



## Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

7:30 pm, Monday, 29 November 2021  
Church of St Mary, Pillerton Hersey, Warwick CV35 0QH

### **Present**

Cllr. Alec Hitchman (AH)  
Cllr. Ian Brooks (IB)  
Cllr. Simon Emery (SE)

### **In attendance**

Alana Collis, Clerk to the Council (AC)  
Cllr. Isobel Seccombe, WCC

### **Absent**

One vacancy

### **Apologies**

Cllr. William Forsyth, Chair (WF)  
Cllr. Penny-Anne O'Donnell, SDC

### **Public**

Three members of the public

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Forsyth and SDC Cllr O'Donnell.

As the Chair was absent, it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Brooks would chair the meeting.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

None

### 3. Dispensations

None

### 4. Public Forum

A member of the public commented that it may be more inclusive if the public forum was moved to the end of the agenda. It was noted that the purpose of the public forum is that the public can comment on matters on the agenda to then support the decision-making of the parish council. Although it is a requirement to have a meeting in public, it is a meeting of the parish council. It is the Chair's discretion whether to permit the public to speak at other points during the meeting.

A member of the public commented that it would be a good idea to encourage every household in the parish to plant a tree as part of the Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy initiative.

A member of the public raised concerns about Springfield Farm. It was suggested that there is a covenant in place to stop the agricultural land being used for residential purposes. Although the proposed development would be ~100 yards away, there was concern that headlights would shine into the house.

### 5. Planning

[21/03508/COUQ](#) – Springfield Farm, Pillerton Hersey

Councillors discussed the potential legal issues, the covenant and also legal access over the village green. If permissions were to be granted, then this may set a precedent to other conversions in the village. Concerns included access, light pollution and flooding as well as the expansion of the village boundary.

It was **RESOLVED** not to support a proposal to object to this application.



It was **RESOLVED** to submit a response of no representation but to submit comments as discussed by councillors.

It was **RESOLVED** that the response comments should include (i) comment about potential run-off from the field and consideration of a flood alleviation scheme, (ii) Ongoing concerns about poor water pressure in the village and additional water demand may further impact this; and (iii) legal issues related to the land and its access – namely the covenant that it is solely for agricultural use and the need for a formal agreement across the village green track.

It was noted that there is also a culvert under the track.

## 6. HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 2022

Cllr. Secombe shared the information that WCC will be planting a tree for every resident in the county. This is over 576,000 trees.

a. Queen's Green Canopy, <http://www.queensgreencanopy.org/>

It was agreed that the parish council would bid for some trees, and this would be included in the business plan. There was a question about the types of trees, and it was determined that the parish council should engage with residents to ask who would be interested.

b. Platinum Jubilee Community Grand Fund

It was noted that the parish council had received correspondence from WALC encouraging parish councils to set up a one-off Jubilee community grant fund to mark this occasion. This should be scaled to the size of the council and must only spend money on specified areas permitted within the parish council powers. It was agreed to ask residents for their ideas in the next Pillerton's newsletter and to consider this as part of the 2022/23 budget.

## 7. Finance and Planning for 2022-23

a. To discuss and resolve donations to the Royal British Legion and the Church of St Mary, Pillerton Hersey

It was **RESOLVED** to make a donation of £30 to the Royal British Legion

It was **RESOLVED** to make a donation of £60 to the Church of St Mary

b. To receive and discuss draft business plan

Cllrs. discussed the key issues that should be included in a draft business plan. These included community engagement, climate change, road safety and cybercrime. It was acknowledged that the parish council cannot address cybercrime directly but can raise awareness of the issue and of links to advice. A draft business plan will be presented at a future meeting.

c. To receive a preliminary draft 2022/23 budget

The Clerk will prepare the draft budget for the next meeting.

## 8. Reports and Questions

Cllr. Secombe provided an update on WCC matters. This included that WCC is developing a new four-year plan. This will have a consultation but this time there will not be a public meeting. The principle main priorities will be ratified at the WCC meeting alongside the budget in February 2022. These include (i) looking after the most vulnerable, (ii) ambitious council for the economy and growth (through skills, jobs, investment, connectivity and infrastructure, (iii) climate change.

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On the topic of climate change, WCC declared a climate emergency in July 2019. Now there is an action plan and WCC is investing in climate change. The aim is to have a carbon neutral Warwickshire by 2050.

Cllr Seccombe also mentioned the switch and save initiative to change energy providers and county farms (~5,000 acres) to have solar on the farms and put the generated electricity into the grid. There is also the green shoots fund where organisations can bid for funding to support green schemes. To date this fund has received 103 applications and 69 have been funded. The call for funding applications will go live again in 2022. It was agreed that the parish council would consider ideas for community action on green issues and what funding may be required. These would be incorporated in the business plan.

## 9. Exclusion of Public & Press

There was no confidential business

## 10. Confirmation of future meetings

The next scheduled meeting of the parish council will take place at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, 18 January 2022 at Pillerton Priors Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:57 pm.

Signed:

Date:

Chair