

PILL & EASTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL & COMMITTEES
Tuesday 20th October 2020 at 7.00pm

M I N U T E S

Present: Cllrs Kent, Langton, Adamson, Challis, C Davies, D Davies, Hopkins, O'Reilly, Ovel, Stanley, Wraith, Stewart (ALPC) & J Smart (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs Dawson, King & Rawlings

There would now be a 5 minute comfort break after every 45 minutes during all future Zoom meetings.

The meeting started with a tribute to Mark Rice, followed by a brief silence.

1. Public Participation

Mr Stuart Tarr was present. He had provided a statement to the meeting which had been circulated to all members. He was representing approx. 40 residents from Chapel Pill Lane, St Katherine's Park and Ham Green. Mr Tarr read out the statement. PK thanked Mr Tarr. As a point of clarification, BL asked for the exact location of the SSSI, as it was not BLs understanding that this was a SSSI. This would need to be clarified. DD stated that as Mr Tarr was relatively new to the village, he had been not involved in the early stages of the Community Land Trust. DD explained that housing in the Green Belt using local exception sites were for local affordable accommodation. The lake itself was not an SSSI. Hayes Mayes Lane would not be used by the CLT. He agreed it was a legitimate statement to make about the care home, but as this was privately owned, the PC could not insist that there was any housing on that site. The PC did not control any of the sites. The whole of St Katherine's Park was built as a Green Belt exception site. ST stated that whilst Treasure Homes may have a preference for building a 60 bed private care home on that site, the final decision would depend on the Planning Authority, until such time the owner saw sense and chose to build housing.

2. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th September 2020 (copy previously circulated), were signed as a true record. PK to provide Clerk with signed copy as soon as convenient.

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

4. Presentation and Acceptance of Neighbourhood Plan

i. Presentation of the current definitive version (Cllr Stewart)

MS reported on this. A lot of work had been going on over the last two years, and thanks were due to the PC and others for working on it. There were now three key documents to be submitted to NSC, should the motion be passed. There was a Consultation Statement which a small group of the PC had worked on which responded to the 209 comments which came in during the consultation. The statement summarised the comments and what the response was to the issues that were raised. The second key document was the NP itself, which had gone through a number of changes. The plan was now complete at 52 pages and it was ready for submission. The third document was the Basic Conditions Statement.

This affected the legal scheme for the NP which had to conform to a set of three basic conditions. These are whether the NP conforms to the National Planning Policy Framework; to NSC's Core Strategy Local Development Policies, and EU obligations to do with habitats and the environment. MS accepted that amendments still had to be made to this. All the background papers would also need to be submitted.

Hopefully it would be submitted in approximately 1 week, and if NSC accepted it they then decide if it should go to another consultation which NSC would conduct, at which they would receive any further comments from agencies or individuals, it would then go to an external examiner.

ii. Questions and clarifications

PK asked if there were any points of clarification. TW – as there were various review phases that were going forward, what would happen at any of those stages if there was something in it that NSC or the Examiner were unhappy with? MS – the Examiner may write and ask for clarification of something that was not clear, look for an appropriate answer, and write a final report. SA – what would happen if the Examiner decided that the NP could not go forward? MS it would not go to a referendum in that case. Once submitted, NSC must decide whether to accept that report or not. The referendum would not be held if it had not been accepted by the Examiner and NSC.

BL – was under the impression that the Examiner could accept the plan with certain exceptions, so it could go forward to a referendum. MS – it was likely that the Examiner would be concentrating on the key proposals.

