



## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Pillerton Priors Village Hall, Pillerton Priors, CV35 0PJ.

### **Present:**

Cllr Hewson  
Cllr Hitchman  
Cllr Brooks  
Cllr Thomas

### **In attendance:**

Laura Callow, Clerk and RFO

The meeting started at 19:02

### 1. Apologies

It was RESOLVED there were no apologies

### 2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made by Councillors.

### 3. Dispensations

None

### 4. Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

### 5. Approval of Minutes

To approve the minutes of the previous meetings:

- a. Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024

It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024

(Proposed: Cllr Hewson, seconded: Cllr Brooks, all in favour)

### 6. WRCC Rural Housing

Sarah Brooke Taylor explained how the rural survey operates and how it would indicate the housing needs within the local area. The Councillors agreed to conduct the survey.

### 7. County, District and Parish Liaison

County Council update

WCC Izzi Seccombe spoke about the Governments Plans to devolve more powers to Regional Strategic Authorities in a white paper which was published on 16th December 2024. Areas of two-tier councils will be merging to create a single tier new council. All councils were invited to join a first phase but to do this they will have to postpone the elections to the following year (2026). The leaders had decided by 10th January 2025 to go ahead with phase one. There won't be any local consultations. Town and Parish councils won't be affected by this change.

District Council update

Cllr Littlewoods report is attached to the minutes. **Appendix A**



## 8. Finance

- a) To review finance report  
It was RESOLVED to accept the finance report (Proposed: Cllr Hewson, seconded: Cllr Hitchman, all in favour).
- b) To receive bank reconciliation report  
It was RESOLVED to accept the bank reconciliation report (Proposed: Cllr Hewson, seconded: Cllr Hitchman, all in favour). **Appendix B**
- c) To approve accounts for payment  
It was RESOLVED to accept the accounts for payment (Proposed: Cllr Hewson, seconded: Cllr Hitchman, all in favour).
- d) To approve Ex-Clerks Backpay  
It was RESOLVED to approve and pay the backpay to the previous clerk. (Proposed: Cllr Hewson, seconded: Cllr Hitchman, all in favour).
- e) To agree Final Budget for 2025/26  
It was RESOLVED to agree the Final Budget for 2025/26 (Proposed: Cllr Hewson, seconded: Cllr Hitchman, all in favour).
- f) To Agree Precept for 2025/2026  
It was RESOLVED to agree a Precept of £5400 for 2025/26 (Proposed: Cllr Hewson, seconded: Cllr Brooks, all in favour)

## 9. Chairs report and items for future Agenda

Councillor Hewins discussed the council's plan to submit a response for the SWLP. All councillors are asked to send their comments to Councillor Hewins by 16<sup>th</sup> February, who will then submit them on behalf of the parish council. A poster detailing the SWLP will be placed on the noticeboard and shared on social media for community awareness. Councillor Hewins has requested that all councillors review the draft Anti-Harassment and Anti-Bullying Policy and submit any questions they may have to her. This document is scheduled for approval at the May meeting.

## 10. Clerks Update

There are a couple of training sessions that need to be attended by a member of the Parish Council. Standards of conduct and Parish Forum. Both sessions are in the evening 6-8pm. As of 14<sup>th</sup> January Lloyds Bank will start charging £4.25 administrator fee every month.

## 11. Exclusion of Public & Press

Confidential matters, including those identified during the meeting, to be discussed here following a resolution to exclude the public under Sec 100A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed 20:47

Signed.....



## **Appendix A**

### **DC Cllr Littlewood**

#### **District Council Report December 2024/January 2025**

##### **1. Ellen Badger – Rehabilitation Beds – Consultation**

There are two potential options that are being consulted on to ensure these beds remain accessible, effective and sustainable. The options are:

Option A – Three sites: Distribute all 35 beds across three sites: Ellen Badger Hospital, Leamington Spa Hospital, and Stratford Hospital. This would reduce the number of beds currently at Stratford Hospital and Leamington Spa Hospital and return up to 12 beds to the Ellen Badger site.

Option B – Two sites: Provide all 35 beds at two sites, Leamington Spa Hospital and Stratford Hospital. The wards would remain the same current size at Leamington Spa Hospital and Stratford Hospital and there would no longer be any beds at the Ellen Badger site.

The Trust prefers the second option, i.e. NOT having beds at the Ellen Badger. SDC have reserved some £1.5M to support the project that included the provision of a GP practice and the Rehab beds. Neither provision is certain. At the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting prior to Christmas 2024 I asked the Portfolio Holder for Development if planning permission was granted for a site for beds, would the lack of such provision require a change of use and as SDC had supported the project for beds and new GP facilities and if neither provision was to be implemented then would any grant funding be withdrawn and he assured me that it would. The original proposal was that rehabilitation beds would be a 'halfway house' for those in Shipston and area before returning to self-sufficiency so easing the bed shortage in the acute care sector and would also provide care in the community. Removing this facility from Ellen Badger not only flies in the proposal but would particularly impact on local families having to travel from the Shipston area to either Stratford upon Avon or Leamington Rehabilitation hospital an almost impossible return journey by public transport. I therefore urge Parish Councils to advertise the Consultation and help as many as possible to participate. [https://www.happyhealthylives.uk/integrated-care-board/your-voice/current\\_consultations/south-warwickshire-community-hospital-rehabilitation-bed\\_consultation/consultation-document/](https://www.happyhealthylives.uk/integrated-care-board/your-voice/current_consultations/south-warwickshire-community-hospital-rehabilitation-bed_consultation/consultation-document/) The survey can be accessed here:

