

## PILL & EASTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

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

#### MINUTES

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

#### 1. Public Participation

Wendy Martineau, Gerry Hunt, Hannah Price,

Caroline Pemberton (SPAD). Declaring a climate emergency is necessary. Children cannot rely on the people in power to make decision and necessary changes. Twelve years left to act, and need to agree to take action.

Hannah Price – Still failed to make sufficient changes. Feels like a bystander. Overcome with fear about what the future will be like for her children. Wants to protect them, but doesn't know how. There is a chance if we take positive action now, we could put a stop to this. Hold warming to 1.5 degrees. The technology exists, just need to make things happen.

Gerry Hunt – totally endorsed what had been said, and really important for every community.

??? - NSC had already adopted a status of climate emergency, and would be appropriate if the Parish Council did the same.

Move to Item 13.

#### 2. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (copy previously circulated) were signed as a true record.

#### 3. Declaration of Interest

Peter Stanley declared an interest in Crockerne Community Pool refurbishment, that he was heavily involved in – Item 9 – Budget.

#### 4. Ward Councillor's Report

DD welcomed the headlines in the NS Times about the 20mph speed limit.

DD advised that it was very quiet at North Somerset Council due to the forthcoming election.

#### 5. Crime & Disorder

Nothing to report.

#### 6. Clerk's Report & Action Log

The Clerk had met with Mark Lovelock of Bristol Port Company to discuss the slipway railings. He had agreed to arrange for a surveyor to visit, and stated that there was a possibility that these works could be carried out under the BPC's Apprenticeship Scheme.

Tim Hamilton had cleared the debris from bonfire and fly tipping at the Avon Road field, at a cost of £320.00

The Clerk had received a request from resident of South Grove to remove grass verges from Westward Drive. The verges were an eyesore as drivers were parking on them constantly. The resident often experienced difficulty entering and exiting South Grove as cars were parked on both corners with junction of Westward Drive. Most of the vehicles were dropping off and picking up children from Crockerne Primary School.

The Clerk and Cllrs Langton, Stanley and Winsley met with Graham Hopkins last week to discuss the website. The Clerk was asked to forward changed format minutes etc., to him, and email the organisations within the village for a front page, describing their group and showing their contact details.

7. Maintenance & Highways Issues

Clerk to report various potholes. Cross Lanes junction with Westward Drive (road surface and verge).

8. Reports from Committee Meetings:-

- i. Playing Fields & Open Spaces - Nothing to report.
- ii. Environment, Highways & Transport - Clerk to speak to CHEESE project had gone in.
- iii. Finance & Personnel - Nothing to report. See Item 9.
- iv. Planning

9. Approval of Budget for 2019-2020

The budget for 2019-2020 had been circulated, and BL reported on this. BL proposed approval. Seconded by SB, all in favour. AGREED.

DD asked about the village signs at Markham. The local people and the PC to fund this. BL suggested DD went back to residents and ask for a plan and price for doing the job, and how much money they would put up.

10. Neighbourhood Plan Update

The NP website was now live. BL – the sub-group for the energy plan are meeting on Thursday evening. CSE would also attend.

11. Street Lighting

Pro-vision had provided its full quotation, as requested. There were some anomalies, but the headline was that the work could be completed this year within the budget that we had.

Cllr Langton proposed that the PC approved going forward with the quote, when the anomalies had been amended. Seconded by Cllr Stanley. Agreed.

AJ, BL & JS to meet Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm.

12. Future of the Parish Council

BL reported on this. There were concerns about the PC following this year, and how we cope as a Council when AJ leaves. The Clerk, BL & PK had met last week. Would be proposing that for two years only, PK would be prepared to be Chair, and BL would be prepared to be Vice-Chair. Would also be suggesting some ways of making the PC work more efficiently. The PC need to work differently, possibly fewer meetings, adapting to how younger people work. This item would be for consideration in June.

13. Climate Emergency Declaration

Cllr Langton had produced a paper on the resolution of the Parish Council to declare a climate emergency, and he proposed acceptance.

The PC now needed to think hard about how to work with Royal Portbury Dock. DD was concerned about Bristol Airport expansion. AJ suggested the PC needed to work with local businesses and services to encourage them to take the emergency seriously.

AJ seconded. All agreed. PASSED.

14. Board to Commemorate Chairmen of the Parish Council

AJ had asked the History Society if they had any information about previous Chairs of the Parish Council, so a list of them could be put on a wooden board in the Resource Centre. The History Society had suggested that the PC would need to visit the Records Office at Taunton. The PC would need to research the cost. Possibly from 1888.

15. Reports of meetings with outside bodies and other organisations

AJ reported that there had been a BPC Liaison meeting. Only four people attended. The next meeting would be in October. DD had suggested that there be a review of the outside bodies – it should only be Pill & EIG and Portbury, not Portishead. DD would write formally, suggesting using own Clerking facilities. **Action DD.**

16. Correspondence requiring action not covered elsewhere

None.

17. Accounts for Payment

BL proposed, ND seconded. Approved.

18. Issues for future meetings