

# PILL & EASTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

## MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30pm at the Resource Centre

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Kent, Langton, Adamson, Davey, Dawson, Harrison, Rawlings, Stanley, Wraith, Ward  
Cllr Davies, Murray Stewart (ALPC), NSC Parish Liaison Officer – Gemma Dando, and J Smart  
(Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllr Hopkins, Ward Cllr Ashton

PK reported to all members that Barry Winsley had resigned from the Parish Council, and that hopefully he would be back in a few months.

1. Public Participation

Gemma Dando introduced herself as our new Parish Liaison Officer. She deals with waste, highways, libraries, seafronts, leisure and parks for NSC. She would be happy to drop into every meeting that she could.

2. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

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

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

4. Ward Councillors' Reports

DD reported that the A369 was being closed overnight next Monday for 3-5 nights, from 20:00 to 06:00. He was trying to establish where the buses would operate. He was talking to NSC and First Bus, but it was likely that the buses would not operate during these times.

The 20mph proposal was going very slowly.

The Joint Spatial Plan had not moved forward due to the upcoming election.

Climate emergency and rewilding – DD suggested the PC must make sure we all work together on this.

GD reported on a 'Rewilding Consultation'. JS circulated the relevant email from NSC.

LD asked about speeding vehicle at Lodway, near the zebra crossing. PK asked the Clerk to move 'Smiley Sid' from Abbots Leigh to that location over the Christmas period. **Action Clerk/PS** (H&T Working Group).

5. Crime & Disorder

LD reported a burglary in Stoneyfields. The Police had advised that over the same period there had been 30 burglaries in North Somerset.

6. Clerk's Report & Action Log

A request for a grit bin had been received for the Priory Gardens/Wyndham Crescent area. All agreed. **Action Clerk.**

NSC had launched a new litter picking scheme – 'Adopt-a-Street'. The Clerk forwarded the email to all members, and would also arrange for it to be published in the Village Voice. **Action Clerk.**

7. Maintenance & Highways Issues

Newsome Avenue road surface – on the NSC list for resurfacing in the future, and a large repair had already taken place.

DD and the Clerk to chase NSC regarding the state of the road surface at Heywood Road. **Action DD/Clerk.**

8. Reports from Committees & Working Groups

i. Environment & Climate Change Emergency – BL reported that an update would be available in January. A meeting with IDEAA had been held last Tuesday. The group basically agreed to start promoting the Solar Streets Scheme at the beginning of next year in the Village Voice. The January VV would include a notice of the promotion of tree planting at the Community Market in January.

ii. Highways & Transport – PS reported on the set-up meeting, the notes of which had been circulated to all members. ND agreed to join the group, as more Parish Councillors were needed.

iii. Playing Fields & Open Spaces (including Footpaths) - LD reported that there had not been a meeting since the last. Jason Parkhouse had managed to obtain a quote for the fence replacement at the PC football pitch. The CC would also be erecting fencing around the cricket pitch. PK suggested that the PC could possibly support the cost of this also. A budget for this would be included at the next F&P Committee meeting.

Footpaths - ND reported that Allan Kellas had written an item for the Village Voice. The group would check access of footpaths at Haberfield Hall. CH suggested that the farmer should reinstate the footpaths paths following ploughing in the Magpie field off Martcombe Road. 'The Bottoms' footpath was wearing away, and the group needed to find out who landowner was. **Action ND/CH.**

The Clerk had been contacted by Adrian Woolacott of NSC, who now wanted to fit the remaining 2 new gates to replace the old stiles near Happerton Farm (4 had already been fitted). The cost of the 2 gates would be £230 (which the PC had previously agreed to fund), and Woodspring Ramblers Volunteers would fit them at no charge. All agreed. **Action Clerk.**

iv. Website & Social Media – TR reported that the website was up and running, and that there had been 1,000 hits so far. PK suggested some members would like a refresher of uploading to the website. TR suggested members should come early to a normal PC meeting, at say 6.30pm, and bring any queries with them. **Action ALL.**

9. Neighbourhood Plan

MS updated on the current situation with the Neighbourhood Plan. The next steering Group meeting would be held tomorrow. The exhibitions had taken place over the last couple of weeks. 171 people had attended the three exhibitions. A housing survey had taken place as part of the exhibitions. 118 responses had been received:- 5 = favoured 1,000 dwellings at Markham, 72 = preferred the clusters. 41 = no change to present. MS had spoken to Celia Dring of NSC, who had been very helpful. She had commented on the draft and suggested some alterations. It would take slightly longer than MS had thought, as it needed to go for consultation during January/February. Only after that did it go out to local consultation. It would then be submitted to NSC consult on. It would be late summer 2020 before it was completed. PK thanked MS for all his work on the NP.

10. MUGA Lighting

DD had been approached by some young members as the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) was unusable in the winter as it was dark early. They had asked for some kind of lighting, probably solar. BL suggested it would be worth trying to get some costings. The Clerk would contact GB Sport & Leisure. **Action Clerk.**

11. Tree Planting

BL reported on this. He had circulated a document regarding identifying some places to plant trees. BL had identified Jenny's Meadow, the edges of Hardwick Road playing field (single figures), Victoria Park (beyond the viaduct), and a part of Brookside playing field. BL requested a more frequent cutting regime for Brookside. **Action ALL/Clerk.**

12. Street Lighting

BL reported on this. The PC had allocated £42k in budget for 2019/20 to replace the remainder of the concrete columns and all the pole bracket lanterns to LEDs. The new lantern supplier, Provision, had suggested that the PC apply for an interest free loan of approx. £10k to cover part of the project, from Salix (Government approved loan), which could be paid back over 5 years using the saving in electricity costs. The Clerk applied to the DCLG for permission to apply for the loan but it was too late, as the project was already underway. The PC should have consulted residents prior to commencement. Therefore, as the total cost of the project was already accounted for in the budget, this was how it would be paid for.

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 DD 01/10/19 - 31/10/19	339.97
EDF Energy	Pavilion Electricity - November Direct Debit	24.00
EDF Energy	Spout & Steps - November Direct Debit	7.00
Onecom	Phone Bill - November Direct Debit	20.57
Survey Monkey	Online Neighbourhood Plan Survey 11/11/19 - 10/12/19 DD	99.00
AMS Electrical	Ham Green Pavilion Electrical Full Test & Inspection	243.60
Quay Digital	The Village Voice Issue 1	787.00
Quay Digital	Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Posters	24.00

Total Cleaning Services	Ham Green Pavilion Cleaning x 5	150.00
K&E Property Maintenance	Dog & Litter Bin Emptying / Play Equip. Repairs & Hedges	565.00
DC & LM Smith	Cutting & Hedge Trimming (Pitches/Brookside/Jenny's)	300.00
SwitchSafe Environmental	Ham Green Pavilion Legionella Risk Assessment	300.00
GB Sport & Leisure	October Play Equipment Inspections	120.00
Konica Minolta	Photocopier Rental 12/11/19 - 11/02/20	106.42
Brackenwood Garden Centre	Pill in Bloom Account	32.53
Terri Bell	Pill in Bloom - Winter Hanging Baskets x 9	202.50
J Smart	Salary	1,458.93
HMRC	Tax & NIC Contributions	430.98
Bath & NE Somerset Council	Pension Contributions	491.22

**TOTAL**

**£5,702.72**

PS proposed approval of the accounts for payment, SA seconded. Agreed. **Action Clerk.**

16. Issues for future meetings

None.

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

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