

**PILL & EASTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL & COMMITTEES**  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 at 7.00pm**

**M I N U T E S**

**Present:** Cllrs Kent, Langton, Adamson, Challis, C Davies, D Davies, Harvey, Hopkins, Ovel, Stanley, Wraith, Cllr Stewart (ALPC) & J Smart (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllrs Dawson, King, O'Reilly & Rawlings

1. Public Participation

Mr Stuart Tarr and Mr Peter Milner were present. Peter Milner gave a presentation on his objections to the proposed Chapel Pill Lane development by the Pill & District Community Land Trust, and his suggestion for another site at Brookside. PK thanked him for his presentation.

2. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record. Acceptance proposed by PS and seconded by GH. PK to provide the Clerk with a signed copy of the minutes as soon as is convenient. **Action PK.**

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

4. Neighbourhood Plan Update (Cllr Stewart)

MS reported that NSC had requested that he contact all the people who had previously responded to the NP, to draw it to their attention. MS confirmed he had done this. Comments were invited on the NP in principle, and not the particular project within it. Comments on the project should be made at the time of the planning application process. MS advised the PC that the closing date for comments was the 15<sup>th</sup> March. He suggested that a sub-group containing both Pill & EIG and Abbots Leigh Parish Councillors should meet to discuss and agree a joint submission.

BL proposed that the PC should submit comments on the NP, and that a small group should be set up to put together a response, which would go out for approval of all Councillors, prior to submission. BL suggested a date of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm for the meeting, with a view to providing a draft by the end of the week. **Action BL, PK,TW, DD & PS.**

GH advised that responding via social media was very useful but not always straightforward, so he suggested that the PC should help people by putting a page on website, with step by step guide to commenting, and to promote this on the PC FB page. Many people had engaged on previous boosting posts and he was happy to create a guide. There was unanimous support for this initiative. **Action GH.**

BL suggested the PC should set a budget to boost promotion of £100.00, to get the widest possible distribution of information on the NP. KC offered to assist GH and there was unanimous support for this initiative. **Action GH/KC.**

MS stated there was still confusion about the Chapel Pill Lane proposals and the Neighbourhood Plan which are two completely separate consultations.

5. NSC Local Plan 2038

MS had circulated a brief earlier. The consultation had started in November and both Parish Councils had made a submission. NSC had now published a report of the key issues that had arisen from the responses to the consultation. At present, the process had noted the contributions from both PCs. This had no standing in what a future plan might look like.

One of the key issues to emerge was the Pill Precinct for which there had been a lot of support for improvement. There was a recent meeting with Alliance Homes and local stakeholders to discuss possible improvements. BL reported that Lucy Byrne and David Cropper (Alliance) were present and suggested some good ideas for planting of the area.

6. Heywood Road and Ham Green Resurfacing

PK praised NSC for their first class response to the recent resurfacing. In very tough circumstances, the results were astonishing. Agreed to write a letter to North Somerset commending those involved. **Action PK.**

7. Crime & Disorder

DD reported recent problems at the disused coal yard at the end of Monmouth Road. People had been fly tipping and last week someone attempted to site a caravan there. PCSO Connor was on site very quickly and the caravan removed. PK would write a letter of thanks. **Action PK.**

The Clerk advised that the Police.gov crime figures had not yet been updated for January.

BL advised that there were more motorcyclists using the cycle path between Pill and Portishead. Clerk to alert police. **Action Clerk.**

8. Metro West Update

BO advised that the hearings would resume in the first week of March. There would be three sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The hearings would discuss the DCO, environmental matters (including toads), construction traffic in the area and its effect on residents and public path diversions. He would find out when construction was due to start. The hearings were on a live stream if anyone wanted to join on the final afternoon.

BL had been present at a Zoom meeting where Rob Harvey advised that he had met the MetroWest ecologist and was encouraged that he was taking our concerns seriously. RH advised that she was also pleased that MetroWest were committed to acting in an ecologically responsible way. The MW Ecologists had not known the area was so extensive.

9. Hinkley Point C Mud Dredging

DD had distributed the web page regarding this issue. The plan was to take mud from excavations and dump it in the neck of the Severn Estuary. He had been assured by EDF that there was no radioactive material. He suggested that the PC expressed its concern that the

waste products from a nuclear site were being dumped near the parish, and request reassurance.

RH advised that this would also damage the ecosystem, so the PC should be worried from this point of view.

