

Pilling Parish Council

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in Pilling Reading Rooms, School Lane at 7.00pm and residents are more than welcome to attend. If you wish to raise matters between meetings the clerk holds Residents Surgeries in St. Johns Church Hall Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings, or contact a councillor below;

Pilling Parish Councillors

Mr. John C. Savage (Chairman)

Rivendell, Taylors Lane,
Tel. 790707

Mrs. Elizabeth Cookson

Wyndale, Lancaster Road
Tel. 790537

Mr. Graham C. Curwen,

Carr Holm, Fluke Hall Lane
Tel. 790502

Mr. Stewart Morley

Barn House, Morley Lane
Tel. 799124

Mrs. Debra Schofield,

Bradshaw Lane Nurseries, Bradshaw Lane
Tel. 790046

Wyre Councillor Graham Holden

County Councillor Viv Taylor

Cat Smith MP

Mr. John Barton,

Bone Hill Farm, Bone Hill Lane
Tel. 790657

Mr. Neil Cookson,

Copper Garth, Smallwood Hey Road
Tel. 790875

Mr. Edward Moorat

1, Stakepool Drive
Tel. 790464

Mrs. Brenda Schofield

Shawlands, Shaws Lane
Tel. 790747

Mr. William Whiteside

The Golden Ball, School Lane
Tel. 790212

Tel. 813116

Tel. 810234

Tel. 01254 566 551

CCTV in Eagland Hill

The Parish Council with residents of Eagland Hill have been successful in their funding bid to install two CCTV's to protect the isolated community from an ongoing spate of burglaries. Criminals use the dark nights to carry out rustling, hare coursing and burglary in our area and you can help by reporting anything suspicious to the Police at 101, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111,

Email Garstangoverwyreandpoulton.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk
Or log onto Garstang and Over Wyre on Facebook to be in the know.



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Summer, 2016

On Going Clothes Collection

Our unwanted clothes collection has raised £260.00 so far this year and is to continue throughout the year so anyone may leave old clothes, footwear and handbags in black bags in St John's church porch. No plastics please! Initially any funds raised will be used to provide a further defibrillator to be sited at Pilling Pottery. Last year Pilling Parish Council's defibrillator campaign enabled us to provide Pilling with five defibrillators which are all currently in place and "in service". They are checked each week, available 24/7 and are part of the NW Ambulance Service's network. We are looking to



site the next one along Garstang Road and already have agreed a site where it can be accessed 24/7 so please support our efforts in whatever way you can. Pilling was awarded the Gold Award from NWAS to recognise the community's efforts. Any local group or individual wishing to contribute directly to our appeal should contact Mrs Gillian Benson, clerk to Pilling Parish Council, who attends St John's Church Hall each Monday pm and Wednesday am or any Parish Councillor. Anyone wishing to attend a training session (1hr+) to familiarise themselves with the use of a defibrillator please let us know. The session held at Golden Ball in April was well attended and North West Ambulance Service is keen for us to arrange another. Sessions are free and can be arranged 'anytime, anywhere'.

Pilling In Bloom



Pilling in Bloom is looking for residents able to spare the time to weed or water the many floral displays through the Village, which bring a sense of pride to residents and visitors alike.

If you would like to be part of the 'In Bloomers' please contact Billy on 790212.

Chairman's Annual Report

The economic policies for the Government have led to far reaching consequences which have been experienced at all levels from national to County to Borough and lastly to Parish Councils. The past year has seen cuts in services at unprecedented levels. Inevitably, those of us who live in rural areas will feel the brunt of these cuts and it is the Parish Council that responds on behalf of its parishioners to the different bodies who seek to bring about change.

The most damaging cut for Pilling was the proposed loss of subsidies to bus services. For people who depend on the buses to travel to school, work and hospital appointments as well as social and leisure activities this would have been the death knell to this and many other rural communities. Fortunately, through the combined efforts and pressure from all levels of council a solution was arrived at and we do have a slimmed down bus service. It is perhaps ironic that the past year has seen the erection of two bus shelters in Pilling.

Cuts to the road maintenance budget have also had an effect on Pilling. As a council we keep a check on the condition of roads and bring to the attention of Lancashire County Council areas where there are potholes and road edges that need urgent repair. Sadly with most of these being on minor roads they are not high enough on the list of priorities and when they are done, they are not to the standard that we would expect.

We continue to hold regular meetings with a range of bodies in what are termed the 'Water Meetings'. They enable us to bring matters of concern to the different representatives and to set out a timescale for when these concerns will be dealt with. Over the years these meetings have been held we have established a regular pattern of work and have developed a good working relationship with individuals which help to bring about action more quickly. However, they too are affected by the cuts to council budgets and actions cannot be brought about as speedily as we would like.

As with all parts of the country, the need for more housing has led to a large number of plans being submitted. Unfortunately, despite the promises to take greater note of local views, Borough Council planners seem to ignore these for the most part.

Despite these difficulties, Pilling still remains a pleasant place in which to live and bring up a family. The wide range of village events shows a sense of community that is not always seen everywhere.

As always the Parish Council seeks to inform, to represent and to take decisions on behalf of the parishioners. To do this requires the support of my fellow Councillors, our clerk Gillian and our Lengthsman Graham and to them I extend my thanks.

Financial Matters

The Parish Council is responsible for the proper accounting records, safeguarding the assets and taking steps to prevent fraud and other irregularities. There are accounting policies and procedures in place to mitigate exposure to major risk, which are reviewed annually. The Councillors believe they make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. The accounts are a matter of public information and can be viewed by residents at any time.

Receipts and Payments Account for Pilling Parish Council Ending 31st March, 2016

Receipts	2015 - 2016		Payments
Wyre Council Precept	£48,000.00	£38,405.45	Staff Costs
Bank Interest	£ 7.47	£1,919.32	Parish Maintenance
Grounds Maintenance	£2,094.04	£2,367.40	Equipment Maintenance
VAT Refund	£706.41	£866.66	Insurance
Pilling in Bloom	£1,350.00	£1,997.08	Pilling in Bloom
Parish Lengthsman	£779.89	£ 696.59	Subscriptions
Other Receipts	£4,836.20	£360.00	Audit
Senior Citizens' Christmas Party	£540.00	£688.92	Senior Citizens' Christmas Party
		£3,416.33	Administration
		£247.95	Pilling News
		£284.27	Christmas Tree
		£273.50	Training/Advertising
		£205.12	Donations/Grants
		£7,745.41	Defibrillators
Total Receipts	£58,314.01	£59,474.00	Total Payments

Pilling Parish Council over spent by £1,159.99, taken from reserves
The accounts are scheduled for external auditing in July, 2016.