

**Pill & Easton-in-Gordano Parish Council – Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 07:30 at the Resource Centre in Pill**

**Attendees**

Bob Langton, Nona Dawson, Trevor Wraith, Peter Stanley, Murray Walker, Nigel Ashton (Ward Councillor), Lesley Davey, Barry Winsley

**Apologies**

Paul Kent, Don Davies, Julie Smart, Cath Harrison, Tomas Rawlings

1. Public Participation
2. Minutes of the last Parish Meeting – Approved by Trevor and seconded by Lesley
3. Declaration of Interests - None
4. Ward Councillor's report
  - Big issues with abandoned cars on Priory Road are now in the past
  - Road re-surface in The Breaches – needs to be fixed as the end job is not right
  - Potholes are also an issue that the hole comes back again: it is hoped a new approach will improve this
  - Waste collection
    - Company doing the collection is losing money
    - some help for them is needed as setting up a new contract would almost certainly be very expensive
  - Housing and the expansion of Portishead and Bristol
    - Behind the green belt being protected and local villages to stay as local villages
    - Wants to provide affordable housing
5. Crime & Disorder
  - Burglary in Beechwood Road during the day
  - Gang of youths rampaging through village and were caught by the police – no update
  - PACT – Police and community together – no meeting planned but police were coming to the Resource Centre on a regular basis but no as much now.
  - Lesley and Nigel Ashton to contact police to organise a regular attendance to the Resource Centre

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6. Clerk's Report & Action Log
  - Electrical inspection of the changing rooms at the Chestnut (by cricket club) with a quotation of over £2000 from the inspectors
  - Julie is seeking further quotes
  - All agreed that the money should be spent once a suitable quote has been found
  
7. Maintenance & Highways Issues
  - Speed on Marsh Lane – NS Council proposing a 40 mph limit – Document from Nigel Ashton
  - Dumped rubbish is still a problem
  
8. Reports from Committees & Working Groups
  - i. Environment & Climate Change Emergency
    - a. Hope to have public meetings in February ref the Solar Streets project
    - b. Trees project being launched in January
  - ii. Highways & Transport
    - a. Meeting Wednesday Oct 30 so no report at the moment
    - b. To include parking
  - iii. Playing Fields & Open Spaces (including footpaths)
    - a. Quarterly meeting was due in October but it has not happened yet with Jason Parkhouse. Paul talking to Jason regarding this meeting
    - b. Footpaths sub-group – meeting 4<sup>th</sup> November (every 3 months)
  - iv. Website & Social Media
    - a. No report
    - b. Training session held on how to update the website – more will be needed
  - v. Finance & Personnel
    - a. Minutes had been sent around by Julie
    - b. Met 7<sup>th</sup> October and need more people on this committee
      - b.i. Trevor and Peter will join this group
    - c. Meet 5 times a year – next one in January
    - d. Last minutes approved

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- e. No spending issues
  - f. 20mph limit – cheaper if do not do on own
  - g. Possible development areas for next year as will have a more flexible budget as do not need to commit money for the street lighting which is still in progress
  - h. Areas of possible spend:
    - h.i. Pill in Bloom asked for an increase in budget
    - h.ii. Watchhouse Hill – outside gym equipment
    - h.iii. Climate Emergency working party
    - h.iv. Youth Provision may need increased budget
    - h.v. Community Foundation – run Resource Centre and need about an extra £1000 per annum
    - h.vi. Precinct improvements
    - h.vii. Back Lane hand railings need improvements
    - h.viii. Path at head of the Creek by the Methodist Memorial
    - h.ix. Property purchase
    - h.x. Community transport
  - i. Draft budget proposals will be considered at the end of January and this will affect the precept. This will also be on the agenda in November – consider beforehand which items should be supported, including any not yet on the list
  - j. Audit of Parish Council books been done by PJ Littlejohn – no issues were identified
  - k. Financial regulations:
    - k.i. New version of NALC which incorporates internet banking and feel that we should move to use internet banking. Julie looking into this
    - k.ii. General feeling that could move to a more ethical bank such as the Co-op, Triodos or Unity (Low-carbon Gordano are using this). All approved the Co-op as first choice for investigation
    - k.iii. Barry and Bob will speak with Julie when she is well
  - l. New counter-signatories have been requested but not been finalised. Julie is chasing. NatWest but finding them very frustrating to deal with
9. Neighbourhood Plan
- Murray circulated an update which he will send to Julie to be included with the minutes

