

PILLERTON PRIORS ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 2025

**The Pillerton Priors Annual Parish Assembly 2025 was held
on Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.
All Parishioners were welcome to attend**

Present: Cllr Michael Nevill (Parish Council Chair)

Cllr Jo Wilkinson

Cllr Dominic Sant

Ian Greenall (Parish Clerk)

Cllr David Curtis (Warwickshire County Council)

Residents: 14 Residents

Item	Item
1	Welcome by the Past Chair and New Chair of the Parish Council Ian Greenall explained that there had been some changes at the PC. Sue Greenall had resigned as the Clerk so Ian resigned as a Councillor to take on the Clerks role. He explained that the Annual Parish Assembly would be followed by the 215 th Parish Council meeting which would utilise the majority of the minutes from the Assembly. He then handed over to the new Parish Chair, Michael Nevill. Michael noted the recent passing of John Ingall who had previously been a Parish Councillor so a few moments of reflection were observed. Michael thanked Sue for the 11 years service she had given to the Parish and presented her with a gift. He emphasised that the Parish Council would continue to try to do the best for the Parish. It is planned to review the Parish Plan and its Action Plan and update where required. The Parish Councillor vacancy will be advertised in the noticeboard and on the website, www.pillertonpriors.com , in due course.
2	Apologies were received from Cllr Dave McWhirter and 3 residents.
3	Approval of Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly 15th May 2024 The minutes were proposed by Jo Wilkinson and seconded by Michel Nevill as an accurate record of the meeting. They were signed by Ian Greenall and Michael Nevill.
4	Parish Council Chair's Report Ian Greenall gave a brief summary on activities in 2024 and thanked the Councillors for the work they had undertaken most of which was not seen by the residents. Michael Nevill responded and informed the meeting that we would be hearing from some of the village organisations in due course.
5	Planning Applications Update on the live application from last years assembly.
5.1	24/00746/OUT Outline application with all matters reserved except for access, for the erection of two self-build/custom build dwellings, formation of vehicular accesses from A422 Banbury Road, and all associated works on land At Cadbold Farmhouse for Mr and Mrs Weaver. Outline permission permitted 02/09/2024
6	Planning Applications Since last years assembly there have been 15 planning applications which are shown in the agenda pack. The current live applications are as follows.
6.1	25/00589/LBC & 25/00359/FUL for a single storey oak framed extension to the side at Stamford Pastures for Mr Stackhouse. Comments were by 14/04/2025 but an amendment had been received on 07/05/2025 which would require an extension of time to submit any additional comments.
6.2	Question 1. How would changes to the national Planning rules impact the weight given to Parish Council views when these differed to the Planning Officer's thoughts. This is unknown at present although Parish Councils have always been told their comments are considered.
6.3	Question 2. There is a lot of talk regarding investment companies purchasing land to release for housing at a later date. Some Councils are also compulsory purchasing land for development. It is known that a Private Investment Trust currently has a charge on Dickensbury Farm. Michael replied that the Local Plan being developed by Stratford and Warwick District Council's currently has four sites within the Pillerton Priors Parish as