BL asked what studies had been carried out in the estuary and what movement was likely to follow. SA asked if there were there any other options than the ones suggested. TW reported that Dungeness faced the constant exercise to relocate the shingle, as it had not stayed where it was put.

PK would draft a letter and circulate for approval . **Action PK.**

10. Action Log & Clerk's Report

i. Census 2021

The Clerk had received an email from the Census Engagement Manager for North Somerset, working on behalf of the Office for National Statistics, who wanted the PC to engage with the local community to enable as many people as possible to complete the Census on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021. She had attached posters and posters and social media information for use by the PC. More information was available at [www.census.gov.co.uk](http://www.census.gov.co.uk).

ii. Crockerne Drive Street Light

The Clerk requested permission to go ahead with purchasing a replacement streetlight, at a cost of £238.00 plus VAT, o/s 64 Crockerne Drive. This one and one further down the road had not been replaced by Provision during its conversion of the PC's street lighting to LED. BL agreed and suggested the Clerk arrange for both lights to be converted to LED. **Action Clerk.**

11. Maintenance & Highways Issues

i. 20's Plenty

The Clerk had circulated the email from Sandford Parish Council regarding its parish wide 20mph speed limit scheme. PS, TW & BL would attend the Zoom meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. **Action BL, PS & TW.**

12. Committee and Working Group Reports

i. Cycle Network

Harbour to Harbour – PS reported he should soon have a report put together for the scheme in a few meetings time. There would be some cost involved but this might be covered by sponsorship.

BL had circulated Climate Emergency Group minutes.

13. Crockerne School Portaloos

PK was trying to get a reduced price for the portaloos from Chew Valley Hire for the rest of the school year. **Action PK** . ( Update. Agreement of £50 reduction per week now reached and will be included in the budget for presentation on 22/03/21)

14. NSC Green Infrastructure Strategy Consultation

The Clerk had circulated the email received from NSC. There would be a Public Consultation for 8 weeks from 15<sup>th</sup> February.

DD recommended that the PC should respond. **Action PK**

15. Budget 2021-2022 Update

The Clerk had circulated the updated budget to include the 2% increase in the Precept. The next Finance & Personnel Committee meeting would be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm via Zoom. **Action Clerk.**

16. Reports of meetings with outside bodies and other organisations

PK reported that local resident Martin Berry was keen to be involved with the PC with MetroWest. All welcomed his contributions.

17. Accounts for Payment

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
E-on	Public Lighting Electricity DD 01/01/21 - 31/01/21	214.90
EDF Energy	Football Club Changing Rooms Electricity - February DD	1.00
EDF Energy	Spout & Steps Electricity - February Direct Debit	8.00
Onecom	Phone Bill - February Direct Debit	19.42
Crockerne School	Reception Class Project (outdoor area)	1,023.54
GB Sport & Leisure	Play Equipment Inspections - February	96.00
Quay Digital	Village Voice - February	843.00
K&E Property Maintenance	Dog & Litter Bin Emptying - January	440.00
Nigel Antolic	The Village Voice Distribution	35.00
Graham Hopkins	Facebook Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Expenses	50.00
Lucy Byrne	Hardwick Road Rewilding Expenses	50.83
Paul Kent	Hardwick Road Rewilding Expenses	18.95
Pill Community Foundation	Second Half Annual Grant	4,000.00
J Smart	Salary	1,467.69
HMRC	Tax & NIC Contributions	720.23
Bath & NE Somerset Council	Pension Contributions - February 2021	507.90

**TOTAL**

**£9,496.46**

PS proposed approval of the Accounts for Payment for February, seconded by SA. Agreed. **Action Clerk.**

18. Ward Councillor Reports

DD reported that buses were currently being funded by the Government, as they were not taking any fares. Post pandemic this would look different.

The Bristol Clean Air Zone had been redeclared and would start again in October. All vehicles that are the most polluting would be charged (unless conformed to Euro 6). The Cumberland Basin had now been included and charging would mean diverting traffic to the A369 and

Junction 19 by drivers trying to avoid the charge. He was concerned about impact on Pill & EIG and Abbots Leigh. He suggested that the PC should write in the strongest possible terms to oppose this to Marvin Rees, Liam Fox, and Dept of Environment. PK would draft a letter for comment. **Action PK.**

19. Issues for future meetings

None.

20. Planning Committee Meeting

See separate minutes.

Attached – following letters.  
Heywood Rd Resurfacing  
PC Connor  
Hinkley Point  
Marvin Rees ref Clean Air in Bristol

Signed: .....

Date: .....