

**PILL & EASTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Monday 22nd July 2019 at 7.30pm at the Resource Centre

M I N U T E S

Present: Cllrs Kent, Adamson, Davey, Davies, Dawson, Harrison, Rawlings, Winsley, Wraith & J Smart (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs King, Langton, Stanley & Stone

1. Public Participation

Graham Hopkins and Adam Lane were present.

2. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24th June 2019 (previously circulated), were signed as a true record.

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

4. Ward Councillor's Report

DD was pressing hard at NSC to allow Parishes to set their own speed and parking restrictions. He would have more information in September.

DD reported that the First Bus Group was up for sale.

NSC would be carrying out a Parking Review, starting in Leigh Woods.

There would be more spending cuts to come - £20million over the next four years.

PK agreed to write to Cllr Ashton to say he was welcome at Parish Council meetings.

5. Action Log & Clerk's Report

The Clerk had distributed the updated Action Log.

PK reported on The Owls Centenary – they were trying to place a large granite stone underneath the arches and put on an appropriate remembrance plaque. NSC did not want its land used for this. DD reported there was a problem with Network Rail, as it was under the viaduct. PK would contact NSC again and urge them to allow it. TR suggested the PC contact Liam Fox, and he was happy to do this. **Action PK/TR.**

6. Maintenance & Highways Issues

LD reported that The Breaches would be shut for drainage works, and also Overhill would be shut.

DD – Markham Village gates – following the request from residents for a ‘village gate’ on the roadside, there were questions on where it would be sited, and also there could only be one. The residents had also requested a crossing, but this would be too expensive. Pass on to Highways & Transport Working Group. **Action Clerk.**

7. Crime & Disorder

The Clerk reported that there was now a new Beat Manager - Justina Lewis. LD reported numerous thefts from vans.

8. Reports from Working Groups:-

- i. Finance & Personnel – PK reported that the Committee had met twice. The Standing Orders were in the process of being altered, and that the Clerk would be investigating the possibility of changing from a Parish to a Community Council.
- ii. Environment & Climate Emergency – SA reported on this meeting. The minutes had been forwarded to all. Meetings had been set for the forthcoming year. This Working Part would link with the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party.
- iii. Highways & Transport – This Working Group had not met yet, as PS was away.
- iv. Playing Fields & Open Spaces (including Footpaths) – LD reported that LD, PK & the Clerk had met with Jason Parkhouse of Lodway Cricket Club. He was very keen and able to take over the running of the Parish Council pitches and facilities. The football pitch fencing needed replacing and the PC would join with LCC as it was also renewing fencing, and the cost would be lower.

ND reported that the Footpaths Group had met earlier in the month. The meetings would now be at 8.00pm. All its future meetings had been set for the forthcoming year.

DD reported that the ninth Green Flag had been awarded for Watchhouse Hill.

- v. Neighbourhood Plan – Murray Stewart had produced an update about the current situation with the Neighbourhood Plan. The key thing was that in the context of Joint Spatial Plan enquiry moving along, it would be good to proceed as soon as possible with the plan. MS had produced a Vision and 3 Principles draft paper. 1. Need to think about preserving the history and building on what was there already. 2. Need to look forward, thinking about flexibility for the future. 3. Managing the present. Draft housing was complete; draft transport was complete, draft Environment complete. There was now a NP steering group. Economy & Employment; Climate Change could fit in everywhere, but decided to have a separate group. Work on Community organisations, services etc. Keep a record of all consultations.

Future works – programme of next three months. There would be a household survey. He was thinking of holding an exhibition, and probably a business survey. Between now and the next two or three months the group would have to think about housing numbers.

Need to write another grant application for £6,000, which should pay for the survey with a bit left over. MS would talk to TR about the possibility of the survey being done electronically. PK thanked MS for the update.

- vi. Website & Social Media – TR reported on this. They had looked at the existing website, and found there was not a lot that could be used. The PC had no control over the website that Ryan Niccolls had produced. He proposed setting up a Wordpress.com website, probably at a cost of about £50 per year. Once set up, user accounts would be set up and a training session would be held. He now needed to know the structure of the website. Clerk to pass this on. TR and Graham Hopkins would meet with the Clerk to set this up. Need to avoid a repeat of what had happened with previously, so an administrative email address should be set up that would not be tied to any one person. Suggested setting up a PC Facebook page that could post on The Daily Pill site. TR also suggested that the PC should set up a newsletter system. It could also be worth running training on Google.doc. Suggested a PC WhatsApp group. All agreed. GH, TR and Clerk to find a date to meet. PK thanked all involved in this group.

9. Reports of meetings with outside bodies and other organisations

None.

10. MetroWest / Sambourne Lane Residents Meeting

DD reported on this. He and MetroWest had met with individuals of residents of the land affected by the railway. PK reported that the residents that he spoke to were greatly relieved following the meeting.

11. Joint Spatial Plan Update

DD reported that the Joint Spatial Plan examination was now taking place. Concern had been raised about the soundness of NSC judgement, as it appeared that proposed development had not been evenly spread out. There was a possibility that the housing numbers put forward by NSC would have to increase.

12. Correspondence requiring action not covered elsewhere

None.

13. Accounts for Payment

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
E-on	Unmetered Electricity Supply DD 01/06/19 - 30/06/19	328.99
EDF Energy	Pavilion Electricity - July Direct Debit	24.00
EDF Energy	Spout & Steps - July Direct Debit	8.00
Onecom	Phone Bill - July Direct Debit	19.66
Water2Business	Water Services at Pavilion 27/11/18 - 04/06/19	117.33

GB Sport & Leisure	Play Equipment Inspections - June	120.00
Open Spaces Society	Annual Membership	45.00
K&E Property Maintenance	Litter & Dog Bin Emptying - June & Replace Swing Shackles	600.00
J Smart	Salary	1,458.93
HMRC	Tax & NIC Contributions	430.98
Bath & NE Somerset Council	Pension Contributions	491.22

TOTAL

£3,644.11

Cllr Davey proposed and Cllr Dawson proposed approval of the Accounts for Payment.
Action Clerk.

14. Issues for future meetings

None.

Signed: _____

Date: _____