



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 18th March 2025

Pillerton Priors Village Hall, Pillerton Priors, CV35 0PJ.

Present:

Cllr Hewson
Cllr Hitchman
Cllr Brooks
Cllr Thomas

In attendance:

Laura Callow, Clerk and RFO
WCC Cllr Izzi Seccombe
DC Cllr Malcolm Littlewood

The meeting started at 19:05

1. Apologies

It was RESOLVED there were no apologies

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made by Councillors.

3. Dispensations

None

4. Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

5. Approval of Minutes

To approve the minutes of the previous meetings:

- a. Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council, 21st January 2025

It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 21st March 2025
(Proposed: Cllr Hewson, seconded: Cllr Hitchman, all in favour)

6. Village Green

There were no updates on the status of the village green.

7. Planning Matters

- i. 25/00191/VARY – Barn 1 Leasowes Farm, Oxhill, Warwick CV35 0RL. - Variation of conditions two (approved documents), three (landscaping) and four (materials) of planning permission 23/03101/FUL (granted 26.01.2024) to allow for amended internal layout and fenestration and submit details of landscaping and materials for approval. Original description of development: conversion of building to create dwelling with associated boundary treatment and carport. To note a delegated response of no objection was submitted.

8. County, District and Parish Liaison

County Council update

WCC Izzi Seccombe gave updates on the white paper and the documents being put together going forward.

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District Council update

Cllr Littlewoods report is attached to the minutes. **Appendix A**

9. Finance

- a) To review finance report
It was RESOLVED to accept the finance report (Proposed: Cllr Hewson, seconded: Cllr Hitchman, all in favour).
- b) To receive bank reconciliation report
It was RESOLVED to accept the bank reconciliation report (Proposed: Cllr Hewson, seconded: Cllr Hitchman, all in favour). **Appendix B**
- c) To approve accounts for payment
It was RESOLVED to accept the accounts for payment (Proposed: Cllr Hewson, seconded: Cllr Brooks, all in favour).
- d) To agree Internal Auditor for the end of the 2024/2025 financial year.
It was RESOLVED to agree to appoint Mr Kenneth Dunn as the internal Auditor (Proposed: Cllr Hewson, seconded: Cllr Brooks, all in favour)

10. Chairs report and items for future Agenda

Councillor Hewson submitted comments on behalf of the parish council on the SWLP website. Cllr Hewson attended the Parish Forum meeting and recommended other attend the next one as it is interesting and formative.

11. Clerks Update

There are a couple of training sessions that need to be attended by a member of the Parish Council.

12. Annual Parish Meeting

It was discussed and RESOLVED to have a speaker for the annual parish meeting. The annual parish meeting will be held on the same day as the annual parish council meeting on 20th May 2025. Cllr Hitchman will inquire about a speaker.

13. Date of next meeting

- a. To agree the dates of the meetings for 2025/26 following the next meeting on 20th May 2025.
It was RESOLVED to agree the following dates for the next financial year.
 - 15th July 2025
 - 16th September 2025
 - 18th November 2025
 - 20th January 2026
 - 17th March 2026
 - 19th May 2026 (Annual meeting)
- b. To note the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, 20th May 2025 at The Church of St Mary, Pillerton Hersey CV5 0QH – to include the Annual meeting of the Parish Council.

14. Exclusion of Public & Press

Confidential matters, including those identified during the meeting, to be discussed here following a resolution to exclude the public under Sec 100A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Meeting closed 20:30pm



Signed.....

Appendix A

DC Cllr Littlewood District Council Report March 2025

This Month's report covers the recent Budget, South Warwickshire Local Plan [SWLP], and the potential effects of the Government's Local Government Reform and Devolution White Paper.

SDC Budget 2025/26

At the last Full Council Meeting the Administration's Budget for 2025/26 was passed by a majority. I personally voted against a number of items and this is a matter of public record as all votes were recorded. The reason I voted against a number of the proposals was because they were focussed almost exclusively on Stratford upon Avon with little attention to the district as a whole. In particular I was very much against the River Avon Hydro-electric Turbine Scheme. In "headlines" this proposal at a cost of £1.2m is for a scheme that might generate electricity from the flow of the River Avon at the wear. On questioning it was clear that no Cost Benefit analysis has been completed for this project without rigorous research into potential customers. There was a suggestion that the RSC might be interested in purchasing the output but as no capacity calculations have been worked through this is meaningless. My thoughts are that if this scheme were to be commercially beneficial to SDC the production would need to be considerable and a 3-phase output. No ecological survey has been completed. No initial construction and commissioning costs presented. No lifetime cost of ownership calculations presented, and no overall return on investment shown. This is simply a headline grabber in the year of elections.