[https://surveys.qaresearch.co.uk/WebProd/Interview/8U3338DPK0TGSHSQ8U300ASAWP0\\_CJOYK](https://surveys.qaresearch.co.uk/WebProd/Interview/8U3338DPK0TGSHSQ8U300ASAWP0_CJOYK)

##### **2. South Warwickshire Local Plan**

Central Government have issued a draft revise National Planning Policy Framework [NPPF]. This coincides with the development of the South Warwickshire Local Plan [SWLP] which has been in development as a replacement of the current Core Strategy for SDC but includes Warwick District Council as well and has therefore been developed jointly between the two Councils. The consultation period for the SWLP commenced on the 10th January 2025 details of which can be viewed at; <https://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/> I urge all Parish Councils to comment within the consultation period and to encourage residents to do the same as this plan will impact them locally going towards 2050; this is a plan for a generation and will shape the environment in which we live and cherish. The NPPF focus is on delivering affordable housing and that includes new settlements, traveller sites, and the status of green belt as well as 'green' power generation projects such as solar and wind farms. In addition, the government has determined that District Councils will be abolished within this Parliament. That makes the design of the SWLP most critical for local democracy and protection of our countryside, because decisions on planning will become more remote from communities by definition.



### **3. Devolution As mentioned above**

In December 2024 the government issued an English Devolution White Paper. Warwickshire was already designated as a Tier Two devolved Council but retaining the two-tier political system of District and County Councils. The white paper would remove the District Council tier but retain Parish Councils. It is likely therefore that Warwickshire will be in the van of implementation which might happen as soon as 2027 [see page 32 of the English Devolution White Paper]. There is therefore an argument to delay WCC elections due in May 2025. District elections are due in May 2027 but would no longer be required with the abolishment of the Councils. It costs around £1,000,000 to run the WCC election and having to repeat the election some 24 months later does not seem a good use of public money but others may take a different view. In any case, the requirement for a non-mayoral Unitary Authority [Foundation level] is to have a population of 500,000 or more. Warwickshire has around 650,000. A mayoral authority would require a population of 1.5M and to achieve that Warwickshire would need to join with another authority such as Worcestershire or as some District/Borough Council Leaders have suggested, the West Midlands Combined Authority. The Mayor of the West Midlands has appeared to have ruled that option out but the Northern Boroughs seem to be in favour as does the Leader of SDC. If Warwickshire moves in the van of authorities to a non-mayoral Unitary Authority, it can design its own destiny rather than have won imposed that does not have the priorities of residents at its heart.

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## Appendix B

<b>PILLERTON HERSEY PARISH COUNCIL</b>			
<b>Bank Reconciliation report</b>			
<b>Financial year ending 31 March 2025</b>			
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1 APRIL 2024		£	3,301.61
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
28/04/2024	Stratford District Council precept	£	1,383.00
16/09/2024	Stratford District Council precept	£	1,383.00
		<b>£</b>	<b>2,766.00</b>
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<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
02/04/2024	Alana Collis salary (March 2024)	-£	107.72
02/04/2024	HMRC (of Clerk salary)	-£	27.00
02/04/2024	Alana Collis overtime	-£	79.07
02/04/2024	HMRC (of Clerk overtime)	-£	19.80
30/04/2024	Alana Collis salary (April 2023)	-£	78.37
30/04/2024	HMRC (of Clerk salary)	-£	52.00
20/05/2024	WALC (inv 853)	-£	126.00
20/05/2024	Alana Collis (expenses - printing)	-£	4.50
20/05/2024	Alana Collis (expenses - PM refreshments)	-£	20.55
31/05/2024	Alana Collis (salay, May 2024)	-£	80.72
31/05/2024	HMRC (of Clerk salary)	-£	54.00
24/06/2024	WALC (inv 987)	-£	42.00
24/06/2024	Pillerton Priors Village Hall	-£	12.00
24/06/2024	W J Robinson	-£	130.00
01/07/2024	Alana Collis salary (July 2024)	-£	78.37
01/07/2024	HMRC (of clerk salary)	-£	52.00
16/07/2024	Alana Collis laptop reimbursment	-£	249.00
31/07/2024	Laura Callow (of clerk salary)	-£	116.82
31/07/2024	HMRC (of clerk salary)	-£	29.20
30/08/2024	Laura Callow (of clerk salary)	-£	122.82
30/08/2024	HMRC (of Clerk salary)	-£	23.20
19/09/2024	Training CiLCA	-£	64.17
30/09/2024	Laura Callow (of clerk salary)	-£	116.82
30/09/2024	HMRC (of clerk salary)	-£	29.20
18/10/2024	Wellers Law Group	-£	720.00
30/10/2024	Laura Callow (of clerk salary)	-£	136.00
30/10/2024	HMRC (of clerk salary)	-£	34.20
15/11/2024	Pillerton Priors Village Hall	-£	9.00
26/11/2024	Laura Callow (of clerk salary)	-£	121.66
26/11/2024	HMRC (of clerk salary)	-£	30.40
30/12/2024	Laura Callow (of clerk salary)	-£	121.66
30/12/2024	HMRC (of clerk salary)	-£	30.40
		<b>-£</b>	<b>2,918.65</b>
<b>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 21/01/2025</b>		£	<b>3,148.96</b>
<b>BANK STATEMENT 21/01/25</b>		£	<b>3,148.96</b>
Signed			
Chair		Date:	
Clerk & RFO		Date:	