

## PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2018,  
Following the Annual Parish Meeting  
AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HALL,  
SCHOOL LANE, PILLING



*Present:*                      *Councillors;* *J. Savage, Chairman*  
*G. Curwen, Vice-Chairman,*  
*E. Moorat, Vice-Chairman,*  
*J. Barton,*  
*Mrs. E. Cookson,*  
*N. Cookson,*  
*P. McWhirter,*  
*Mrs. B. Schofield,*  
*Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council*  
*Lancashire County Councillor M. Salter,*  
*3 Residents*

#### **4605. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield and Cllr. W. Whiteside. Wyre Councillor Graham Holden sent apologies.

#### **4606. 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.

#### **4607. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

#### **4608. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was suspended.

#### **Lancashire County Councillor Salter**

County Cllr. Salter reported that no date for the resurfacing of School Lane had been set. Lancashire County Council is updating its pothole policy with guidance for reporting and repairing. Potholes must be at least 4cms deep and 15cms across for consideration, unless a safety issue can be argued. The maximum waiting will be 3 days for an inspection and 20 working days to repair, shorter for more serious holes i.e. major roads. Potholes between 4 and 10cms deep will be repaired within 5 working days and over 10cms deep, within 48 hours.

Lancashire County Council and Wyre Council continue to support the Knott End ferry, this year will see the money spent on spare parts and dredging operations to allow a longer season. The support is for the next eight years when the company will take over.

Councillors requested that prior to School Lane resurfacing; Lancashire County Council officers met with Pilling Parish Council to ensure what the work will consist of and that underground problems are resolved to stop the digging up of the new surface. Cllr. Salter had requested that meeting. The School Lane slippages were also raised; in that they will need repairing before resurfacing.

The continuing flashing of the 40mph VMS sign on Lancaster Road was raised, despite numerous reports to County to change/switch off a refuse bag has again been used to mask the sign. Lancaster Road is 30mph and a roundel is on the same pole as the 40 flash. A Councillor reported difficulties with the contact centre who don't transfer calls to the officers and you are left not always trusting your request will be considered.

Work has begun at the junction of Lancaster Road and Garstang Road with the narrowing of the approach as part of the Auction Mart development. Councillors raised concerns for HGV's turning the corner

### **Wyre Council Holden**

Cllr. Holden attended the Wyre Flood Forum with Cllr. N. Cookson and Cllr. J. Barton. He has the Pilling Flood Action Group contacts and is looking to hold the initial meeting in early May.

The meeting was resumed.

### **4609. SMALLWOOD HEY ROAD NUMBERING**

Wyre Council will take over and ballot residents once evidence is provided that the majority of residents are in favour of the re-numbering scheme.

*Resolved: Cllr. N. Cookson to speak to the volunteers who carried out the survey.*

### **4610. PROVISION OF A SPORTS FIELD**

In 2002 the Parish Council set up a reserve account to build up funds to provide a sports field in Pilling. This has been provided on the community field and the Chairman, as part of the Finance Committee, asked Councillors to consider granting the ring fenced funding to the Community Committee? The Councillors unanimously voted to donate this money to be invested in sporting facilities on the field, such as a Multi-Use Games Area.

*Resolved: To donate £20,000 from the Reserve Account to sporting facilities on the new Community Field.*

### **4611. TRAINING FOR THE CLERK**

The clerk wishes to attend the North of England Regional Training Seminar to be held in Bolton on 27th June. The cost is £90 and will be split with permission between the partnerships at the normal rate.

*Resolved: To fund the clerk's training in June.*

### **4612. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning application was **permitted**:

18/00114/FUL

Proposal: Proposed two storey extension and single storey rear extensions.

Location: 3 South View Garstang Road Pilling

### **Granted Lawful Certificate**

18/00129/LAWP

Proposal: Certificate of lawful development for proposed installation of 15m high monopole on concrete base within operational substation site with antennas, feeder cables, ductwork and ancillary equipment.

