

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER, 2017,
7.15PM
AT THE GOLDEN BALL,
SCHOOL LANE, PILLING



Present: *Councillors;* *J. Savage, Chairman,*
G. Curwen, Vice-Chairman,
J. Barton,
Mrs. E. Cookson,
N. Cookson,
P. McWhirter,
Mrs. B. Schofield,
Mrs. D. Schofield,
W. Whiteside,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
Two residents

4561. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. E. Moorat and Councillors were informed of his personal circumstances whereby he may miss a number of meetings, but still be working on behalf of the Parish Council in the village.

Resolved: Councillors accepted that Cllr. E. Moorat may be absent for a few meetings.

4562. NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors were asked to declare interests in the matters to be discussed and reminded that changes to their Register of Interests must be made within 28 days.

4563. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 8th November, 2017 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4564. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was suspended to allow residents to speak.

Wyre Councillors Holden

Cllr. Holden reported that the ruling party in Wyre has a new leader in David Henderson of Poulton Ward. The conservative selection panel has sat and made its choice for the Over Wyre Lancashire County Councillor seat

Recent Flooding in Pilling

Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield raised the recent flooding in the parish and that Lancashire County Council information was only available to certain organisations. Many Pilling residents were badly affected by flooding with the threat now switching from the sea and rivers to rainwater. There is a Pilling Community Facebook site who were keeping residents informed during the flooding on 27th November. Cllr. N. Cookson reported on the lack of sandbags in Pilling on the night, until he saw the devastation in other parts

and appreciated what had happened. There was a suggestion to start a Flood Defence Group in Pilling and Cllr. Holden would make enquiries in Wyre. It would be useful if emergency contact numbers were published in the Newsletter and perhaps Pilling Parish Council should have their own stock of sandbags.

Councillors added the road drains on Smallwood Hey Road are full of roots and this is stopping water getting through plus the pit opposite North View was filled when planning permission was granted and it appears the drainage arrangements could lack the capacity to drain water. The Parish Council will arrange a site meeting with Lancashire County Council and Wyre Council with Cat Smith MP if possible. John Blundell has offered to visit the Parish Council and talk through setting up of Flood Defence Groups.

Numbering of Smallwood Hey Road

Cllr N. Cookson reported this topic was first discussed 6 months ago following an approach from residents on Smallwood Hey Road. Following legal information from Wyre Council on how numbering would affect residents it was resolved a letter drop would be organised to assess the possible uptake. 66% of residents were needed to agree for Wyre Council to carry out the process. The letters have caused a detrimental reaction and concern added to by rumours of misinformation circulating at present. The resident stated there appears to be conflict between the legal information supplied and Wyre's address listing information. Plus the information concerning the DVLA and Passport office is incorrect.

The meeting was resumed.

4565. NUMBERING OF SMALLWOOD HEY ROAD

The information letters delivered to Smallwood Hey Road residents have sparked great reaction and concern from these residents. Cllr. N. Cookson updated Councillors. *Resolved; To query Wyre Council initially on the information supplied against policy advice then to assess the reply and resend letters to residents.*

4566. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were **granted**:

17/00863/FUL

Proposal: Single storey extension
Location: The Old Byre Shaws Lane Pilling

17/00873/FUL

Proposal: Proposed garage conversion and extension to form a granny annexe
Location: Coleraine Lancaster Road Pilling

17/01015/LAWP

Proposal: Certificate of lawful development for proposed detached garage
Location: Ling Cottage, Lancaster Road, Pilling

The following planning application is **refused**:

17/00396/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of one detached dwelling (all matters reserved)
Location: Land Rear Of Chequers and Wyresdale Smallwood Hey Road Pilling

Councillors made comment on the following planning application;**17/01022/FUL**

Proposal: Erection of a replacement dwelling (including demolition of existing dwelling)

Location: Bimsons Cottage Wheel Lane Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. More in-keeping with its surroundings, ensure robust foundations to support the dwelling.

17/01029/FUL

Proposal: Formation of new hard standings to create an additional five seasonal pitches and erection of a detached wet room and toilet block (resubmission of 17/00481/FUL)

Location: North View Skitham Lane Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification.

17/01034/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Location: 67 Lancaster Road Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. Mindful of the Environment Agency working zone at the side of Pilling Water.

17/01092/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of one detached dwelling

Location: Land West Of Heywood House Smallwood Hey Road Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification.

