

## PILLERTON PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL

**The 212<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Pillerton Priors Parish Council was held on  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.30pm Pillerton Priors Village Hall.  
All Parishioners were welcome to attend.**

**Present:** Cllr Ian Greenall (Chair)  
Cllr Dave McWhirter (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Jo Wilkinson (Treasurer)  
Cllr Michael Nevill  
Sue Greenall (Clerk)

Cllr Malcolm Littlewood (SDC)

**Residents** 5 Residents were present

| Number     | Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>1</b>   | <b>Chair's welcome</b> – Ian Greenall welcomed everyone to the meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>2</b>   | <b>Apologies</b> were received from Cllr Izi Seccombe OBE (WDC), Cllr Dominic Sant and one resident.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>3</b>   | <b>Approval of the minutes of the 211<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting</b><br>The Minutes of the 211 <sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 were approved and signed by Ian Greenall.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>4</b>   | <b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>4.1</b> | <p><b>22/02935/FUL</b> Construction of anaerobic digestion facility, comprising silage clamps, digester tanks, lagoons, administrative buildings, landscaping and access on Land Adjacent to Hardwick Gorse, Tysoe Road, for Acorn Bioenergy Limited.</p> <p>The application is still pending a decision. Reinforced objections have been received from Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council regarding the vehicle impact on their areas, along with various local parishes and residents.</p> <p>Cllr Littlewood updated the meeting and informed us that even if the Planning Officer, and Planning Managers, decided to refuse the application it would still be heard by the Planning Committee. This is to ensure that all the relevant process and procedures have been followed. The Planning Committee would probably be held away from the Council Offices as there could be a large number of people attending. It was suggested that once the Officer's decision had been released, it would be beneficial for the local parish chairs to reinstate their meetings to build a joint case. Tysoe PC would be the main Parish as the site is in their area. Cllr Littlewood would request the Planning Committee make a site visit is made prior to the meeting which covered not only the actual site but the surrounding roads and villages including those on route to Banbury.</p> <p>It was noted that the new Government has allowed large scale solar farms to be constructed but these have a 25 year life span before having to be returned to green fields. This restoration would not apply to an anaerobic digester facility.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the various documentation that had been submitted by the applicants and how Ed Milliband, as Secretary of State, will respond to applications such as this one.</p> <p>Comments can still be submitted to the Planning Officer but should be bullet point statements rather than detailed reports.</p> |

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|          | Should the application be refused by the District Council it is anticipated that Acorn will go to appeal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Warwickshire County Council update</b><br>There was no update.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>6</b> | <b>Stratford-on-Avon District Council update</b><br>Cllr Malcolm Littlewood stated that the District Council is currently looking at 68 hectares of grey field for 31 housing sites in the Stratford-on-Avon district. Grey field is classed as green belt land that has little use.<br><br>He emphasised the importance of Neighbourhood Plans and Parish Plans. Priors has an adopted Parish Plan which should be kept up-to-date.<br><br>A question was asked regarding the travelling show persons site which had been refused. It was noted that the District Council's documentation shows a need for more travellers and show persons sites. There is potentially another site near Bidford.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>7</b> | <b>Treasurer's Report</b><br>Jo Wilkinson had supplied written notes regarding quarter one of 2024-25.<br><br>The accounts showed we have received our first half precept (£2,160.00) and additional Section 106 money (£922.61).<br><br>During the quarter six payments had been made totalling £1052.26.<br><br>The opening balance on 01/04/2024 was £19,594.12 and the closing balance on 23/07/2024 is £21,624.47.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>8</b> | <b>Section 106 / CIL Funds</b><br>The PC received £16,224.28 in Section 106 money for the Findons Field development. This was earmarked for two projects, the provision of speed reduction and road safety initiatives (£10,500.00) and secondly play equipment and community enhancement (£5724.28).<br><br>The PC are in discussions with SDC regarding amending the allocation to allow more of the funds to support the village hall as it is the main community hall for both Priors and Hersey. There also appears to be some confusion of when the funds need to be used by before being returned to SDC. The agreement signed on 24/06/2020 states an end date of 29/09/2024. If the designations can be amended it is still hoped to retain the funds for play equipment.<br><br>The Village Hall Management Committee have identified repair and maintenance work that they would like to undertake using the Section 106 funds.<br><br>Phase one is a short term solution to reduce water standing near the building by installing a short drainage run from the hall to near the boundary, and to reshape the ground behind the hall (adjacent to the road). This phase is £1,945.50 + VAT so £2,334.60.<br><br>Future phases to identify, plan and prevent flooding could cost more that £10,000.<br><br>Another project is to replace the car park light which has been condemned and a quote has been received for £1,760.00 + VAT. It was noted that any replacement light should be sympathetic to the dark sky policy which was approved in the Parish Plan. |

