

# Pillerton Hersey Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7.30pm Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 at Pillerton Priors Village Hall

Present:

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

Public Ros Williams, Peter Williams, Chris Rimmell, Dawn Fraser, Simon Evans, Bernie Newcombe, Tim Newcombe, Terry Hitchman

Minute taker AH

### Public Session

A good turnout of Pillerton Hersey public made a strong case regarding their opposition to the Oxhill Bridle road planning application for a new stabling and livery facility in Mr D Leatharts field. No one present supported the application. It was felt that traffic, safety, road construction, viability of business in this location etc were against this application being suitable for the village. Thanks were given to the PC for their support and activity over this matter, in particular SMC and SC. Residents meetings had been held and the local district councilor had visited the site. It was felt that, if approved, the change of use would have a big effect on the village. Stratford District Council Planning Committee were meeting tomorrow night and representations were to be made against the application by residents and the Parish Council.(see item 8 below)

A separate issue raised was the establishment of a small traveller camp on the Walton road. This initially comprised two caravans etc but a third had arrived recently. Ponies were tethered alongside the road and caused some concern. It was felt a safety issue may arise and untidiness afterwards was also a worry. This needed monitoring, but should be a temporary affair.

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

SMC welcomed everyone to the meeting.  
Apologies had been received from the local district and county councilors.  
No new declarations of interest.

### 2. Approval of the previous minutes

Approved.

### 3. Matters arising

#### Clerk

SC had corresponded with John Crossland of WALC. The cost of a clerk was discussed and should be around £1,000 pa. This would depend on the exact rate per hour and number of hours worked. There should be no National Insurance cost or pension cost due to the low level of remuneration involved. Redundancy, if occurring would be small. A 3% increase next spring is

likely. The job description had been reviewed and agreed with councilors and WALC. An experienced person would be needed. Any insurance implications were to be reviewed by NW. SC proposed that a clerk should be advertised for and CF seconded and this was passed unanimously by the PC. The precept would need to increase to cover the cost of the clerk (see later item 7). SC would take this forward with WALC, John Crossland.

### **Standing Orders**

Standing orders were accepted as discussed at the last meeting.

#### **4. Receive Declarations of interest relevant to tonight's agenda.**

SC had received an email from AH detailing why he would not take part in the planning relating to School Cottage.

#### **5. District Councillor**

No report.

#### **6. County Councilor**

No report.

#### **7. Finance Report**

NW reported that the current balance in the bank was £ 6,147. A payment back was due to the National Lottery of £2,600 which had arrived following an application for supporting the Parish plan. As this was not now required the money would be returned forthwith leaving a balance of £3,547. There were no expected outgoings this quarter.

The Precept for next year was discussed. Following discussion of the money retained in the PC bank balance, expected revenue and expenditure, and the probable cost of a clerk, it was decided to run down the balance slightly to ease the cost of a clerk and set a precept of £1,500 for the year 2019/20. This was agreed unanimously.

#### **8. Planning Applications**

##### **Oxhill Bridle road Livery unit**

Further to the earlier discussion with the public, councillors discussed this issue and resolved to oppose. The PC were disappointed with the support and contribution from both the District and County council. However local councilors were more supportive. There had been 25 comments from the public, all against. 40% of the population had objected. The PC had sent a list of objections and would be making the case against the application at the SDC Planning Meeting the following night. Parishioners were encouraged to attend to show the strength of feeling. It was noted that the Planning Notice may not have been displayed as required by law.

##### **School Cottages parking**

AH left the room.

The PC were disappointed that this application had to be retrospective, but it was a necessity and the PC had no objection to its approval and would therefore be making no comment.

## **9. Succession Planning**

The current Parish Councils period in office will end next spring and a short discussion ensued to discuss the best way to advertise the fact that people are encouraged to stand for the role. Wording will appear in the Church newsletter to invigorate parishioners and inspire them to take up the duty of Parish councillor.

## **10. Correspondence**

AH advised that he had received further complaints of speeding traffic through the village. This had been investigated previously but it was agreed to keep a note of instances and the level of speeding to use if necessary in future liaison with Highways.

An email complaint had been received regarding the Travellers on the Walton lane. CF undertook to raise this with the local District Councillor along with other issues he had to contact her over the Oxhill Bridle road planning issue.

The WALC AGM at Shire Hall was due on the 17-11-18 if anyone wished to attend.

AH enquired about an email he understood had been sent to the PC from the Church council regarding the parking situation adjacent the Church. This was discussed together with parking near the telephone box, and it was agreed to ensure local agreements were maintained to ease some of the occasional parking problems.

## **11. Date of next meeting**

7.30pm Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in Pillerton Priors village hall, small room.