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	being potential development sites. Dickensbury Farm is not one of them. The recent public consultation on the Plan had resulted in over 19,000 responses so this will take some time to go through before any real progress is made on the plan.
7	Parish Council Treasurer's Report Jo Wilkinson had supplied written notes regarding the Parish Council's financial position up to 31st March 2025. In the 4th Quarter the starting bank balance was £19,690.18 (08/01/25) and the closing bank balance £19,594.12 (31/03/25). No income was received in the period but 17 payments had been made including bank charges. There were no outstanding payments at the end of the period. An internal audit was carried out by Mark Phillips, resident of the village and we record a vote of thanks to him for his hard work. The starting bank balance for 2024/25 was £19,594.12. Total income for financial year 2024/25 was £5242.61, of which the precept was £4320.00. Income was significantly lower than last year, due to smaller CIL payments received of £922.61 vs £2487.75 in 2022-23 & £5,385 in 2022-23. Total expenditure for 2024/25 was £9292.96 which included spending a portion of the previous S106/CIL money on village hall infrastructure improvements, a new speed gun, plants at the speed gates and a small amount for pickle ball equipment. The bank balance at 31/03/2025 was £15,543.77 although £12,167.53 is currently ring fenced from Section 106/ CIL money. Potential expenditure in 2025/26 includes a new defibrillator which will cost around £1000, as well as items related to play equipment at the village hall and speed reduction initiatives. Previously suggestions for play equipment had been invited but there were only four responses. The Village Hall Management Committee, along with the Parish Council, need to decide if the money is better spent on large pieces of equipment or smaller items such as the Pickleball equipment. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2024/25 will be discussed as part of the 215th Parish Council meeting that followed this annual assembly. Michael Nevill proposed that the accounts be approved and Domonic Sant seconded.
8	Village Organisations
8.1	Village Hall – Dominic Sant (Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee) stated that it had been a challenging year for the hall but a successful one. Lets have risen from 134 to 206 and now include dog behaviour, chicken keeping and music amongst many varied bookings. The revenue has increased from £2450 to £3619. In 2024 the hall reported a loss of £1300 but this year can show a profit of £5000. During the year three village hall stalwarts have passed away and our thoughts and thanks go to Dick Thompson, Hazel Smith and John Ingall. The Scout Group did a wonderful job of painting the store room. In the grounds work has been undertaken to try to avoid the hall getting flooded again. A new car park light has also been installed. Unfortunately it is let down by the lack of broadband. Voneous promised to connect the hall but then decided that it was not possible. Another issue is the cost of electricity as the hall is currently subsidising the electric use by 50% because it is on a high fixed tariff. The Hall Committee try to run one event per month and these have included bingo, quiz night, village breakfast and the Charles Ivin Memorial Walk. Although these have been a success and brought the Priors and Hersey communities together the organisation and running of the events fall on just a small number of people. More volunteers would really help the hall go from strength to strength. It especially needs a Booking Secretary if anyone would like to volunteer. The hall AGM will be held on Tuesday 13th May at 7.30pm.

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	Councillor Curtis mentioned that there will be grants available and suggested the hall should consider applying to help progress future improvements and maintenance.
8.2	Friends of St Mary's – Peter Waters presented a written report. • The Friends are a non-denominational group that exists to help maintain the fabric of the Church. • Events organised by the friends are supported by a wide range of people from the two villages, many of whom are either occasional or non-churchgoers. It provides good opportunities of contact with those on the periphery of Church life, as well as cementing a wider sense of village community. • The committee members are Alex Cameron, Debs Brotherton, Jonathan Young and Fiona Young, all from Hersey. We would be eager to add two members from Priors if anyone would like to replace the Youngs. • Fundraising activities in 2024 were restricted to August church teas which raised a record £1,560. • The Friends contributed £2,936 to the PCC during the year, paying for the re-roofing of the Hersey churchyard shed and the purchase of a new heavy duty mower for Priors churchyard maintenance. • Following the 2024 teas and the above donations, total funds stood at £6,182, comprised of £434 (current account) and £5748.25 (deposit account). Some modest investments in new tables and chairs for the teas are in progress, due to the life threatening condition of some of the infrastructure. • Many thanks to all who helped with the teas and came along to support.
8.3	Community Speedwatch – Ian Greenall reported that after various communications with Warwickshire Police the group restarted at the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. There are 8 new volunteers who join the previous members of the group so thank you all for volunteering your time. We are using a new speed gun purchased by the Parish Council from the Section 106 money. After just 3 one hour sessions we have recorded 65 vehicles travelling in excess of 35mph out of 752 so that's more than 8.5% travelling over the speed limit. We plan to run more sessions possibly at different locations in the village. If anyone is interested in joining the team, please contact me.
8.4	Red Horse Vale First Responder Scheme – written report received. Red Horse Vale CFRs (previously Ettington CFRs) provide emergency medical care for the small, rural communities in South Warwickshire. Our first responders give their time and skills to save lives and reduce suffering. We are integrated within the West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Trust (WMAS), who provide us with the required training, professional standards, integrated emergency operations centre dispatch, a management structure and regional forums. Once a 999 call is received and triaged by the Emergency Operations Centre whomever from our team is booked on duty will book mobile and attend the scene to provide care and treatment until the ambulance arrives. The team currently consists of 7 Community First Responders and 5 non-responders in supporting roles. Operationally we cover a large geographical area including 65 villages, from Long Marston up to Southam, with our responders based in Long Marston, Kineton, Wellesbourne, Moreton Morrell, Combrook, Long Itchington and Southam. We are all volunteers and the group doesn't receive any central or NHS funding. All the equipment necessary for our team to operate is purchased through fundraising, funds earned by providing to aid cover for Events, and good will gestures. It costs around £1,500 to equip a new CFR. This includes a Defibrillator, clothing and PPE, response bag and observation equipment.

