

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

Monday 24th June 2019 at 7.30pm at the Resource Centre

M I N U T E S

Present: Cllrs Kent, Langton, Davies, Davey, Dawson, Stanley, Winsley & Wraith and J Smart (Clerk)
Apologies: Cllrs Adamson, Harrison, King, Rawlings & Stone

1. Public Participation

Mr Roger Collins was present.

2. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25th March 2019 (previously circulated), were signed as a true record.

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

4. Ward Councillor's Report

DD reported that the planned opening of the passenger railway was still progressing. An Extraordinary Meeting would take place at NSC tomorrow night regarding the DCO (Development Consent Order). More funding had been received from WECA. Proposed opening in December 2023. DD was trying to arrange a meeting with MetroWest and residents of Pill properties that would be affected by the railway. **Action DD.**

DD had spoken to Planning & Highways about the parking and speed restrictions in the village. He had asked to set a process that any Town or Parish Council that was willing to fund alterations, should be supported by NSC. Any PC wishing to do this would need to put forward a business case. NSC would hopefully be back with a method for this quite soon.

The Joint Spatial Plan was going into public examination next week. If the proposed housing numbers were found to be sound, this area would not be affected.

The work on the M5 J19 southbound exit slip road would be taking place during November. Both Highways England and the gas works would take place simultaneously.

5. New Working Groups – Terms of Reference

The new draft Terms of Reference had been circulated to all members, and PK asked if everyone was happy with the proposal. DD was concerned about how often the Working Groups would meet, and how non-Councillors would operate within the meetings. There would need to be a formal process for Working Groups reporting back to the Parish Council, and documenting what they do.

These points would be included the amended Standing Orders, that would be discussed at the Finance & Personnel meeting on Monday 1st July.

6. Arrangements and timings for first and subsequent meetings of Working Groups 2019-2020

Following discussion, TW suggested that as there were five Councillors missing, and as a start, the first person on each Working Group list should contact all other members of the group to arrange the first meeting. The dates for the first meetings should be set by the next Full PC Meeting. **Action ALL.**

7. Action Log & Clerk's Report

The Clerk had been asked by a local resident about making The Rudgeleigh Inn and Cricket Pitch as Asset of Community Value. Following discussion, the Clerk was requested to ask Murray Stewart how to take this forward. Members could see saving the pitch was important, but not necessarily the pub. Clerk to find out if there was a group of Martcombe Road residents who were willing to get involved with this. **Action Clerk.**

The Clerk was having difficulty getting Centregreat to action reports of non-lit street lighting. Clerk to organise a meeting with the North Somerset Area Manager for Centregreat. **Action Clerk.**

8. Maintenance & Highways Issues

DD reported that the A369 would be resurfaced from Martcombe Brook up to the petrol station on 4th November 2019, with overnight closures.

The Clerk reported that the 'Hot Box' resurfacing lorry would be coming to repair the road surface at Underbanks and Bank Place.

The Clerk was requested to contact NSC and The National Trust regarding Common Lane. The road was covered in mud and hedges very overgrown. **Action Clerk.**

TW suggested some sort of acoustic treatment to the M5 Bridge, whilst the parapets were being sorted. Clerk to contact Sean Walsh. **Action Clerk.**

9. Reports of meetings with outside bodies and other organisations

The Neighbourhood Plan steering group had met.

PK, LD & JS had met with Jason Parkhouse of Lodway Cricket Club, who was confident that he could run the three football teams that want to use the PC pitches at Ham Green. He was meeting with his committee last Friday, and would report back to the PC. PK also reported that the PC should look at joining with the CC to replace the fencing at the Macrae Road field (Parish Council), which would make it cheaper. **Action PK.**

DD asked when Jenny's Meadow was due to be cut, as it was very overgrown. BL advised that as it was a wild flower meadow, this would not be cut until September. BL would take a look and ask David Smith to cut a small part of it if necessary. **Action BL.**

10. Correspondence requiring action not covered elsewhere

None.

11. Crime & Disorder

BW reported that there had been problems with some neighbours in Hardwick Road. The Police were aware and dealing with it.

12. Airport Expansion (Cllr Winsley to report)

BW reported on this. He has personally responded to the consultation. He had suggested a tunnel as a spur off the M5 directly to the airport. If they didn't want to make a scar on the landscape, they would need to make enquiries to see if this was viable.

13. Proposal for Parish Council to oppose Airport Expansion (Cllr Langton)

BL had drafted a submission to the consultation, which had been circulated to all members. PK asked if all present were happy with the draft letter. All agreed. BL would add a paragraph about the A369 currently being near to capacity. Clerk to circulate to other North Somerset Parish Councils, and ask them to support, if they had not already. **Action BL/Clerk.**

14. Allotments Lease Renewal

BL reported that the PC had agreed that it would increase the annual rental fee on the new 10 year lease to £400.00. **Action BL/Clerk.**

15. Accounts for Payment

E-on	Unmetered Electricity Supply DD 01/05/19 - 31/05/19	339.97
EDF Energy	Pavilion Electricity - June Direct Debit	19.00
EDF Energy	Spout & Steps - June Direct Debit	8.00
Onecom	Phone Bill - June Direct Debit	20.71
K&E Property Maintenance	Litter & Dog Bin Emptying x 4 & Fit Noticeboard	620.00
Total Cleaning Services	Football Pavilion Cleaning - May	150.00
GB Sport & Leisure	Replacement Shackle for Hardwick Road Equipment	15.36
GB Sport & Leisure	Annual Playground Inspections x 3	270.00
N Ayling	Internal Audit Fee	110.00
JRB Enterprise	10,000 x Dog Bags	149.40
Avon Local Councils Assoc.	Membership from 1st July '19 to end March '20.	494.81
St George's Church Yard	Annual Grant	2,500.00
Pill & District C&YP P'ship	Last quarter of annual grant from 2018-2019 (replacement)	4,000.00
J Smart	Salary	1,458.93
J Smart	Expenses	113.98
HMRC	Tax & NIC Contributions	430.98
Bath & NE Somerset Council	Pension Contributions	491.22
TOTAL		£11,192.36

PS proposed approval of the accounts for payment, LD seconded. Approved.

16. Issues for future meetings

Working Group Meetings to start ASAP.

Signed:

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