

PILLERTON HERSEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 19th August 2015 at 7.30pm in Pillerton Priors Village Hall

Present Sian Case - Chair (SC)
Clive Fidler (CF)
Sara Cichocka (SMC)
Alec Hitchman (AH)
Nigel Walker (NW)

In attendance Cllr Philip Seccombe (PC)
Cllr Izzi Seccombe (IS) - after 7.45pm
Terry Hitchman

Zbig Cichocki (Minute Secretary)

Apologies None

1. Approval and Acceptance of Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on Wednesday 20th May 2015 were approved, accepted and signed as a true record by SC.

2. Declarations of Interest

NW expressed a declaration of interest in the planning item regarding Springfield Farm.

3. Matters Arising

Item 8:

NW stated that all paperwork was now completed with regard to the handover of the bank account.

Item 9:

SC stated that the documents had been returned to Stratford DC.

Item 10a:

SMC explained that the 1&1 website proved inappropriate on further investigation as it did not meet the need of the Council and that Easyspace would be better. This offered an initial professional design option and more appropriate payment arrangements. It was understood that there is no administrative access to the current website. After a discussion on access arrangements, flexibility, payment options, security, hosting and VAT charges it was agreed to proceed with Easyspace professional design with an initial payment of £461.40. The total cost over 5 years being £656.55 which includes the initial design, web hosting, domain registration and VAT. This is a considerable saving on present costs and is considered to present a good opportunity to publicise the local community. SMC agreed to be the lead on developing and maintaining the website to be known as PillertonHerseyPC.org.uk. There would be opportunity for individual councillor email addresses to

be hosted and for links to District, County and other appropriate websites. The new website would be publicised in the newsletter when ready.

Proposed: SMC, Seconded: CF, Approved.

Action: SMC

It was also noted that there is a County Councillor grant (total of £5000 annually for all the Parish Councils) which, although cannot be awarded retrospectively to this project, may be considered for future matched funding. IS also stated that there was a highways grant generally linked to safety issues.

Item 10b:

SC stated that she will hold the Council computer although it is now not in use, apart from checking for emails and transferring them to her own computer, and very outdated. This is with a view of disposing of it appropriately at some time in the future.

Item 10d:

CF stated that the council decision was publicised in the newsletter and that no feedback had been received.

4. Future issues

Faster Broadband

NW stated that he was pleased to champion this project. Pillerton Hersey is included as part of Contract 2 Phase 1 which is commencing during the summer of 2016 and continuing until summer 2019. Planning is underway and there is a need for the Council and residents to lobby BT to increase the chances of Pillerton Hersey being early in the deployment. Leigh Hunt is the lead officer and NW would contact her. A discussion took place about voucher schemes and individual schemes. It was noted that Park Slade Farm, the 2 bungalows and The Hills Farm, all on the Kineton Road, are served from the Kineton cabinet and as such maybe on a different BT contract with different completion dates to the rest of the village.

Action: NW

Leawell Spring

A discussion was held about the possibility of improving this area with fencing and cutting back growth and making it a feature. Issues of health and safety and of maintenance were raised and as such it was agreed that this was not a priority at this stage.

SC suggested that in order to be a proactive Council future meetings should include an item on improvements and vision for the community.

5. Finance

Payment £100 to Stratford DC for election costs

Balance £2417.80

The 2nd part of precept due in September. IS suggested that preparation for next year's precept be made at the next meeting ready for submission in January 2016.

The issue of clerking and the associated costs was discussed but no decision was made at the point.

6. Planning

NW and SC are due to attend planning training from Stratford DC in the near future. SMC also expressed an interest in attending and will contact Stratford DC.

Springfield Farm 15/01495/FUL

An objection was made to Stratford DC about the retrospective planning application relating to the land described as Springfield Farm. This was based on the information in the application documents. Concern was also expressed about the nature of access over the track on the Village Green. IS advised that Council representatives be prepared to speak at the planning committee meeting.

Vicarage Farm 15/02461/FUL

No comment.

7. Correspondence

SC had correspondence with Fields in Trust and all paperwork was now completed for the official deed documents. The small cost was as yet not known. AH suggested the planting of wildflowers on that land and he would research further.

Action: AH

8. AOB

NW suggested that the Council stop paying £12 annually for Clerks and Councils Direct publication. This was agreed.

IS commented that there is no roundabout planned at the Fosse Way - Banbury Road junction.

A confidential issue was raised, but IS advised that she would investigate and support directly as this was not a Parish Council responsibility.

SC requested that all councillors share their phone contact details with her. All agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

9. Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

Thursday 26th November at 7.30pm in Pillerton Priors Village Hall.