KC – asked what the impetus was for putting this together in the first place. MS – in 2016 there was concern about the possibilities of a major development along the length of the A369 and over Chapel Pill. The two PCs got together and made submissions about the Green Belt and a range of other issues. It gave more strength to join forces to provide a greater force. PK – a major concern was the good fortune that we had to live in the village, and we needed to protect ourselves against major developments and plans being thrust upon us. PS – we are trying to get a balance of what would be development but try to retain the village identity. DD – it was important to remember the NP is a national initiative. Government had pushed NP's as a way of hearing local opinions, as it gives a bit of weight with regard to planning. It is an opportunity to mould our own destiny.

iii. Neighbourhood Plan Resolution presented by Cllr Langton - Chair of Steering Group

BL as Chair of Steering Group put forward the resolution. He began by welcoming a statement from PK who had spent a considerable amount of time reviewing the consultation documents, and had concluded that MS's summary was fair and accurate. A major part of the Steering Group meeting held on 6th October was spent considering the amendments to the NP and thinking about the Steering Group's issues. Email discussions followed, which led to the version of the NP that all members now had. The Steering Group originally had seventeen members, but two had resigned. A group of 13 had been working on it. 11 had provided the Steering Group with full support of the existing version, two had no comments.

Chapel Pill Lane – The Steering Group had recognised that whilst there had been a significant number of objections to the proposals, there were also a number of people who welcomed it, and these outnumbered the objectors by about 2-1. The need in the village for affordable housing to rent was more significant and outweighed the objections to the plan.

BL reminded the PC that everyone had received a copy of the motion before the meeting, which was shared for all those attending to read. He then proposed the motion that:-

Pill & Easton-in-Gordano Parish Council had received final drafts of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Consultation Statement, and the Basic Conditions Statement. Subject to the most recent amendments made to these documents the Council welcomes and applauds the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan and the recommendation from the Steering Group that, barring any further corrections, the Plan and Consultation Statement be submitted to North Somerset Council as soon as practical to initiate the next stage in the development of the Plan. A final version of the Conditions Statement should be approved by the Chair of the Steering Group.

The Council thanks the Steering Group and, especially, Murray Stewart for the long-standing hard work that has led to the creation of a Plan in which we can feel justified pride. It also thanks the many people who have responded to the consultations about the plan, many of which have led to a number of significant improvements.

The motion was seconded by TW. The Chair called for those in favour to vote and the total votes were recorded as 11. The Chair then called for those against to vote. At no stage prior to the call to vote had any amendment been submitted and seconded.

At this point BO suggested that more time was needed to consider the motion, although at no stage prior to the call to vote had any amendment been submitted and seconded. The Chair said that there was a motion before the PC which was being voted on and this would have to be suspended whilst an amendment was tabled. DD pointed out that it was contrary to our Standing Orders (1g) to table an amendment after the voting had started. PK apologised for his mistake and accepted that this was the correct procedure. As the votes for the motion had already been cast and numbered 11, there was then a vote against which numbered 1 with no abstentions. The motion was therefore carried by 11 votes to 1 with no abstentions.

iv. Vote on the Motion to Submit the Neighbourhood Plan to North Somerset Council

11 votes for, 1 against, no abstentions. **Resolved.**

5. NSC Call for Sites (Murray Stewart)

MS reported that at the last meeting the PC had been aware that NSC was inviting information about sites for the Local Plan. The two sites in the NP were put forward to NSC. NSC would in due course produce an options paper.

PK noted the PC's huge thanks to MS for all the work he had done on the NP, without which we would be in a very difficult situation. His enthusiasm and commitment has been astonishing. The PC was very grateful indeed and delighted to be associated with Abbots Leigh in this joint venture.

6. Statement on Housing in Pill & Easton-in-Gordano (Paul Kent)

PK reported a statement from L&Q Estates had been received, to which PK responded on the PC website to put across the PC's position.

7. Crime & Disorder (All)

Crime Figures for August 2020 = 31. 5 x Public Order Offences – Church Road, Stoneyfields, St Katherine's Park, Upper Myrtle Hill, and Monmouth Road. 8 x Violence & Sexual Offences – The Withys (3), Pill Street, Cross Lanes, Underbanks, Co-op and Avon Road. 3 x Anti-Social Behaviour – Water Lane, Bank Place and Underbanks. 1 x Robbery – Pill Street. 1 x Bike Theft – South Grove. 2 x Criminal Damage & Arson – Myrtle Hill and Redland Avenue (Docks). 3 x Drugs – Walnut Grove (2) and Oak Grove. At Gordano Services 2 x Public Order, 2 x Drugs, 2 x Vehicle Crime, 1 x Anti-Social Behaviour and 1 Other Crime.