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- Need volunteers for the Exhibitions in Pill and Easton-in-Gordano – November 14 (16.00.-20.00), 15 (12.30-19.00) and 16 (10.00-1.00 in the Resource Centre, November 20 (15.00-18.00) in St George's Church Hall.

.i. Email Murray with your availability: [ms.associates@btinternet.com](mailto:ms.associates@btinternet.com)

- Reports are on the website: <https://pillanddistrictplan.org/>
- 26<sup>th</sup> November is the next NP Steering Group meeting and Murray hopes to have a draft of the plan at this meeting
- Local Consultation to start early January and information in the January edition of the Village News
- Appreciation was given to all of the work and time that Murray has put into the NP
- Anything that happens about land use can go in to the NP – other local aspirations may be included e.g. in an Appendix

#### 10. Remembrance Services

- Wreath at St Georges on the 10<sup>th</sup> November - Nona
- Wreath at Christchurch on the 11<sup>th</sup> November – Peter
- Bob will speak with Paul regarding the services and arrangements

#### 11. New publication – Village Voice

- An excellent publication thanks most of all to Jo Smith's efforts
- printed on recycled paper by Quay Digital. Who have been very helpful
- Type setting been done by Ben – very expertly
- 3 months budget covered by advertising – thanks to Barry
- Complete budget implications not yet clear but it is evident that any expense to the PC will be minimal and that with more advertising advertising we may start to make a profit
- Any small local companies that people know about that could be of service to the village then get in touch with Barry
- Costs and proforma is sent out by Barry if he has the telephone number, contact name and Company name of the people who may wish to advertise

#### 12. Reports of meetings with outside bodies and other organisations

- Meeting organised by Clevedon Town Council
  - .i. Could Parish and Town Councils work together?

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- .ii. Have not seen the minutes as yet but possibilities discussed included co-operating so that one TPO could work to address issues such as 20 mph limits, or to employ a Traffic Enforcement Officer
- North Somerset Briefing meeting for Town and Parish Councils (we were not represented but notes have been circulated)
  - .i. Don will report in the November meeting
- Port Liaison meeting
  - .i. Trevor attended with Don on behalf of Paul
  - .ii. David Brown from the Port Authority and an Engineer John Chaplain also attended
  - .iii. Talked about involvement in other areas e.g. Hinkley C, Sheepway Farm, Brexit, employment opportunities, Jct 19, Weston College
  - .iv. Available jobs at the Port would be a good thing to know about e.g. list of people that can be called upon at short notice to move cars about. How to get on the list? Advertise jobs in the Village News.
  - .v. Could think about the way people get from the Village to the Docks

13. Correspondence requiring action not covered elsewhere

- No points to cover

14. Accounts for Payment

- Nona approved, Peter seconded, all agreed

15. Issues for Future meetings

- No points

**Planning meeting minutes – Trevor, Peter, Bob, Sue (minutes)**

1 Priory Gardens, EIG – No objections

15 Avon Road, Pill – No objections

51 Westward Drive, Pill – No objections

Mulberry House, Happerton Lane, EIG – No objections

Land off A369, Martcombe Road, EIG – No objections

15 Priory Gardens, EIG – No objections

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6 Orchard Lea, Pill – We reserve further comment until the full planning application has been submitted. No adverse comments at this stage