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|          | <p>The defibrillator also needs replacing so a sum of £1000 was agreed from the s106 / CIL funds to progress this.</p> <p>The Parish Council are responsible for spending s106 / CIL funds so subject to agreement of any quotes, the meeting approved the purchase of the phase one flood prevention, car park light and defibrillator replacement subject to the Village Hall Management Committee and Parish Council agreeing the quotations.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>9</b> | <p><b>Village Hall Report</b></p> <p>Dominic Sant, Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee was an apology for this meeting but sent the written report below that the Chair summarised.</p> <p>Apologies that I cant be here tonight.</p> <p>As a committee we want to pass on thoughts and prayers to Dick Thompson's &amp; Hazel Smith's families. Both were very important figures in establishing the hall in our community and both played vital roles in the halls running as the long standing chairman and booking secretary. Both will be missed greatly.</p> <p>We would like to thank St Mary's PPC who asked the Village Hall Committee to run a number of stalls at the village Fete in June to raise funds for the hall. It was an incredibly successful event and we raised £1k for the hall.</p> <p>We also had the village hall picnic on the 6th July. The rain put paid to mass attendance but those that did attend had a very enjoyable afternoon chatting with neighbours. Many thanks to Hazel Jones for organising the raffle and all those donated prizes. £90 was raised on the day</p> <p>We are receiving in a number of quotes for works on the village hall. These are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving drainage around hall to take excess water from around hall during flooding events. Estimated cost will be around £2k. We are awaiting second quote. We are looking at requesting S106/ CIL money for this work</li> <li>• Improving lighting in car park area. The current light has been decommissioned in our electrical annual review last year. We have received one quote of £2k to replace the light and cabling but are seeking an additional quote. We are looking at requesting S106/ CIL money for this work</li> <li>• Repair to the solar panels and installation of a battery to harvest the solar electricity. We have received a quote for a new inverter of £850 but are awaiting a survey of the solar panels to see if the infrastructure will support the installation of batteries to store the solar energy generated. We have had one quote for batteries of just over £8k. We are looking to secure a grant and match fund with the S106/CIL monies.</li> </ul> <p>Future work includes including the hall interiors, improving the car park and landscaping around the hall to further reduce the risk of flooding</p> <p>The Scouts have asked if they could construct a shelter in the grounds. The Hall Committee have agreed in principle, subject to more information regarding the size and location of the shelter.</p> <p>We are keen to recruit a booking secretary to help organise bookings in the hall. We will circulate an outline of the role in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Finally many thanks to the village hall committee for all their hard work and time.</p> |

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| <b>10</b> | <p><b>Parish Plan / Housing Needs</b></p> <p>Dave McWhirter spoke on progress against the Parish Plan actions that were agreed as part of the document.</p> <p>It has been recommended that we should undertake a new Housing Needs Survey as our previous one was in February 2018. This would be run by the Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC). This will involve a questionnaire being delivered to every household in the Parish possibly in September.</p> <p>Prior to the questionnaires the PC will undertake a leaflet drop which will explain the importance of the Housing Needs Survey. It will also ask for residents thoughts and ideas of the sort of equipment they would like to see at the village hall if funds allow.</p> <p>An updated copy of the village information booklet will be delivered at the same time. This was originally produced for new residents, but it was decided to try to produce the booklet annually to all households as part of the Parish Plan action plan. The booklet contains information and contact details for various companies and organisations. Suggestions were made of companies that could be added prior to printing. Residents are encouraged to submit details of local organisations that do not appear currently by email to <a href="mailto:pillertonpriors@gmail.com">pillertonpriors@gmail.com</a> Please be aware of giving any personal contact information without the persons agreement.</p> |
| <b>11</b> | <b>Planning Application update on live application at the last meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 11.1      | 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. Comments were by 08/05/2024. The application is pending consideration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>12</b> | <b>Planning Applications received since the last meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 12.1      | 24/01174/FUL Construction of one residential self-build dwelling with associated works at Nolands Farm for Mr Cocker. Comments were by 08/05/2024. The application is pending consideration. The meeting was updated with the site history. The owner tried to sell the site with its approved planning permission for two properties. As it has not sold he is now looking for permission for a single dwelling to replace the two.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>13</b> | <b>Open Forum</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 13.1      | <p><b>Kineton Road water leak</b></p> <p>Pictures had been sent to Warwickshire County Council who have added it to their scheduled works. This could be caused a natural spring or blocked drains. However it appeared to start when the new property was constructed. There is some confusion if the issue relates to County Council or Severn Trent Water and which organisation needs to undertake the repair. If the issue gets worse then please take pictures and send to <a href="mailto:pillertonpriors@gmail.com">pillertonpriors@gmail.com</a> so that they can be forwarded to the organisations.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>14</b> | <p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The 213<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, commencing 7.30pm in the village hall. The date will be advertised on the Facebook groups, PC email distribution list and the village noticeboard.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>15</b> | <b>The Meeting was closed</b> at 8.45pm and Ian Greenall thanked everyone for their attendance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

Chair: Ian Greenall

Minutes: Sue Greenall

Date Signed: