

PILLERTON PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL

**The 215th Meeting of the Pillerton Priors Parish Council was held on
Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 8.15pm Pillerton Priors Village Hall.
All Parishioners were welcome to attend.**

Present: Cllr Michael Nevill (Chair)
Cllr Jo Wilkinson (Treasurer & RFO)
Cllr Dominic Sant
Ian Greenall (Clerk)

Residents 14 Residents were present

Number	Item
1	Parish Clerk's welcome – Ian Greenall welcomed the residents present.
2	Apologies - Cllr David Curtis (WDC) who left after the Annual Assembly, Cllr Dave McWhirter and 3 residents
3	Appointment of Parish Council Chair 2025-26 Michael Nevill nominated by Jo Wilkinson and seconded by Dominic Sant. Michael took the Chair.
4	Appointment of Parish Council Vice Chair 2025-26 Dave McWhirter nominated by Michael Nevill and seconded by Dominic Sant.
5	Appointment of Parish Council Treasurer/RFO 2025-26 Jo Wilkinson nominated by Michael Nevill and seconded by Dominic Sant.
6	Approval of the minutes of the 214th Parish Council Meeting The Minutes of the 214 th Parish Council Meeting held on 15 th January 2025 were approved and signed by Michael Nevill.
7	Matters Arising from the Minutes
7.1	Community Speedwatch As reported to the Annual Parish Meeting the group is now operational.
7.2	Gates at Dickensbury Farm Nothing heard following visits by Planning Enforcement and County Highways.
7.3	Local Government Review (Devolution) Two options were submitted to the Government by WCC and the Warwickshire District and Borough Councils. WCC favoured a single Warwickshire Unitary Council while the District and Boroughs preferred a North South divide with SDC and Warwick DC being the south area. The Government are due to announce their preferred option and then the various Councils have until the end of November to submit their joint submission.
8	Treasurer's Report - as reported to the Annual Parish Assembly. 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.

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	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.
9	Parish Council Financial Audit to 31st March 2025 – Jo Wilkinson went through the various parts of the AGAR documentation.
9.1	Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25 AGAR Certificate Exemption – AGAR 2024/25 We can do this because our total gross income for the year or total gross annual expenditure, for the year did not exceed £25,000 We are also able to confirm that: • The authority was in existence on 1st April 2019 • In relation to the preceding financial year (2023/24), the external auditor has not: • issued a public interest report in respect of the authority or any entity connected with it • made a statutory recommendation to the authority, relating to the authority or any entity connected with it • issued an advisory notice under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 8 to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 ("the Act"), and has not withdrawn the notice • commenced judicial review proceedings under section 31(1) of the Act • made an application under section 28(1) of the Act for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful, and the application has not been withdrawn nor has the court refused to make the declaration • The court has not declared an item of account unlawful after a person made an appeal under section 28(3) of the Act By confirming these conditions we can proceed with declare ourselves exempt. By confirming these conditions, we can proceed to declare ourselves exempt from an external audit. Those attending the meeting agreed with the exemption.
9.2	Annual Governance As part of the Annual Governance Accountability Return we need to highlight that there are sound systems of internal control including arrangements for the preparations of the accounting statement. As a Parish Council we need to confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2025, that the Parish Council had all of the financial arrangements in place. A vote was taken to identify if the residents agreed with the Annual Governance Statement. This was agreed.
9.3	Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2024/25 It was agreed that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return presented fairly the financial position of the Parish Council and its income and expenditure. The Accounts for 2024/2025 will be available for inspection from Monday 3rd June for a period of 30 working days. A notice will be posted in the village noticeboard and on the parish website advertising this and residents should contact the Parish Clerk to arrange an appointment if they wish to inspect them.
10	Planning Applications live at last meeting
10.1	24/03131/LDE Erection of 2 storey quadruple garage with accommodation to first floor

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	partially in roof void at Keepers, Banbury Road for Mr & Mrs Burton. Existing Lawful Development – Permitted
10.2	24/02898/FUL Retrospective planning permission for wooden climbing, slide, sandpit, playhouse and swing set at The Granary, Stamford Hall Farm for Mrs Hughes. Permission with Conditions granted
11	Planning Applications received since the last meeting
11.1	25/00359/FUL Change of use of first floor above quadruple garage, from ancillary residential accommodation, to short term holiday accommodation retrospective, under use Class C1 of the Use Classes Order 1987 as amended at Keepers for Mr & Mrs Burton. Permission with Conditions granted 24/04/2025.
11.2	25/00588/FUL & 25/00589/LBC Single Storey Oak Framed Extension to Side (amended resubmission of applications 24/02441/FUL & 24/02442/LBC) at Stamford Pastures for Mr Stackhouse. Comments were by 14/04/2025 but an amendment had been received on 07/05/2025 so the timescale would be extended. Pending Consideration
12	Open Forum
12.1	Migrant Housing The PC were asked if they were aware of any plans to house migrants in the Parish. The Clerk responded that they have not been made aware of any plans. Ettington Chase had been mentioned on social media but those posts were denied. Walton Hall had previously been used.
13	Date and Time of Next Meeting The 216 th Parish Council Meeting will be held in July and the date will be advertised in due course.
14	The Meeting was closed at 8.22pm and Michael thanked everyone for their attendance.

Chair: Michael Nevill

Minutes: Ian Greenall

Date Signed: