

**Minutes of the Meeting Pilton West Parish Council
held on the 29th July 2025
at 7.00 pm at Pilton Meeting Rooms.**

Present

Cllr M May
Cllr A May
Cllr I Brodie
Cllr R Fallis

Also in attendance, County Councillor A Davis who also took the minutes and 5 members of the public

Jul 25/1 Apologies for Absence

G Dwyer (Clerk)

Jul 25/2 Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th May 2025.

RESOLVED the meeting minutes as previously circulated be approved and signed by the Chairman

Jul 25/3 Matters arising

There were none that were not on the agenda

Jul 25/4 Report of the County Councillor

The County Councillor's report is attached to these minutes. Cllr Davis drew attention to the 20 is plenty speed campaign and the latest situation vis-à-vis local government reorganisation.

Cllr Brodie had attended the recent parish Forum where Local Government Reorganisation was discussed and he updated all present. Cllr Davis advised Councillors that the County Council were holding a consultation event in the library, Barnstaple on the 5th August from 9.30 until 11.00

Jul 25/5 Questions to the County Councillor

There were none

Jul 25/6 Report of the District Councillor

There was no report

Jul 25/7 Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Jul 25/8 Correspondence

- Changes to bus service
- Royal Devon and Exeter nhs update
- Woodland creation plans Arlington

Jul 25/9 Planning Applications

- **Planning Application 80528. Hacienda Barnstaple Devon EX31 4JQ. Part retrospective for variations to design from approved application 65452 and extensions to dwelling to include first floor balcony and change of use of ancillary building to annexe**

Cllr Mugleston declared a prejudicial interest as the owner of the access route, left the room and did not speak or vote thereon

After discussion it was RESOLVED that approval be conditional on landscaping to protect the privacy of adjacent properties and screening to the property called Woodlands.

- **Planning Application 80363 . Anchor Mills Bradiford Devon.**
Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling.

*Cllr M May declared a personal interest as the owner of the access road.
Cllr A May declared a personal interest as the owner of the neighbouring property*

With members permission the Chairman suspended standing orders to allow members of the public to speak

The following points were made by members of the public ...

- There would be an increase in vehicular movements which would impact on the poor access at the junction to the Bradiford Road
- Public safety concerns for the busy and popular public right of way which is used by walkers and runners on a daily basis
- The existing SSSI would be affected
- The weight bearing capacity of the weak access bridge would be impacted, especially during construction
- The area is known to flood regularly raising concerns over potential contamination by waste water and sewage
- Known salmonid river

The meeting resumed under standing orders Chaired by Mr A May (deputy chairman)

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend REFUSAL as

- Concerns over additional vehicle movements onto the public highway. This was raised by the Highway Authority when considering the application in Prieford for the Ring of Bells
- Concern over public safety on the Public Right of Way caused by additional vehicle movements.

- The parish Council are concerned that the weight restriction on the bridge has not been properly taken into account
- There is no mention of the existing SSSI in the application and nothing to indicate mitigation and enhancement.
- No mention of flooding prevention or mitigation measures in an area known to flood
- No details of water/sewage treatment in an area known to flood

Jul 25/10 Planning Decisions

There were none reported at the meeting
Councillors queried the current situation on the Roborough House application (application no 78059)

Jul 25/11 Reports from Councillors

- a) **Parish Boundary Proposals.** Members discussed the proposals affecting Pilton West Parish Council area and it was **RESOLVED** to produce and distribute a flyer to all households (Cllr Brodie to produce a draft) It was further **RESOLVED** that **Pilton West reject all three proposals on the consultation and will take all steps necessary to protect the Parish boundary from adverse impacts and land grabs from neighbouring parish and town councils.**

Jul 25/12 Public Question Time

There were no questions

Jul 25/13 Clerks Report

Members joined in sending condolences to the Clerk and his family following the death of his wife, they are very much in our thought and prayers at this sad time.

Jul 25/1712. Fly tipping on DCC land at the hospital roundabout site.

Garden waste has been dumped both at the roundabout and on the footpath leading to the new development. Cllr Davis will report to the local highway officer

Jul 25/14 Cheques for Payment

A Cheque to G Dwyer for the clerk's salary (£200.00).was signed at the meeting

Jul 25/15 Urgent Business

There was none

Jul 2516 Date of Next Meeting

30th September 2025

The meeting finished at 8.45pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....