SWLP

The South Warwickshire Local Plan is now at Regulation 18 and in consultation. The consultation period ends this week on the 7th March, Friday. I think that you will all, have seen a considerable amount of literature already so I will not repeat that but ask that responses are made by your respective Parish Councils. Whereas your Parish may not be earmarked for development the issue as I see it is that the proposals as they are would well put unmanageable load on already struggling public services and the general infrastructure of South Warwickshire especially as the Governments new instruction on calculating Housing Need has increased the annual house building target by 104% for our District.

Local Government Reform and Devolution

You will be aware of the Government's White Paper on Devolution and Local Government reform. The consequences for SDC are that this tier of Local Government will be abolished, and a new Unitary Authority will replace both the County Council as well as District and Borough Councils, and it is possible that it will be necessary to join more than one Local Authority with parts of Warwickshire; Worcestershire for example is one option, as a new Unitary Authority. The Government has required all authorities to propose a mutually agreed plan which may come into being by 2028/29. Much has to be worked through, and nothing is either set or fully explored at this stage. If agreement across the six Warwickshire authorities cannot be achieved, the White Paper suggests that a plan will be imposed. A working Group has been set up at SDC to explore the options, and I am a member of that group. I will try to keep you all informed as far as I am able.

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Appendix B

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PILLERTON HERSEY PARISH COUNCIL			
Bank Reconciliation report			
Financial year ending 31 March 2025			
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1 APRIL 2024		£	3,301.61
RECEIPTS			
28/04/2024	Stratford District Council precept	£	1,383.00
16/09/2024	Stratford District Council precept	£	1,383.00
		£	2,766.00
PAYMENTS			
02/04/2024	Alana Collis salary (March 2024)	-£	107.72
02/04/2024	HMRC (of Clerk salary)	-£	27.00
02/04/2024	Alana Collis overtime	-£	79.07
02/04/2024	HMRC (of Clerk overtime)	-£	19.80
30/04/2024	Alana Collis salary (April 2023)	-£	78.37
30/04/2024	HMRC (of Clerk salary)	-£	52.00
20/05/2024	WALC (inv 853)	-£	126.00
20/05/2024	Alana Collis (expenses - printing)	-£	4.50
20/05/2024	Alana Collis (expenses - PM refreshments)	-£	20.55
31/05/2024	Alana Collis (salay, May 2024)	-£	80.72
31/05/2024	HMRC (of Clerk salary)	-£	54.00
24/06/2024	WALC (inv 987)	-£	42.00
24/06/2024	Pillerton Priors Village Hall	-£	12.00
24/06/2024	W J Robinson	-£	130.00
01/07/2024	Alana Collis salary (July 2024)	-£	78.37
01/07/2024	HMRC (of clerk salary)	-£	52.00
16/07/2024	Alana Collis laptop reimbursment	-£	249.00
31/07/2024	Laura Callow (of clerk salary)	-£	116.82
31/07/2024	HMRC (of clerk salary)	-£	29.20
30/08/2024	Laura Callow (of clerk salary)	-£	122.82
30/08/2024	HMRC (of Clerk salary)	-£	23.20
19/09/2024	Training CiLCA	-£	64.17
30/09/2024	Laura Callow (of clerk salary)	-£	116.82
30/09/2024	HMRC (of clerk salary)	-£	29.20
18/10/2024	Wellers Law Group	-£	720.00
30/10/2024	Laura Callow (of clerk salary)	-£	136.00
30/10/2024	HMRC (of clerk salary)	-£	34.20
26/11/2024	Laura Callow (of clerk salary)	-£	121.66
26/11/2024	HMRC (of clerk salary)	-£	30.40
13/12/2024	Pillerton Priors Village Hall	-£	9.00
30/12/2024	Laura Callow (of clerk salary)	-£	121.66
30/12/2024	HMRC (of clerk salary)	-£	30.40
30/01/2025	Laura Callow (of clerk salary)	-£	152.06
06/02/2025	Alana Collis	-£	139.98
06/02/2025	HMRC (of clerk salary)	-£	34.80
27/02/2025	SLCC	-£	85.50
27/02/2025	WALC	-£	42.00
28/02/2025	Service Charge (Bank)	-£	4.25
28/02/2025	Laura Callow (of clerk salary)	-£	152.06
13/03/2025	Pillerton Priors Village Hall	-£	9.00
		-£	3,538.30
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 18/03/2025		£	2,529.31
BANK STATEMENT 18/03/25		£	2,529.31
Signed			
Chair		Date:	
Clerk & RFO		Date:	

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