

PILLERTON HERSEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 26th November 2015 at 8.00pm in Pillerton Priors Village Hall

Present	Sian Case - Chair (SC) Sara Cichocka (SMC) Nigel Walker (NW)
In attendance	Cllr Philip Seecombe (PC) Ian Greenall (Chair Pillerton Priors PC) Zbig Cichocki (Minute Secretary)
Apologies	Clive Fidler (CF) Alec Hitchman (AH) Cllr Izzi Seecombe (IS)

1. Welcome and apologies

Ian Greenall, the Chair of Pillerton Priors Parish Council was welcomed as an observer to the meeting. Apologies were accepted from CF, AH and IS.

2. Approval and Acceptance of Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on Wednesday 19th August 2015 were approved, accepted and signed as a true record by SC.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Matters Arising

Item 10a (as recorded from the meeting before):

Website

SMC presented a draft of the website to be hosted by easyspace. It was agreed that the site should go to the next design stage and be ready by end of January. It was agreed that the minutes of the last two meetings be published. SMC will set up generic email addresses and remove personal phone numbers. A link to Stratford DC planning can be made with their support. SMC will investigate storage of documents on the cloud.

Action: SMC

Item 4:

Faster Broadband

NW reported back That he had spoken with Leigh Hunt and asked about the chances of our area coming forward in the overall broadband strategy but was given no encouragement. NW will continue to monitor the situation.

Action: NC

Leawell Spring:

SC presented the Deed of Dedication document from Fields in Trust which will now allow for registration with the Land Registry. The valuation will be set at a nominal £100. PS suggested that the land could be registered with Stratford DC as a community asset in order to gain further protection.

Action: SC

Item 6:

Springfield Farm

It was noted that the planning application had been withdrawn and will probably be revised and resubmitted. SC agreed to contact Stratford DC about implementation of the enforcement order.

Action: SC

5. Finance

A discussion took place about setting the precept for 2016-17. NW informed the council about the relatively large amount being held, limited commitments and no major projects. A debate took place about the justification of maintaining the level of precept and the opportunity to reduce it. NW explained that a relatively large contingency was retained for action in regard to possible flooding but that these matters were financed by the district and the county. After some discussion it was decided to reduce it to £1000 for 2016-2017. Proposed by SMC, seconded by SC and agreed. NW will complete the required paperwork by the deadline.

Balance		£2731.40
20 Nov 15	Paid Poppy Appeal	£25.00
21 Sept 15	Received Stratford DC Precept	£800.00
24 Aug 15	Paid Easyspace Website	£461.40

Action: NW

6. Planning

No planning application was considered for Pillerton Hersey but SC did write in support of Pillerton Prior's PC objection to a proposed development of three houses off Kibler's Lane. It was recorded that there is a proposal for 10 houses off the Banbury Road in Pillerton Priors which is causing some concern.

SC and NW attended planning training which they found useful and interesting. There was guidance about having public meetings for all planning applications.

7. Update for district councillor

PS gave a brief update on the Core Strategy which had been judged 70% sound by the inspector and that 2000 houses in local service villages had basically been agreed and many have been started already. This may reduce the need for smaller developments in areas such as ours.

PS explained the pressure from the metropolitan councils in the West Midlands on the surrounding counties and their districts to join a Joint Council but this had been resisted by Stratford at the moment but that changes to local government were on their way.

PS asked about the new refuse collection operation and it was agreed that it was working well. PS noted that Stratford DC recycling was working very well. SC would write in the Newsletter reminding residents about the opportunity for assisted collection in appropriate cases.

Action: SC

8. Update from county councillor

None

9. Correspondence

The Mineral Plan, Gritting Routes and WALC magazine had been received and noted. It was agreed that membership of the WALC was proving very useful.

10. AOB

Regarding possible flooding risk actions it was noted that these would be funded by the district and county and that the landowners had a duty to clear drains.

It was noted that good neighbourliness was a strength of the community and this should be encouraged particularly toward people living on their own.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

9. Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

Thursday 25th February at 7.30pm in Pillerton Priors Village Hall.