



PILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT PILSLEY SPORTS PAVILION ON MONDAY 2 MARCH 2020, 6:30PM

Present:

- Cllr. P. Stevenson – Chairman**
- Cllr N. Allsop**
- Cllr. A. Cooper**
- Cllr J Hardy**
- Cllr M Kirkland**
- Cllr G McNeice**
- Cllr M. Shaw**
- Cllr. S Stone**
- Cllr. J. Walters**

Also in attendance were Cllr J Funnell (NEDDC), Phillip Woodward (clerk) and three members of the public.

MINUTE	ITEM
PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS	
159/19	Apologies for Absence Apologies were submitted by Cllr K. Gillott (DCC) and Cllr B Timmons.
160/19	Consideration of variation of Order of Business There was no variation to the order of business.
161/19	Declaration of Members Interests Cllr Walters declared an interest in item 14bi and 14biii in relation to his position on the village hall management committee and his partner's employment at Pilsley Primary School.

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A - Public Participation

No issues were raised by the members of the public present.

B – County Councillor

County Councillor Gillott had sent his apologies for the meeting.

The following matters were raised in his absence:-

Parish councillors raised concerns over the proliferation of potholes in the village roads, in particular and the end of Green Lane, the end of Queen Street, outside 22-30 Hardstoff Road, the bottom of Grange Road, the end of Brunswick Street (opposite St Mary's) and along the edge of Locko Lane just outside the village boundary.

The clerk was asked to refer these matter to DCC.

C – District Councillors

Cllr Cooper reported that the 'pause' which had been imposed on progress on the Local Plan had now been lifted and further consultation would take place on the allocation of Green Belt to the north of the District.

The anticipated Climate Change pack which the District Council had said they would issue to parishes would be available in April.

Cllr Funnell reported that the District had resolved not to increase its council tax levels for 2020-21.

The chairman asked about resources allocated to planning enforcement as he had been made aware of a property on Elm Road operating a car sales business from the house together with some nearby land. Cllr Cooper undertook to investigate this matter

D – Parish Councillors

The chairman reported back on his attendance at the recent meeting of the Primary Care Co-Commissioning Committee (PCCC) which had approved the closure of Staffa Health Surgery in Pilsley.

Many councillors and members of the public present voiced their concerns over this matter and the process carried out by Staffa Health leading up to the approval of the closure.

A number of actions were proposed in response to this including:-

- I. Writing to Staffa Health asking them to clarify the issues that had been raised in the letter from the parish council to the PCCC;

- II. Writing to the MP and NAPP (National Association of Patient Participation) seeking advice on the judicial review process;
- III. Writing to nearby doctor's surgeries enquiring whether they may be in a position to take over the Pilsley surgery.

The following matters were also raised:-

- Cllr Shaw reported damage to the gate at the rear of the village hall and damage to a car parking sign at the village hall car park;
The clerk was asked to arrange the necessary repairs.
- Cllr Walters stated that the Smart Car was still regularly parked on the pavement at the end of Pear Tree Road. This matter had been reported to the police who had acknowledged receipt of the complaint.
- Cllr Walters also advised that deep tyre tracks had been left by contractors on the Five Pits Trail between the Hardstoff Road car park and Tibshelf. The clerk was asked to refer this matter to DCC.
- Cllr McNeice asked members if they wished to take up an offer from the Woodland Trust to buy 100 trees for £100. The clerk was asked to investigate the details of this offer and report back. He also asked if the council should consider arranging trips (by hiring a coach and driver) for older people in the village. Members suggested that an item be drafted for the next newsletter to gauge interest in such a proposal.
- Cllr Cooper raised concerns regarding the appearance of deep tyre ruts in the grass verge on Parkhouse Green along Pilsley Road. Members agreed two actions in response to this: firstly to write to Parkhouse Primary School asking that a message be put out to all parents asking them to park considerately along Pilsley Road, and secondly, to write to DCC seeking their comments on the parish council's intention to erect bollards along the junction of Parkhouse Green with Pilsley Road to prevent further damage occurring.
He also raised concerns regarding allegations referred to him by some residents of potential drug dealing taking place from cars at the sports pavilion car park. The clerk was asked to refer this to the police.
- Cllr Stevenson raised several issues including:-
 - o The work carried out recently by Bolsover woodland Enterprises at Sampson's Field to clear overgrown vegetation from near the stream. A very good job had been done. The council asked

