



Pilsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting, held at the Sports Pavilion, Rupert Street, on Monday 2 December 2024 at 6.33pm

Present: Chairman: M. Shaw

Councillors: A. Cooper, D. Faulkner, R. Paradise, S. Stone, S. Watkinson, M. Watts and J. White

Apologies: Councillor A. Wood (unwell)

Also, in Attendance: Kath Gruber (Parish Clerk)
Councillor K. Gilliott (DCC & NEDDC)

FC/1224/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Wood.

FC/1224/02 Variation of Order of Business

None

FC/1224/03 Exclusion of the Public

None

FC/1224/04 Declaration of Members interests and requests for dispensation.

Councillor Cooper has a dispensation on Planning matters.

FC/1224/05 Public Participation

DCC Councillor Kevin Gilliott updated the Council:

- Budget deficit at Quarter 2 is £28M with end of year forecast being £40M.
- Ofsted report on SEND is very poor
- Pavement repairs begun on Brunswick St; Lansbury Ave & Queen St with repairs to Rouse St and Grange Rd planned for next year.
- He is trying to ensure repairs to Hazel Ave and Grange Rd are on the reserve list for next year.

NEDDC Councillor Andrew Cooper advised:

- Some changes of membership in political groups

FC/1224/06 Minutes of Parish Council Meetings

The Council **Resolved:** That the:

- a) minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 November 2024 are a correct record under the provisions for approval
- b) minutes of the Biodiversity & Climate Change Committee held on 7 October 2024 are a correct record under the provisions for approval
- c) revised minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 August 2024 are a correct record under the provisions for approval

FC/1224/07 Report of the Clerk

The Clerk advised the WI will be providing refreshments at the Carol Concert on 12 December 2024.

FC/1121/08 2nd Floor Pavilion Development

- 1) The Council noted that the potential client for the 2nd floor had secured alternative premises.
- 2) The Council discussed the information from the roofing specialist that the original timber trusses are not suitable for using the upper floor for anything other than storage. It was **Resolved:**

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- to commission structural engineer to assess what weight load is currently feasible for the space, and
- to advise what would be needed to enable the space to be more than just storage.
- to check whether the steel beams proposed by original developer were installed or not.

FC/1224/10 Financial Matters

- a) Payments – **Resolved:** to approve payments as at Schedule 1.
- b) Income received – noted.
- c) Bank Reconciliation – noted and approved by the Chair.
- d) Grant Applications – none received.

FC/1224/11 Business and Budget Planning 2025-2028

- a. Budget Outturn & Forecast - The Council reviewed 2024/25 end of year budget forecast and projects for inclusion in the 2025-2028 business plan and

- **Resolved:** To include the projects in table below in the 3-year business plan

Project/Service Area	Approximate Cost
DCC Footpaths	£850.00
Additional hanging baskets on 24 lampposts	£1,9000
Additional Christmas Silhouettes from 2026	£12,500
4 New chute dog bins	£810.00
Village Flagpole	£350.00
Morton Road Resurfacing	£18,000
Additional NI costs	£2,130
School Parking Control - Kiddie Signs x 4	£740.00
School Parking Control - CEO role 4 mornings pw	£1,600
Community Development Officer	£22,755
Scorebox contribution	To be determined
Feasibility Study - electricity options	To be determined
4 new grit bins	£820.00
Skatepark Graffiti Art	£1,500
Morton Road regeneration project	£42,000 - to seek grant funding
Pump Track	£150,000 – to seek grant funding
Biodiversity recommendations from DWT	To be determined & to include grant funding

- To include projects in bold on table in 2025/26 in addition to some of the 24 additional hanging baskets.

- b. Agenda for Business Development Day – the Council reviewed and amended the proposed agenda. It was **Resolved:**

- To hold event on a Saturday in January or February 2025
- Event to run from 9am to 3pm.
- To commission Yvonne Devereux as facilitator at a cost not exceeding £400.
- Hold event at Santos, Higham at a cost of £283.

- c. Councillor skills assessment – the Council reviewed the skills assessment exercise for the Development Day

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and **Resolved:** to agree session and to issue skills assessment for completion in advance of the day.

FC/1224/12 Planning Applications

The Council considered planning application 24/00829/FLH (Valley Close) and **Resolved:** to make no objection.

FC/1224/13 Village Matters

No matters for discussion

FC/1224/14 Correspondence & Consultations (information only)

1. The Council noted the General & Resident correspondence
2. Reports from representatives on outside bodies – the Council noted that the child minder would be removing the storage container when she moves premises.

FC/1224/15 Next Meeting

Resolved: the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 6 January 2025 at 6.30pm in the Sports Pavilion.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm

Schedule 1 – Payments

Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Gross	
mileage	Employee	33.66		33.66	
Stationery	Employee	3.80		3.80	
Printer Ink	HP Ink Services	8.66		8.66	
Legal Advice	Just Answer	10.00		10.00	
Adobe Subscription	Adobe	13.32		13.32	
Dog Bag Dispenser and Bins	Kath Gruber	5.56		5.56	
Grounds Maintenance	Clarkes Cemetery & Church	1,390.00		1,390.00	
Broadband	BT	68.43	13.69	82.12	
Pension	B&CE Pension	269.00		269.00	
Business Rates	NEDDC	80.00		80.00	
Wages	Employee	1,124.31		1,124.31	
Wages	Employee	1,297.48		1,297.48	
Wages	Employee	1,945.51		1,945.51	
Wages	Employee	263.63		263.63	
Grant	Pilsley Women's Institute	50.00		50.00	
grit bin new	Bin Shop	203.30	40.66	243.96	
Dog Bin - new	Wybone Ltd	158.49	31.70	190.19	
Water Charges	Water Plus	156.66		156.66	
Fire Alarm system tests	Hollinsend Fire Safety Ltd	160.00	32.00	192.00	
Totals		7,241.81	118.05	7,359.86	

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