

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

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm at the Resource Centre**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllrs Kent, Adamson, Davey, Davies, Dawson, Harrison, Rawlings, Stanley, Winsley, Wraith, Murray Stewart (ALPC) & J Smart (Clerk)  
**Apologies:** Cllr Langton & Ward Cllr Ashton

1. Public Participation

Mr Roger Collins was present.

2. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 (copy previously circulated), were signed as a true record.

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

4. Neighbourhood Plan (Cllr Murray Stewart - ALPC)

MS had circulated an update on the NP to all members. Things were moving on well and lots of progress had been made. A strong evidence base had now been built up. A household survey would not now be necessary, due to exhibitions that would take place. A grant had been received to cover costs. There had been lots of community engagement. The owner of the derelict buildings at Ham Green was keen to develop it as a care home, with possibly a café and shop. There was also room here for a number of mixed houses. An NP Steering Group meeting would take place on Thursday.

DD reported that there was now a walking and cycling strategy for getting to Portbury Dock area.

DD had recently met with Curo. Curo and Alliance were keen to build 2k rentable houses within the next 10 years. Need to get a feel for a housing mix, and specify numbers.

TR asked MS to let him have information for sharing, for him to put on the website.

5. Ward Councillor's Report

DCO for railway line had as still not gone in.

The new NSC Executive would be inviting all Town & Parish Councils to talk about how to work together on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at the Tythe Barn in Nailsea. The Clerk had not received this yet, but would forward to Councillors. 2 or 3 Councillors should attend from each Council.

## 6. Joint Spatial Plan Update

The first Inspector's letter in response to the JSP came out in August, and they were not happy with the process that had taken place. The four authorities would now continue with their own local plans to 2036, and then there would be a joint memorandum of understanding of how they were going to work together. NSC would have to agree of how to deal with housing numbers, using new a protocol, allowing an increase from 105k to 120k houses. NSC would use the current Green Belt policy of no housing to be built in it, but this would now have to be reviewed.

## 7. Action Log & Clerk's Report

The Clerk had circulated the action report to all members.

TR updated the situation on The Pill Owls – Network Rail had agreed to allow them to put a plaque on the arches. The group now had to apply to NR.

11 Mariner's Way – disabled parking bay application. Approved.

The speed limit on the A369 would be changing to 40mph tomorrow. Beggar Bush Lane would now be 50mph.

## 8. Maintenance & Highways Issues

DD – pedestrian and cycling employees at Royal Portbury Dock had difficulty of getting to the area. He had suggested putting some traffic calming in Marsh Lane to NSC and BPC, which was being considered. TR was happy to help with representation on this matter if worthwhile.

## 9. Crime & Disorder

LD reported the usual thefts from vans and cars. There was also concern about drug taking. TR suggested putting something on the website about how to deal with this when needles were found.

DD reported positive feedback on the police presence in the village.

## 10. Reports from Working Groups:-

- i. Environment & Climate Emergency – SA reported on this. There were now several sub-groups within the E&CE Working Groups. Energy Group – BL had been in touch with a company that install solar panels for villages at a reduced rate, if they get a group order. He asked if there could be a leaflet put out with the local paper, and there could be a local meeting, costs would come to approx. £300. Agreed in principle to the appropriate supplier, but should also look at others. The funding for the 100 trees hazel whips and 20 fruit trees had been funded by the Community Forum. BL asked if anyone else could join in on the Transport sub-group as this was currently not well attended. PK thanked SA.
- ii. Highways & Transport - PS reported that the first meeting would be on 10<sup>th</sup> October, but would welcome more representation.
- iii. Playing Fields & Open Spaces (including Footpaths) – LD reported on last meeting – discussion about the cutting of Brookside and the footpath, this should be done more regularly in the summer. The Clerk asked LD to draft a letter to the residents of Avon Road informing them that a bonfire in Avon Road field would no longer be permitted. Need to establish a governance document with Lodway Cricket Club and arrange to meet quarterly. ND reported on the Footpaths group – talked about putting local walks on the website. Getting children out and about was discussed and the group would be talking with Schools,

Guides and Brownies. The surgery was developing a list of people who would benefit. The next meeting would be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

- iv. Website & Social Media – TS reported on this. The website was virtually finished, but would also be a work in progress. It was now up and running. It was easy to give members a log in to enable them to add articles, events etc. The first training session on this would be held at the Resource Centre next Monday at 7.00pm. Another training session would probably be scheduled, if members were unable to make this one. GH was attempting to decommission the old site.