	<p>that its thanks be recorded and that a letter of thanks be sent to BWE and to Mrs K Arnold of Brunswick Street as the other riparian owner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concerns over allegations of paedophilia being recognised in a resident of the Old Post Office adjacent to Pilsley Primary School. Concerns were expressed generally by the council and it was resolved to rely on other statutory bodies to carry out the necessary regulatory checks and enforcement. ○ He had been approached by a resident regarding the narrowness of the pavement over the Locko Brook Bridge at the bottom of Parkhouse Road. It was felt that this leaves pedestrians, including school children attending Parkhouse Primary School, in a potentially vulnerable and dangerous position and too close to oncoming traffic. The clerk was asked to write to DCC to enquire whether safety railings could be installed; ○ He reminded members that it had been approximately six months since the councillor's surgery at Coney Green road and asked if it would be appropriate to arrange a further one. The clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements for the end of April.
<p>163/19</p>	<p>Confirmation of Minutes Members considered the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd February 2020. It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3rd February 2020 be approved for signature by the Chairman.</p>
<p>164/19</p>	<p>To determine which items (if any) from Part 1 of the agenda be considered with the public excluded from the meeting. No items were deferred for consideration in part 2 of the agenda.</p>
<p>165/19</p>	<p>Chairman's Announcements The chairman referred to a Speedwatch refresher training session to take place on 3rd March with the next Speedwatch session on 13th March. He also advised the meeting that the new development at the rear of Ash House, Parkhouse Road was to be named Antcliffe Gardens in recognition of the great contribution made to the village by the late Cllr George Antcliffe,</p>

<p>166/19</p>	<p>Financial Reports</p> <p>The clerk presented a number of papers setting out the financial position of the council with just one month to run before the end of the financial year. In particular the reports included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of payments and receipts made during February; • The current status of bank accounts and the likely out-turn for the current financial year; • Details and costs of the insurance cover for 2020-21, and • Details of national negotiations on local government pay awards for 2020. <p>It was RESOLVED that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The details of payments and receipts made during February, including voucher numbers 208 – 220 (total value £3,455.97) and 46-55 (total value £2,415.98) respectively be noted and approved; II. The current financial position, which indicated a year-end surplus, be noted and that work to commission the permanent electricity supplies to the village Christmas Trees be commenced, III. That payment of insurance premium for 2020-21 be approved and that the council seek a contribution towards these costs of £275 from the Village Hall Management Committee and £221 from the Village Sports Association; and IV. That a 2% increase be applied to staff salary scales from 1st April.
<p>167/19</p>	<p>Complaint Management and Review</p> <p>The clerk presented details of all complaints received by the council from 1st April 2019. These were reviewed and noted. Councillors felt that the complaints represented disparate issues throughout the village and that no generic policy action was necessary as a result of the complaints received other than what was already being undertaken by the council.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to note the report for future reference.</p>
<p>168/19</p>	<p>NEDDC – Proposals for Custom and Self-Build</p> <p>The clerk reported receipt of information from NEDDC on a proposed programme of making surplus land available for individuals to purchase in order to build their own homes. One of the proposed sites was on Queensway and the council was being asked to submit any comments it had on the proposals and also to publicise it with the locality.</p>