KC had put on the website concerns about parents of teenagers. The Clerk has also put these notices up on the noticeboards. DD advised that the crime levels were up. Police were concerned about domestic abuse and violence. They were trying to keep an eye on what was happening, but obviously this type of crime was hidden. As residents, we needed to be conscious of this and keep an eye out for signs. KC – there were a number of groups in the village that could possibly address these problems.

BO stated that any criminal activity was deplorable, but these days there would be a level of crime. PS & BO requested to investigate the trends in the Police information.

8. Action Log & Clerk's Report

The Clerk had received reports of highway problems at the junction of Cross Lanes with Crockerne Drive. This was due to a motor business in Cross Lanes Farm parking vehicles (vans) on the highway opposite the entrance to the farm, causing a blind bend. Clerk to contact Chris Allcock. Advise residents to report this to the Police. **Action Clerk.**

9. Maintenance & Highways Issues

i. Response to letter to NSC regarding traffic calming proposals (Clerk)

The Clerk reported on Colin Medus reply to the PC's request for changes in speed limits, in which he had confirmed that Pill & EIG would be included in the next round of changes, but it was unlikely this would start for a few months. PK had received one letter of objection so far.

10. Working Group Reports (All)

CD had circulated minutes of last Footpaths meeting. The Footpaths application had been submitted to NSC. Clerk to ask Dave Smith to scrape Common Lane and use arisings to form a barrier at the top of the lane. BL asked if this was a highway – DD advised it had been deleted as a highway. BL reported that the permissive path around the services had previously been well used until it got too overgrown. Clerk to check with NSC who owns the land. BL thought it was owned by the services. **Action Clerk.**

PS reported he was at the early stages of developing infrastructure for a cycle path from Bristol to Portishead. Would put together a proposal in the next couple of months. **Agenda.**

Climate & Biodiversity Group – BL reported that co-ordinators of sub-groups would be changing as Hannah Price would soon be leaving the village. Lucy Byrne would be taking over this group, working with Tom Walmsley from Abbots Leigh. Meetings had been held with NSC about Watchhouse Hill and Victoria Park plans for rewilding. The Brookside plan was now coming into action, with the

planting of 315 trees going ahead at the end of November, and a working party had already been planned for that.

The Food Group was working with both Co-ops. The Station Road Co-op Policy was for food approaching sell by date was available for the community. BL was hoping that the Southern Co-op would agree to this. He would be approaching the Pill Community Foundation Trustees to manage the food distribution from the Resource Centre. It was hoped that they could find a way of providing anybody with food without any social stigma with what they needed. This was completely separate from the Food Bank, and users would not need to demonstrate that they were in need.

KC asked for a list of all the working groups. **Action Clerk & PK.**

RH asked what was happening with the Transport Group. PS explained it was the Highways & Transport Group, which was currently trying to find ways of not relying on cars.

11. Bristol Avon Flood Strategy Consultation (Don Davies)

DD reported on this. He had circulated a document to the Clerk and put it on the Daily Pill site. Bristol City Council and the Environment Agency were leading on flood risk along the River Avon. A consultation would be starting on 26th October until end of November, and the PC should produce a response. There would be a major refurbishment of the Pill sea defence wall in the next few years. The PC should endorse the work they are doing. It would be good if they were able to make the 41 cycle route usable all year round. Clerk to circulate the document and put on agenda for November meeting to formulate a response. **Action Clerk.**

12. Crockerne School Update (Paul Kent)

PK thanked CO for getting the volunteers together for returning to school. CO reported that although there had been a few hiccups, generally it had been really good, and the children were enjoying it. The lack of after school clubs had been an issue. The closure of the Westward Drive had been really helpful. PK reported that the PC had just signed off the first payment for the portaloos at the school. Volunteer reading schemes – PS was doing this, and it was generally going very well.