TS reported that he was working on how to set up a Facebook page.

PK thanked both TS and GH for their input on building the website.

11. Reports of meetings with outside bodies and other organisations

DD reported that there was a Port Liaison Meeting at 10.30am at St Andrew’s House in Avonmouth tomorrow. TW agreed to attend on behalf of the PC.

12. Resignation and Co-option

Cllr King had resigned from the PC, as he was often working away and unable to make any meetings, but would be keen to return as soon as work commitments permitted. The PC was sad to see him go. Graham Hopkins and Bill Ovel were co-opted onto the PC.

13. Financial Regulations

New Financial Regulations had been produced by the NALC. PK, BL and JS were still working on this.

14. New Publication

The Clerk had circulated a note about the new publication to members. PK reported on this. The PC had agreed to fund £3k towards this. The first issue would be out on 1<sup>st</sup> November. BW reported that advertising income would more than cover the costs.

15. Lost Ways Project 2026

CH reported on this. There are footpaths that are not officially public footpaths. The PC needed to apply for them to become public footpaths before 2026, providing evidence of the paths to NSC. Need to protect what we already have. CH suggested putting the NSC interactive map on the website. GH advised that this could be done.

16. Correspondence requiring action not covered elsewhere

The Markham village signs issue was passed on to the Highways & Transport Working Group Agenda.

17. Accounts for Payment (August & September)

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
E-on	Unmetered Electricity Supply DD 01/07/19 - 31/07/19	339.97
EDF Energy	Pavilion Electricity - August Direct Debit	24.00
EDF Energy	Spout & Steps - August Direct Debit	8.00
Onecom	Phone Bill - August Direct Debit	23.60
GB Sport & Leisure	Play Equipment Inspections - April & July	300.00
K&E Property Maintenance	Litter & Dog Bin Emptying - July & Clear overgrown footpath	515.00

JRB Enterprise	Dog Bags x 10,000	149.40
North Somerset Council	Parish Election Recharge	90.00
Konica Minolta	Photocopier Rental 12/08 - 11/11	106.42
Community Forum	Annual Grant	2,500.00
J Smart	Salary	1,458.93
HMRC	Tax & NIC Contributions	430.98
Bath & NE Somerset Council	Pension Contributions	491.22

**TOTAL**

**£6,437.52**

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E-on	Unmetered Electricity Supply DD 01/08/19 - 31/08/19	339.97
EDF Energy	Pavilion Electricity - September Direct Debit	24.00
EDF Energy	Spout & Steps - September Direct Debit	8.00
Onecom	Phone Bill - September Direct Debit	21.19
DC & LM Smith	Brookside cut, rake, bale & remove	192.00
CJ Jenkinson	Brookside strim around play equipment and footpath	75.00
Konica Minolta	Photocopier Copies 12/05 - 11/08	130.87
K&E Property Maintenance	Dog & Litter bin emptying	550.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit	480.00
Bowcom	Football Clubs grass paint	81.60
P&D C&YP Partnership	First & Second Quarter of Annual Grant	8,000.00
J Smart	Salary	1,458.93
J Smart	Expenses	181.91
HMRC	Tax & NIC Contributions	430.98
Bath & NE Somerset Council	Pension Contributions	491.22

**TOTAL**

**£12,465.67**

TS proposed acceptance of the Accounts for Payment. Seconded by PS. **Action Clerk.**

18. Issues for future meetings

None.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_