plus some others, had met with Celia Dring (NSC) to discuss what stage the NP was at. Most of the meeting was taken up with discussing the Green Belt, but BL was hoping for more clarity. AJ would circulate Murray's latest update. BL reported a meeting scheduled was for 28<sup>th</sup> March with the Sustainability group – some members of CSE would also attend. **Action AJ.**

10. Street Lighting

AJ reported on this. Pro-vision would be putting together a bid to Salix (Government interest free loans). It would be putting in a bid to fund 72 lights using a £13k loan which would replace all the remaining lanterns to LED. This did not cover the cost of replacing the concrete columns, or WPD costs. Pro-vision would have to inspect the current equipment to advise on this, but stated that it would not cost as much as WPD. AJ asked for a complete quote for the whole job. It was likely that the existing PC budget would cover all of this. BL recommended that the E, H & T Committee have permission to go ahead this once quote was received. All agreed.

11. Church Aid Fund (Cllr Winsley)

AJ advised that this item had been previously discussed. BW had spoken to Rev'd Astrid Tiesema-Sansom, who was very eager to get more people into the church. He had circulated an email regarding this. He also advised that she would like to join the PC as a Councillor. AJ, PS & BL thought it was not the PC's job to promote the Church. All thought that she would be a very valuable member of the PC. PK suggested that the Clerk contact Astrid to invite to a meeting. **Action Clerk.**

12. Meetings Calendar 2019-2020

The Clerk had circulated the draft meetings calendar for 2019-2020. Members were asked to check and contact Clerk with any changes that were needed.

13. Reports of meetings with outside bodies and other organisations

None.

14. Correspondence requiring action not covered elsewhere

None.

15. Accounts for Payment

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
E-on	Unmetered Electricity Supply	333.64
EDF Energy	Electricity - January Direct Debit	19.00
Onecom	Phone Bill - January Direct Debit	20.72
GB Sport & Leisure	Play Equipment Inspections - December & January	240.00
K&E Property Maintenance	Dog & Litter Bin Emptying - January 2019	700.00
NSC	Avon Road Tree Replacement	133.00
Konica Minolta	Photocopier Charges	341.21
JRB Enterprise	10,000 Dog Bags	149.40
Total Cleaning	Ham Green Changing Room - December & January	120.00
Centre for Sustainable Energy	Neighbourhood Plan Energy Workshops	957.60
J Smart	Salary	1,446.09
HMRC	Tax & NIC Contributions	446.17
Bath & NE Somerset Council	Pension Contributions	468.06

**TOTAL**

**£5,374.89**

Cllr Dawson proposed, and Cllr Stanley seconded approval of the account for payment. **Action Clerk.**

16. Issues for future meetings

None.

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