

# Pillerton Hersey Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**7.50pm Tuesday 23rd May 2017 at St Mary's Church**

Present:

Sian Case (SC)	Chair
Clive Fidler (CF)	Vice Chair
Nigel Walker (NW)	Treasurer
Sara Cichocka (SMC)	Webmaster
Alec Hitchman (AC)	

Zbig Cichocki (ZC)                      Minute Secretary

### **1. Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest**

SC welcomed everyone to the meeting. apologies received from Penny-Anne O'Dowell. No declarations of interest. SC expressed thanks to Councillor Izzy Seccombe to her support of the Parish Council throughout the previous year and acknowledged the pressures on her time.

### **2. Approval of the previous minutes**

These were approved and signed by SC

### **3. Questions from the public**

None. No parishioners present.

### **4. Matters arising**

#### **Crime Prevention Event**

The crime prevention took place and parishioners who came were able to mark their property for security. SC had put up the new signs at the entry to the village. There are pens available to lend and this will be advertised in the newsletter.

#### **Flooding works**

Flooding works not yet started but were due to this Monday. CF will monitor the situation and will be in contact with WCC next week if no progress in made. CF is looking at a grant to complete any minor additional works if these are necessary.

**Action: CF**

#### **Ford**

Work on the ford had started. There was some concern about the lack of progress over the last few days. It was noted that the previous week had been very wet. The situation will continue to be monitored.

#### **Road Signs**

A representative of WCC Road Safety team made a site visit with several Councillors last week. They walked throughout the village and commented on the speeding concerns and traffic signing in general. A written report is being prepared and any recommendations will be considered when that is received.

### **Broadband Improvement**

As discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting, there is no imminent improvement work planned but there is a survey of reception speeds to be carried out at the end of this year with the possibility of some improvement work in 2018. SC will write to various BT representatives to seek the dates for the survey. The situation will continue to be monitored.

**Action: SC**

### **New Rector**

CF went to the lunch at which one candidate for the post was present. CF had the opportunity to speak with her and give her information about our community. At this time he was not sure that any appointment had been made.

### **WALC meeting**

SC apologised for not being able attend. Her application was, apparently, 24 hours too late.

## **5. Flooding works update**

See above

## **6. Proposed Western Power works update**

SC referred to the email that she had received from Western Power and had been forwarded to all councillors before the meeting implying that the plans were still at an early stage and that no date for the start had been set. CF had investigated and explained that there was some clarification on the possible reasons why this work was initiated. CF will follow up and do some research about the initial trigger for the improvement work. There were mixed views about the benefits of the scheme.

**Action:CF**

## **7. Planning**

Old Vicarage Tree works - No representation to be made.

## **8. Financial issues not covered at the Annual Meeting**

Contributions to the maintenance of the Churchyard were considered and NW proposed £70 on an annual basis. SC seconded and this was approved.

NW proposed a thank you to Elizabeth Fillmore for her auditing work and support in completing the rigorous financial returns that need to be made each year. This was approved.

## **9. Phone Box**

SMC had investigated the possibility of improving the Parish noticeboard. The cost of a new board would be in the region of £700. In view of this she did further research and discovered that the phone box opposite the noticeboard is about to be moved but that there is an opportunity to buy it for £1 and that the Parish Council could adopt it. The phone would be removed but BT would continue to pay for the electricity supply to the light. SMC proposed the phone box as a possible public noticeboard. SMC suggested that, having contacted local residents, there would be willingness to maintain and cleaning the phonebook regularly. SMC suggested purchasing some display folders which would provide a neat presentation of public notices and would mean the existing noticeboard could be used for Parish Council notices exclusively. SMC had also contacted Stratford DC who were supportive of the adoption and said that no planning issues would be raised.

After discussion, an initial expenditure of £100 was authorised to cover the cost of folders and cleaning materials. Adoption was proposed by SMC, seconded by CF and agreed.

SMC will pursue the adoption process with BT and, if appropriate, will prepare the phone box for use as proposed.

**10. Update from District Councillor**

None

**11. Update from County Councillor**

None

**12. Correspondence**

SC informed the Council that a proposed visit to the foundry at which the church bells were being repaired was taking place in October and that anyone interested should contact Jennifer Lewthwaite.

It was noted an email had been received about the hedge recently planted near to the Kinton Road, querying future potential visibility. SC has asked the WCC road safety expert who visited last week for further advice.

**13. AOB**

Concern about the behaviour of a terrier on the road outside Coverwell Farm was raised. Walkers and joggers had been affected. CF will speak with the owner with a view to improving the situation.

***Action: CF***

**14. Date of next meeting**

7.30pm Wednesday 16th August 2017 in the Church