13. Website Update – Councillor Details (Clerk)

PK asked all members to had not already done so, to send the Clerk a small photo and bio of themselves. The Clerk reminded member to complete their Register of Interests as soon as possible. **Action ALL.**

14. Hardwick Road Play Area Consultation (Bob Langton)

A modified version of the plan for the field had been created and this had now gone to consultation with residents in the immediate area of the field. The questionnaire would be hand-delivered and was also available online. A public meeting would be held on site on Friday. **Action BL.**

15. Remembrance Services (Clerk)

PK reported on the Remembrance Services. PK would read the names and ND lay the wreath at St George's Church. TW would read the names at Christchurch, PS could possibly lay the wreath – he would let the Clerk know tomorrow. **Action PK/ND/TW/PS.**

16. Reports of meetings with outside bodies and other organisations (All)

None.

17. Accounts for Payment – Authorisation of September & October Payments (Clerk)

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
E-on	Unmetered Electricity Supply DD 01/08/20 - 31/08/20	214.90
EDF Energy	Pavilion Electricity - September Direct Debit	24.00
EDF Energy	Spout & Steps - September Direct Debit	8.00
Onecom	Phone Bill - September Direct Debit	19.26
GB Sport & Leisure	Play Equipment Inspections - August 2020	150.00
K&E Property Maintenance	Litter & Dog Bin Emptying	440.00
JRB Enterprise	Dog Bags x 10,000	157.20
Brackenwood Nurseries	Pill in Bloom Account	86.45
DC & LM Smith	Cut & Clear Brookside x 2	300.00
Konica Minolta	Photocopier Rental 16/09 - 15/12	77.54
Konica Minolta	Photocopier Copies 16/06 - 15/09	28.31
J Smart	Expenses	158.19
J Smart	Salary	1,467.69
HMRC	Tax & NIC Contributions	420.43
Bath & NE Somerset Council	Pension Contributions - August	507.90

TOTAL **£4,059.87**

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
E-on	Public Lighting Electricity Supply DD 01/09/20 - 30/09/20	207.96
Onecom	Phone Bill - October Direct Debit	21.36
P&D Childrens Partnership	2nd Quarter of Annual Grant	4,500.00
GB Sport & Leisure	Play Equipment Inspections - September 2020	120.00
Quay Digital	The Village Voice - October 2020	669.00
Crockerne Primary School	Portaloo Hire - 12 weeks	3,648.00
CPS Grounds Limited	Initial Pitch Markings - Senior & 9v9	132.00
Pill Community Centre	Use of Room - Neighbourhood Plan Meeting 23/9	16.50
Nigel Antolic	Village Voice Distribution	35.00
K&E Property Maintenance	Bin Emptying & Various cutting/clearing/repairs	1,950.00
Glendale Grounds	Pitch Cutting x 9	367.20
Konica Minolta	Photocopier - Copies 12/02/20 - 20/09/20	55.18
Bowcom	Football Clubs Grass Paint	145.20
J Smart	Salary	1,467.69
HMRC	Tax & NIC Contributions	420.43
Bath & NE Somerset Council	Pension Contributions - August	507.90

TOTAL **£14,263.42**

TW proposed and SA seconded approval of the Accounts for Payment for September and October.
Agreed.

18. Ward Councillor Reports

DD reported on the Choices & Challenges. The document comes out on 2nd November, and the PC would need to consider its response at the November meeting. **Action Clerk.**

The Green Flag had been re-awarded on Watchhouse Hill. PS suggested a letter of thanks to the group. **Action Clerk.**

The traffic calming at Crockerne School had worked really well.

Etex were pushing on with expansion of the docks. There would be a brand new plant for plasterboard manufacture. This would generate 60-70 new jobs and they were committed to getting Apprenticeships there, so DD pointed them in the direction of St Katherine's School. Further down the line, it would be worth the PC meeting with them. RH asked about green credentials. DD reported the company were really green.

19. Issues for future meetings (All)

MetroWest. Clerk to speak to Steve Penaluna of MetroWest. BO suggested that the PC would need to decide if there were any elements of the DCO that should be altered or agree to it all.

BL reminder that the next F&P meeting would be held on 2nd November. Any ideas for development items for next year should be put forward prior to that date. **Action ALL.**

20. Planning Committee Meeting (Trevor Wraith)

See attached.

Signed:

Date: