

Pillerton Hersey Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7.30pm Tuesday 15th August 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)	

Izzi Seccombe (IS)	County Councillor
Penny-Anne O'Donnell (PAO)	District Councillor

Zbig Cichocki (ZC)	Minute Secretary
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1. Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest

SC welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Izzi Seccombe and our new District Councillor, Penny-Anne O'Donnell (PAO) who was attending her first PHPC meeting.

There were no apologies and no declarations of interest.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

There were corrections to be made. The minutes were then approved, and signed by SC as a true record.

3. Questions or representations from the public

None. No members of the public present.

4. Matters arising

Road Signs

It was decided that the estimate of £700 for a sign to indicate unsuitability of the ford was too expensive and, in fact, no longer required. This was proposed by SMC and seconded by NW. Improvements to chevrons and ford signs had been passed onto WCC but may take up to 12 months to install.

Ford

It was noted that the ford repair was completed. CF commented that one edge could potentially be an issue in high water situations. This will be monitored.

Broadband Improvement

SC indicated that she had not sent a letter to BT but had replied to CSW in response to their survey regarding the quality of service. In this, SC indicated PHPC's frustration and dissatisfaction with the support received in terms of improving the provision for the community. IS commented that there is large investment going into infrastructure improvement and that we should be connected to the system by spring 2018 and from then on it may be up to individual households to arrange

linkage. IS asked for a copy of the response to be forwarded to her and she will take up the matter with CSW. A copy will be sent to PAO for information.

Phone Box

SMC passed on both copies of the signed contract which now means the phone box is PHPC property. The phone has been removed by BT. Two windows had to be replaced, with toughened glass, because the BT logo could not be removed as it was permanent. This was despite considerable effort. The phone box has received an initial clean and has been painted externally a dark green colour to improve its appearance. CF commented that he would have welcomed more information on planned changes.

SMC had purchased pockets for the notices and stickers indicating that the box would be a community notice resource. The expenditure was £142 which exceeded the allocated £100 (mainly due to the glass replacement). The reimbursement additional expenditure was proposed by NW and seconded by SC. There will be a pencil and paper provided inside for note taking by the community and a brief set of guidelines for use was discussed and will be displayed. SMC will write a note for the next parish newsletter.

Action: SMC

Hedges on Kineton Road

SC had contacted WCC following concern expressed by AH about visibility for traffic around the corner of Kineton Road. The response was that nothing would be done and that until there is evidence of a problem the situation can only be monitored. SC said that the owners of the hedge said they would maintain it to no higher than the existing fence level. It was noted that AH expressed a continued concern.

Dog at Coverwell Farm

CF had spoken with the owner of the dog who indicated it was free to roam the farmyard and that this would not change. SC and NW were concerned about the dog still being free to be on the road and SC said that a jogger was nearly bitten. IS commented that if the problem is found to continue that the police should be contacted. SC indicated her continued concern. The situation will be monitored.

5. Flooding works update

CF gave an update on the work being carried out and indicated that some 70% had been completed. A 600mm pipe with header wall had been laid under the village green at the Kineton Road and that a large box junction connects this to 2x300mm pipes under the road. A further 300mm is yet to be laid and this awaits closure of the road in the, hopefully, near future. A metal grid to take run-off from the road was not yet planned. CF expressed his satisfaction for the work to date and his thanks to IS for her considerable support in this matter. CF to monitor the work for completion.

Action: CF

6. Planning

Lower Fosse Farm

No representation to be made.

Western Power

SC showed the letter received from SDC showing some proposed works. This indicated no dates, timescale or detail. There was discussion about the low priority that this work may

receive due to developments around Stratford and that the situation will continue to be monitored.

7. Financial Update

NW gave an update. The balance stands at £3232.36 and expenditure over the period since the last meeting was £80.15 for annual WALC membership subscription and £30.00 for flowers as agreed. the £70.00 payment as agreed to the church has not yet been made as NW was waiting for clarification about the cheque payee.

Action: NW

8. Update from District Councillor

PAO informed us of the annual electoral registration process currently underway and that SDC are becoming more digitally focused in terms of communication. She informed us of the current Cybersafe initiative.

Our attention was drawn to the Warwickshire Business Festival between the 20th November and 1st December. Details are available on the SDC website.

PAO informed us of the quality training that she had accessed as a new Councillor and that this was available to all Parish Councillors. The training is held on evenings in Elizabeth House. AH expressed interest and asked for details. PAO said that she would email them.

9. Update from County Councillor

IS informed the PC that consultations about the restructuring of services provided by wCC Children's Centres was ongoing. This was due to budgetary issues as well as refocusing on people rather than buildings. IS invited comments to be made by parishioners.

IS informed us of the continued work on the Health and Social Care agenda in which more partnership was sought. There has been progress, if slow, over the last 8 years and that this continues to be one of her priorities.

The Councillor grant of £500 is still available for appropriate projects.

10. Correspondence

Notice was taken of the proposed minor amendments to SDC Code of Conduct and that no comment would be made to the consultation.

An email has been received from a parishioner expressing thanks for the ford repairs.

A digital projector is to be made available free of charge to PHPC is requested. This is to save on planning hard copies being sent out and to aid with planning presentations. It was agreed that this may be excessive in our situation and SC will consult with Pillerton Priors PC about sharing.

Action: SC

IS invited all councillors to social evening at the Shire Hall on Saturday 16th September between 6.30-8.00pm where there will be opportunity to see the Hall itself as well as the Courts and old Dungeons. SC will email councillors about their possible attendance.

Action: SC

Old maps of the local area will be made available online and SMC was asked to include these on the parish website.

Action: SMC

11. AOB

Some concern was expressed about the possible future use of the land which is for sale along Oxhill Bridle Road. The situation will be monitored.

Warm congratulations, led by CF, were given by all to IS for her forthcoming award of the OBE. Her hard work, both locally and more widely are much valued and appreciated.

SC expressed her disquiet about the noise of garden work on a Sunday afternoon by a small number of parishioners even after direct approaches. It was suggested that the matter is difficult and relies on goodwill. It was suggested that SC place another request in the forthcoming parish newsletter.

Action: SC

12. Date of next meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 24th October 2017 in Pillerton Priors Village Hall.

All most welcome

Meeting closed at 9.30pm