	<p>It was RESOLVED to support the proposals in principle but also to write to NEDDC seeking assurance that the footpath running through the site would be retained and that the site would be sold by open public tender.</p>
169/19	<p>Sports Pitch Development</p> <p>The clerk sought the council's agreement for a number of matters in relation to the Sports Ground:-</p> <p>Retrospective approval to the action of the Chairman and Vice Chairman in amending the timescales of the lease granted in 2018 to Pilsley Community Football club in order to allow the club to access grant aid for pitch development from Derbyshire FA and the Football Foundation;</p> <p>Provision of support via making available Section 106 funding (when this becomes available to the council) for the development of new pitches at the sports ground;</p> <p>Agreeing to be nominated as the named applicant on the planning application for the extension of the storage compound at the sports ground; and</p> <p>The erection of signs in the car park reminding drivers that vehicles are parked at the owner's risk.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The actions of the Chairman and Vice Chairman in agreeing to the amendment of dates on the lease granted to Pilsley Community Football Club be endorsed; II. The support of the council for the expansion of playing pitches at the sports ground be agreed in principle and that further information from the Village Sports Association on this matter be awaited; III. The council agree to be the named applicant in relation to the planning application for the expansion of the storage compound, and IV. That new signs be erected around the pavilion car park stating that cars are parked at the owner's risk.
170/19	<p>Flooding – Hardstoff road</p> <p>The chairman raised issues of recurring flooding outside 121-127 Hardstoff Road which appeared to have worsened in recent months.</p> <p>The council agreed that this was a matter which should be brought to the attention of DCC.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the clerk write to DCC regarding this matter but also thank them for the attention they had provided on a similar matter at the other side of Hardstoff Road.</p>

171/19	<p>To Consider Planning Applications / Appeals</p> <p>20/00092/FLH – application for domestic extension, 117 Rupert Street, Lower Pilsley RESOLVED – No comment</p> <p>20/00094/FL – residential development of 9 dwellings, Park House Farm, Pilsley Road, Lower Pilsley RESOLVED – No comment</p>
172/19	<p>Report of the Clerk</p> <p>A) The updated Action List from the previous meeting of the Council was noted and approved.</p> <p>B) <u>Items for Decision</u></p> <p>I. The clerk presented a quotation for the installation of a new handrail along the side of the path giving access from the car park to the main entrance. It was RESOLVED that the quotation submitted by Cherry Tree Property Services in the sum of £647 be agreed and that standing orders be waived for this issue on the basis that the contractor was known to have provided good value and quality for the council in the past. (Cllr Walters took no part in the discussions or voting on this matter)</p> <p>II. It was also RESOLVED that the council pay 50% of the cost (£132.50) towards the extension of the external lighting at the village hall. (Cllr Walters took no part in the discussions or voting on this matter)</p> <p>III. The clerk presented the quotation received for the installation of an additional CCTV camera to cover the main entrance door to the sports pavilion. It was RESOLVED that the quotation in the sum of £997.13 be approved and that standing orders be waived for this issue on the basis that the contractor was known to have provided good value and quality for the council in the past.</p> <p>IV. The clerk presented a grant application in the sum of £350 from Pilsley Primary School to support the delivery of the DARE programme later in the year. As this issue was outside of the statutory functions of the school it was RESOLVED that the grant application be approved.</p> <p>V. Cllr Shaw advised the meeting of proposals to hold a fund-raising event in support of the annual village fete. This would be held on 8th May in support of the national commemoration of VE day. It was RESOLVED that the council make a contribution of £200 towards this event</p>

	<p>C) <u>Correspondence and Items for Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The clerk advised that no updated local crime information had been received from the police prior to the meeting. • The clerk reported receipt of correspondence from DCC in reply to the parish council's letter seeking support for the installation of Vehicle Activated Signs on the main road entrances to the village. The response was noted with disappointment. • The clerk reported a response from Fairgrove Homes undertaking to clear the overgrown land at the rear of Broom Avenue prior to the forthcoming growing season. • The clerk reported a response from NEDDC in relation to the letter of representation that had been sent in relation to the control of dog fouling in the village. It was agreed to invite the relevant officers of NEDDC to a future meeting as had been offered in the letter. The clerk was also asked to reply to the resident of Station Road (Mrs Walker) who had submitted a complaint regarding this matter. • The clerk reported the complaints which had been received during February under item 9 on the agenda (Minute 168/19 above). He also made reference to a complaint which had been received on the morning of the meeting regarding disrepair to bus shelters on Rupert Street. The council noted receipt of this complaint but resolved to take no further action.
173/19	<p>Confirmation of Date of Next Meeting It was noted that the date of the next council meeting would be at 18:30hrs on Monday 6th April 2020.</p>
PART 2 - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS	
174/19	No confidential items were considered.