4567. FINANCE

Payments received since the previous meeting:

1. Senior Citizens' Christmas Party – Bingo Night	£401.00	
2. St. Johns Church – clothes collections	£147.20	defibrillator account
3. Bank Interest – November	£ 0.42	
4. Catterall Parish Council	£116.63	
5. Lancashire County Council – Grass Cutting	£397.00	
6. Transfer from Furness B/S	£15,000.00	

Standing Order credit

1. St. John's Church – Grounds Maintenance	£ 65.00
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Monthly Standing Orders/Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,660.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£794.88
Prudential AVC	£350.00.
Easy-Web-Sites	£ 24.00
St. John's Church Hall – Access to facilities	£100.00

Councillors considered and approved payment for the following accounts;
Please note cheques for Eagland Hill ANPR are from Grantscape and not the Parish Council, who is administering these funds.

1. Cardiac Science – defibrillator pads	£ 82.74	
2. Pilling Jubilee Silver Band	£ 80.00	
3. Clerk's salary adjustments and expenses	£ 93.68	
4. G. Benson – Senior Citizens' Christmas Party	£151.88	Goods
5. Parish Lengthsman wage and expenses	£ 73.40	
6. Catterall Parish Council	£ 24.07	Phone and Broadband
7. Grosvenor Estate – Christmas Tree	£126.00	
8. Cardiac Science – child's defibrillator pads	£ 61.14	
9. Cornthwaites Farm Machinery	£ 74.22	
10. Bradley's Electrical	£ 32.18	

Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: Councillors accepted Bank Reconciliation to 30th November, 2017.

Budget 2018 – 2019

Draft budget was presented to Councillors with suggested precept calculations. Councillors were asked to suggest projects to be considered next year or to delete any present services the Parish Council carries out. It was raised that future essential services are envisaged to be dropped by principal authorities and therefore Parish Councils may be needed to supply them.

4568. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Report of the representative on the Pilling Memorial Hall Committee/Pilling 20:20

Cllr. P. McWhirter reported the Committee has received the Big Lottery grant of £499,999.00, but there are a number of tasks needed to satisfy the grant specification. £40,000 is given up front to engage professional services for tender specifications and a project manager. Three further grant applications have been made to make up the shortfall of £380,000, needed to build the hall. These funding sources offer the largest grants, but we are still short of £150,000 and submissions will be made to smaller funders. The Community is looking to create a web page on the Pilling Parish web site to keep residents informed of progress.

On the playing field the trim trail equipment is in situ with just the last part of the path to complete and 5 benches to add. Two football teams are using the pitches and further funding is to be sought to cover a changing room cabin, further play equipment and the instillation of services on site.

Thanks were offered to the Chairman of Pilling Community Hall and the small funding committee for their diligence in making such wonderful progress to this point.

Report of the representative on Carter's Charity

The trustees had enjoyed their duties at St. John's School when they were invited to open the new playgroup.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson updated Councillors on preparations for the party next Tuesday and the setting up on Monday afternoon. Invitations to guests were discussed with a suggestion that a separate invitation is included in the Winter Newsletter.

Halite Community Panel

Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield reported that the recent meeting went through the background/history of gas storage with the many surveys they have carried out. The 'No Gas Storage' members asking some very difficult questions of Halite. She continued that the coastal defences are adding to the silting up of Morecambe Bay. Halite will be dredging the River Wyre once work gets started in January, the water will be used to wash out the underground salt caverns for gas storage. This heavily brined water is to be pumped into the bay two miles off Rossall, but environmental organisations are warning the tide will wash the salt back into the bay creating a dead zone.

Water Meeting with Cat Smith MP

Cllr. G. Curwen reported on a productive meeting with Anthony Swarbrick, Lancashire Operations Manager, Environment Agency amongst others; where the many real problems to agriculture were stressed. A number of personal letters from local farmers will form the basis of Cat Smith's meeting with the secretary of state to highlight rural farmer's immense difficulties. It was stated at that meeting that the Environment Agency would not be cleaning out dykes, yet they were seen in the village doing just that. Cllr. J. Barton reported that the NFU is to revisit the problems of the outfall directly with the MMO to gain a license to clear the silt as the farmers do on the River Cocker outfall. He estimated that over 10,000 acres of land, agricultural and residential drains through the Broadfleet River.

4569. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS**Revised delivery list for discussion**

Councillors agreed to the amended list.

Street light out

The light outside the Golden Ball is not working.

Overhanging Hedge

The hedge on Hooles Lane is overhanging the road on the left turn lane forcing traffic into the centre of the road, the owners will be informed.

Setting up of Social Meetings

With the dwindling of facilities there is little to do in the village for older persons. Being mindful of social isolation in rural communities could 'gatherings' be set up? Age Concern will be approached for assistance.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

Chairman

Date