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	<u>Summary of 2024</u> • Our CFRs were called out to 145 incidents. • They were available for 3,120 hours on-call. • 58% of incidents were responded to in our scheme car. • We were called out for a variety of different reasons, including: ○ 20 cardiac arrests, ○ 20 chest pains, ○ 16 breathing problems, ○ 15 seizures, ○ 12 falls, ○ 7 chokings, ○ 5 anaphylactic shocks, and ○ 5 sepsis. <u>Priorities for 2025</u> • Continue to support WMAS and 999 incidents, • Deliver CPR & defibrillator training to local groups & organisations, and • Support the installation and management of community public access defibrillators.
8.5	Pop Up Pub – The next pub is on Friday 7th June in the Village Hall. All are welcome. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. £2 cash per person. There are usually around 25/30 people in the John Findon Room and it has raised £70 for the hall.
8.6	Pillerton Scout Group – Tom Aggis presented his report. Beavers meet Tuesdays 6.00pm to 7.00pm and there are currently only 7 Beavers. Additional spaces are available for children who wish to join. Last year the Beavers had lots of outdoor activities including hikes, cycling, shelter making and outdoor fire lighting. Indoors they have been cooking various things like pancakes, food for Chinese New Year and Haggis for Burns Night. They have had visitors including Dogs for Good and many sporting activities. One of the Beaver Leaders has stepped down so if anyone is able to help they would be grateful. Cubs meet Thursdays 6.15pm to 7.30pm and there are currently 12 cubs but this will increase to 15 by September. The Cubs are enjoying a new leadership team with lots of outdoor activities. They will be looking after the Village Hall garden. They visited a local church and had a visit from an archaeologist. Indoors they had a conkers championship, Halloween crafts, problem solving, knots and lashings amongst the many games played. Scouts meet Mondays 6.30pm to 8.00pm with 16 current members increasing to 18 in September. They went and tidied a local Xmas tree farm and the weather did not stop them going on hikes. Outdoor activities included visiting a gliding club, aqua jungle water course, open water safety and tomahawk throwing. They have also undertaken village litter picks. Indoor activities include bowling, scuba diving, rock drumming and morris dancing. They even had a live video call with our MP, Dr Manuela Perteghella live from Parliament. Unfortunately this had to be held at Ettington due to the lack of broadband in Priors hall. The Scouts supported the Hall Committee at the Village Breakfast event and will be at the Village Fete again this year. As a group they will be going back to the Scout Adventure Centre in Youlbury where there are loads of activities which make it a weekend the young people will always remember.

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8.7	Warwickshire County Council – Councillor David Curtis introduced himself to the residents. He stated that he was surprised to have beaten Izzi Seccombe but will do his best to attend our meetings and do his best as our new County Councillor. There is a lot to learn about the functions provided by the County Council. David has been a Stratford District Councillor for the Shotton Ward for 6 years and after moving to live in Alderminster he has also become the Parish Chair. Michael stated that the Parish Council will send a thank you to Izzi for the commitment and support she had shown to the Parish.
8.8	Stratford-on-Avon District Council – Cllr Malcolm Littlewood was not present and no report was supplied.
9	South Warwickshire Local Plan – Ian Greenall spoke about the plan This is a joint planning policy document being prepared by Stratford and Warwick District Councils which will take over from the current Core Strategy. It will not go into full development stage until 2027. It is a very important document for the future of the district as it will designate new housing and employment land up to 2050 as well as influencing the types of houses built along with biodiversity issues. The recent public consultation has resulted in over 19,000 responses. It has its own website https://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/ where you can check on progress.
10	Footpaths – Kathryn Dagleish has walked the village footpaths with Michael Nevill and produced a map showing the footpaths and bridleways in the parish. They have previously reported issues to WCC and will do so again. It was noted that footpaths should be a minimum of 1.5 metres wide. It is the landowners responsibility to keep the paths clear but not the actual surface.
11	Open Forum
11.1	Speeding from The Banbury Road to Kineton Road. It was reported that vehicles and cyclists were heading down the slope in a manner that made it dangerous when exiting the driveways on the Kineton Road. The PC will ask highways for their thoughts and enquire if there is any suitable signage.
11.2	Defibrillator The defib will need replacing when it is due for its service. The Priors one has been removed as instructed by the ambulance service in response to an emergency call but was not actually used. The defib in Ettington has been used in an emergency situation.
12	Meeting Closed at 8.11pm and the 215 th Parish Council meeting commenced.

Chair: Michael Nevill

Minutes: Ian Greenall

Date Signed: