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## Pillerton Hersey Parish Council

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7.30pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 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)	(left the meeting at item 4)
Zbig Cichocki (ZC)	Minute Secretary
Public present:	Tim Newcombe
	Terry Hitchman
	Chris Cooke (arrived 7.45pm)

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

SC welcomed everyone to the meeting.  
Apologies were received from Izzi Seccombe and Penny-Anne O'Donnell.  
A declaration of interest was received from AH related to item 4.

**1a. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were then approved, and signed by SC as a true record.

**2. Representations from the public**

None received

**3. Matters arising**

**Anti-speeding**

SC had been told that WCC will only advise on these matters if a fee of £202.50 was paid upfront and then only for those matters raised beforehand. Any measures suggested would be from the Parish Council budget and could be considerable. SC was reluctant to pursue this and other councillors were of the view that little would be suggested. SC will contact WCC about repairing the damaged sign toward the Fosse Way. The councillors considered that, at this time, no action should be taken regarding consulting WCC.

**Action: SC**

**Speed Gun Monitoring**

SC had been in contact with WCC, this time with regard to the use of a speed gun to monitor traffic speed along the Kinton Road. One is available to share with local parishes for a month at a time for two separate months each year. There would be training provided for a group of 8 to 10 volunteers. SC will place a notice on the notice board and one will be placed on the website asking for volunteers by for volunteers by 31st January for the training session on 15th February in Shipston.

**Action: SC, SMC**

**Drainage**

Referred to item 7

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### 4. Planning – Plot adjacent to School Cottages 14/01393/FUL

AH left the meeting at this point as he had declared an interest. SC referred to an email, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January, received from Ms. Fraser in which she stated that she was *'in the process of purchasing the plot next to School Cottages'* and intending to *'commence work on site (as Agent for Mr and Mrs Weston at this stage) at the earliest opportunity in the New Year, weather permitting'*. This raised concerns regarding adherence to the S106 conditions stipulated. SC had contacted Stratford DC who stated because a local resident was still involved, and that no building purchase was included at this stage, there would be no grounds for action on their part. Stratford DC are to examine their writing of S106 conditions in the future in order to mitigate this sort of arrangement. Their comment was *'however this appears to be an unsatisfactory scenario therefore the definition of Local Market Unit will require a change to include a provision where even if the property is not built, Part 3 of the Schedule can be engaged in addition to the situation where it is built.'*

A discussion followed in which disappointment was expressed about the outcomes of this plot sale, whereby the first owner of the new building will not be the family in need of local housing who were expected to own the building at the time the planning permission was granted in 2014.

### 5. Financial Update

NW, as treasurer gave an update. The application for £1000 precept had been made before the 31<sup>st</sup> January deadline.

The current balance is £3444.28 and the expenditure since the last meeting was £22.88 for the annual 'easyspace' subscription and £30.00 for the Poppy Appeal as agreed.

NW made 4 enquiries about annual insurance and received 3 quotes. All three were close but the one recommended for cover and support was the existing supplier, which is Zurich. The cost of £257.50 is marginally higher than the other two but was felt to give better protection for our Parish Council. Proposed NW, SMC seconded. All approved.

**Action: NW**

CF had been in touch with the local Scout Troop and read out a very informative letter stating that they supported 60 local children engaging in purposeful activities and that they needed some funded for their expansion in numbers recently. £150 was suggested. CF had also been in touch in Ettington First Responders and reminded the councillors that they serve our parish. £150 was again suggested. CF proposed, NW seconded. All approved.

**Action: CF, NW**

### 6. Parish Plan suitability consideration

SMC presented a case for the consideration of a Parish Plan in next 12 months as a suitable proposition involving all the community with regard to a vision for the Parish. The main thrust of a plan is the development of a survey and its analysis on such matters as traffic, housing, community facilities etc. There is a Big Lottery Grant available to cover the cost of producing a plan and SMC suggested applying for it. This could be in the region of £2000 to £3000. The first step would be a presentation and the Annual Parish Meeting in May to form a group of parishioners to be involved in carrying out the work involved. SMC had contacted Stratford DC who were very supportive of the idea and gave information about organisations who would prepare the actual survey, analyse the data and produce results. This would involve about 75 households and about 150 individual questionnaires that the working party would deliver and collect. A discussion followed and

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councillors were supportive of the process providing parishioner involvement and funding could be obtained.

SMC would prepare the grant application and asked for NW support in this if the councillors approved. SMC will draft a presentation for the Annual Parish Meeting. SMC proposed this. SC seconded. All approved.

**Action: SMC**

### **7. Drainage work done and further drainage work**

CF referred to the drainage work done over the last few months and said that it seemed to working very well and that he was very pleased. So all that work seems to have had a very positive result in terms of alleviating some major flooding issues.

CF said that landowners along the north side of Kineton Road beyond the village green are prepared to clear ditches along the road. Mr. Crockett is prepared to clear ditches on the village green and to put in a drain to help with the very wet conditions there. He would also put some road planings on the track. CF proposed supporting this and mooted the Parish Council to pay for the planings material in return for all the work being done to improve the village green. The sum would be in the region of £200. There followed a discussion that acknowledged the goodwill from Mr. Crockett and expressed a desire to respond favourably. CF proposed, SMC seconded, All approved.

**Action: CF**

### **8. Update from District Councillor**

Not available

### **9. Update from County Councillor**

Not available.

### **10. Website renewal offer consideration**

SMC said that the renewal for the website was due within the next few days, and she has contacted the supplier and was able to negotiate a 5 year agreement (5 years for the cost of 4) which would have a considerable saving if this was paid upfront. The cost would be £172.00 plus VAT (as opposed to an initial quote of £50.03 plus VAT for one year). SMC proposed, NF seconded, all approved.

**Action: SMC**

### **11. Correspondence**

SC wrote to Stratford DC expressing concerns about the proposed development on the Banbury Road, Pillerton Priors regarding the capacity of the pumping station at Hersey to cope with the increased demand and regarding drainage run-off.

SC said that we are still awaiting training information on the new projector from Stratford DC which will be shared with Priors.

SC had received a request from a parishioner for consideration to kissing gates in place of stiles into the field adjoining Oxhill Bridle Road. CF will contact WCC.

**Action: CF**

CF left the meeting, due to declared interest in next item.

Planning received (18/00149/TREE) with regard to trees – no comment

CF returned.

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SC expressed concern about the need for councillors to complete forms that she had received with regard to the Code of Conduct. SC will email these and ask all to complete them as a matter of urgency.

**Action: SC, All**

SC had received an email from a parishioner in Oxhill Bridle Road that afternoon regarding potholes. SC replied saying WCC should be contacted directly. This led to SC expressing concern about the expectation on her as Chair to manage all the correspondence and demands, which would normally be placed on a paid clerk. Councillors discussed this as way forward to be investigated. SC will contact the clerk from Priors about the possibility of her including Hersey in her role. SC will report back.

**Action: SC**

### 12. AOB

None

### 13. Date of next meeting

**Annual Parish Meeting** 7.30pm Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May In St Mary's Church

**AGM & Parish Council Meeting** 7.30pm Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May in St Mary's Church

Meeting closed at 9.10pm