



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 17th September 2024

The Church of ST Mary, Pillerton Hersey, CV35 QHJ.

Present:

Cllr Hewson
Cllr Hitchman
Cllr Brooks
Cllr Thomas

In attendance:

Laura Callow, Clerk and RFO

The meeting started at 19:03

1. Apologies

It was RESOLVED to accept apologies from WCC Cllr Izzi Seccombe and Cllr Littlewood

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, 09th July 2024

It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 09th July 2024

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

6. County, District and Parish Liaison

County Council update

Cllr Seccombe was not present.

District Council update

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

7. Planning Matters

- a. Planning decisions

To note the decisions to the following applications.

- i. 24/01928/DDT - Brook House, Watery Lane, Pillerton Hersey, Warwick CV35 0QP -Notification of dangerous/dead tree. Notification has been received in relation to dead/dangerous tree/s at the above address. As the tree/s are dead/dangerous there is no requirement to go through the Conservation Area Notification for tree works (6 week process)/TPO application process. A Forestry and Landscape Officer has either visited the site or examined a



report with photographic evidence and confirms that the works are necessary.

- ii. 24/01878/FUL – Holly Tree Cottage, Oxhill Bridle Road. Pillerton Hersey CV35 0QB – No Objection response submitted 28/08/24. No decision has yet been made.
- iii. 24/02058/LBC – Flaxlands, Pillerton Hersey CV35 0QA – No objection response submitted 11/09/2024. No decision has yet been made.

8. Finance

- a) To review finance report
It was RESOLVED to accept the finance report (Proposed: Cllr Hewson, seconded: Cllr Brooks, 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 agree to a variation in the bank mandate
It was RESOLVED to accept the variation in the bank mandate (Proposed: Cllr Hewson, seconded: Cllr Brooks, all in favour) at the previous meeting.

9. Village Green working group

There was no update regards to the registration of the village green.

10. Poors Allotment

It was RESOLVED to approve Revd Nikki Chatterton as a Trustee of the Poors Allotment Charity.

11. Reports and questions

Cllr Hewson explained the town and parish council forum to all councillors. All responses will be emailed to the chair and she will submit on Monday. Councillors will attend more training courses as requested by the monitoring officer, so the clerk will produce a list of training courses for councillors to choose from. Cllr Hitchman mentioned the hedges has been cut except for the one opposite the war memorial which is now making it unsafe. The owners verbally agreed when the hedge was planted, they would make sure to keep it cut to a safe level each year.

12. 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

19th November 24 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed 20:04

Signed.....



Appendix A

Ward member Report to Parish Councils in Tysoe Ward. 02-09-2024

Typically, August is a quiet time at SDC as Officers and Members take the time for holidays. The work does not stop however, especially with regards to planning applications. Although a reduced workload planning applications continue to come in!

Planning Applications

The main Application in the Ward remains the Anaerobic Digester project. This Application has been in the system now for nearly two years. As I reported last month, the time span has not been because of dereliction of effort by the Planning Officers at SDC but simply because of the complexity of impact on the locality, the claimed benefits, and clear local harm such a project will impact the environment and quality of life of residents living close to the proposed site; and, in my opinion, the insignificant National benefit that the relatively infinitesimally small contribution to the national consumption of gas, and, 40% of the production being Carbon Dioxide as a financially beneficial by-product. The calculation as to support or refuse the application comes down to Harm vs Benefit. Importantly, should the application be refused, and the applicant go to appeal, then the process of assessment must be seen to have been conducted properly, and this has added to the time taken to ensure a safe and reasonable decision.

Over the first part of the year, I co-chaired the Task and Finish working group reporting to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at SDC, on the 'protection' of Public Houses as important centres of communities, especially in rural areas. The result was a planning guidance note for planning officers to emphasise the current Core Strategy and to ensure that applications for change of purpose are strictly applied. The first 'successful' outcome since publication of the Planning Guidance note has been the refusal to permit the grade II listed Fox and Hounds in Great Wolford to be changed from a public house to a dwelling. With work commencing on the South Warwickshire Local Plan [SWLC], a combined planning document with Warwick District Council, it is essential that work continues to reinforce planning protection for this and other assets of community value such as local shops and post offices.

Welfare and Support

The Labour Government's announcement that Winter Fuel Allowance is to be stopped except for those on Pension Credit means that many more pensioners could be at risk of fuel poverty over the fast-approaching Autumn and Winter. I urge all communities to highlight any who might be in need this Winter to both SDC and WCC. Living in cold unheated properties can start an irreversible downwards spiral in the elderly and vulnerable. If your communities are lucky to have 'Warm Hubs', please make those in need aware that they exist as friendly warm social places.

Resettlement & Asylum in SDC

At the meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the 30th August, we were updated with regards to the current status of SDC's performance in fulfilling pledges and statutory duty regarding housing households in need. The update focussed on housing pledges in support of;

- The UK Refugee Resettlement Scheme,
- The Afghan Relocation Allocation Policy, Afghan Citizens relocation Scheme,
- Service Families Accommodation,
- The Homes for Ukraine Scheme, and,
- The Asylum dispersal scheme.

By July 2025 19 households are to be resettled in the District in Housing Association accommodation. This will reduce the cost of B&B utilisation to SDC. 19 households should be viewed in the context of

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the current 5,997 households on the list, but this includes those of low priority. High priority households on the list, i.e. those that are homeless, or have a high housing need and/or a local connection number 1,638 households of which some 900 are of the highest priority with SDC having a Statutory Duty to rehouse them.

Funding for the pledged households from Central Government is £45,750 in this F.Y. but the liability for funding the scheme is estimated to be in the order of £51,000.

SDC Finances & Resources

The SDC finances remains in a healthy condition because of the cash reserves and investments achieved historically, however there are increasing costs that have required reserves to be allocated. Investment Interest provided an additional £290k but with interest rates reducing, this cannot be considered a reliable revenue stream.

Staff Recruitment agencies cost an additional £100k, and Council Tax collection, Housing Benefit Administration and Housing Benefits cost an additional £125k. Leisure Centre and reinstatement of play areas and paddling pools following the floods of 2024 cost an additional £20k. A reduction in Off Street Parking revenues and reduced levels of recycling and additional building maintenance resulted in reduced revenues and costs amounting to some £170k.

Appendix B

PILLERTON HERSEY PARISH COUNCIL			
Bank Reconciliation report			
Financial year ending 31 March 2025			
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1 APRIL 2024		£	3,301.61
RECEIPTS			
28/04/2024 Stratford District Council precept	£	1,383.00	
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PAYMENTS			
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 (salary, May 2024)	-£	80.72	
31/05/2024 HMRC (of Clerk salary)	-£	54.00	
24/05/2024 WALC (inv 987)	-£	42.00	
24/05/2024 Pillerton Priors Village Hall	-£	12.00	
24/05/2024 W J Robinson	-£	130.00	
01/07/2024 Alana Collis salary (July 2024)	-£	78.37	
01/07/2024 HMRC (of clerk salary)	-£	52.00	
16/08/2024 Alana Collis laptop reimbursement	-£	249.00	
31/09/2024 Laura Callow (of clerk salary)	-£	116.82	
31/09/2024 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	
	-£	<u>1,505.14</u>	-£ 1,505.14
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 12/09/2024		£	3,179.47
BANK STATEMENT 12/09/2024		£	3,179.47