Location: Electricity Substation Southwoods Hill Farm House Woods Lane Eagland Hill

**Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;****18/00203/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of new take-away fish and chip shop to side elevation of drinking establishment

**Location:** Elletsons Arms Hotel Lancaster Road Pilling

*Resolved: Councillors support the enterprise and look forward to this business supporting village sustainability, but concern was expressed at the location and would ask that consideration is given to looking for another location on the site of the Elletsons Arms.*

**18/00204/ADV**

**Proposal:** Advertisement consent for one internally illuminated fascia sign

**Location:** Elletsons Arms Hotel Lancaster Road Pilling

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

**18/00251/FUL**

**Proposal:** Removal of condition 02 on application 02/00160/OUT the free occupancy of both The Brambles and Pointers Grove

**Location:** Stable Yard Taylors Lane Pilling

*Resolved: The Parish Council objects to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. Business tied to house still trading, road safety and neighbourhood amenity impact.*

**18/00330/FUL**

**Proposal:** Single storey rear extension

**Location:** 5, Stakepool Drive, Pilling

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

**4613. FINANCE**

Payments received since the previous meeting:

1. Bank Interest – March	£ 0.14
2. Wyre Council – Precept	£56,000.00
3. Glenfield Caravan Park - Pilling In Bloom	£250.00

**Standing Order credit**

1. St. John's Church – Grounds Maintenance	£ 65.00
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Councillors considered and approved payment for the following accounts;

1. Pilling Reading Rooms	£ 38.50	Celebrate Pilling
2. Parish Lengthsman wage and expenses	£ 37.80	
3. Catterall Parish Council	£ 20.78	Phone and Broadband
4. St. Johns Church Hall – Room Hire	£ 20.00	
5. Lancashire Association of Local Councils	£290.68	Subscriptions
6. HM Revenue and Customs	£957.33	
7. Houghtons Filling Station	£ 53.00	
8. Keith Bee – Mole Control	£ 30.00	
9. Pilling Memorial Hall – Sports Field	£20,000.00	
10. Clerk's salary adjustments and expenses	£ 51.56	

**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

### **Bank Reconciliation**

*Resolved: Councillors accepted Bank Reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018.*

## **4614. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

### **Eagland Hill ANPR**

Notification has been received that the application to REG Orchard End Community Benefit Fund has been successful and the project has been provisionally approved a grant of £6,149. This is subject to Pilling Parish Council taking the lead on the project in line with the earlier ANPR project. Councillors agreed that the chairman and clerk sign the required forms to allow the funding to be held by the Parish Council. It was reported that the full cost is still short, but application has been made to another funding source.

### **Wyre Flood Forum**

Cllr. N. Cookson reported that the Environment Agency were being bombarded at their inability to carry out their responsibilities, there was no Police presence so road closures during flooding could not be discussed and Lancashire County Council were having a training day so didn't attend! Locally, the Environment Agency is waiting for the gate to be repaired.

Cllr. J. Barton reported on de-silting carried out on the seaward side of the seawall. He wanted to thank Adam Briggs, NFU, for obtaining the necessary licence, with the agreement of both Natural England and the Environment Agency, and to Gary Hodgkinson from Hy-Fly for organising the digger and driver. De-silting has dropped the levels in the Broadfleet by one metre at present, but we are working with broken doors and a fused penstock which is now jammed! The Environment Agency is again waiting for the installation firm to get the system working.

The final costs are unknown at present and farmers have been approached to help out, financially, as this will benefit their land. Cllr. J. Barton requested Pilling Parish Council consider donating towards this cost to help with drainage in the parish. Councillors were open to a donation as all residents with benefit and perhaps flooding can be avoided in the future. Figures will be brought to the next meeting for consideration.

### **Water Meetings**

Cllr. G. Curwen reported on the success with Fanny Pool and the Environment Agency. A culvert in the secondary seawall collapsed at least two years ago and the Environment Agency has always said it is their responsibility, suddenly they decided it wasn't and the landowner would need to pay for the work. Working with the local officer a pipe was delivered and the landowner replaced the collapsed one in the wall by engaging a digger to carry out the work. Local farmers and landowners were approached to cover the costs, as this culvert drains fields at the back of the wall and perhaps drainage might improve on Smallwood Hey Road.

## **4615. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS**

### **Grantscape Funding**

The eligibility of applying for clearing dykes in the Eagland Hill area was discussed and Councillors were encouraged to apply.

**Sit-on Mower**

Ordered from Cornthwaite's, but although the mower will be ready for early April, the deck will only be delivered in May.

**Lancashire County Council**

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Part III**

**Claim for definitive map modification order**

**Claimed addition of footpath from Lancaster Road to public footpath 19, Pilling**

From Clow's Bridge, Scronkey past Brookside Cottages, through Bell's Farm to join footpath 19.

**Invitation to Catterall Gala**

The Chairman and guest are invited to take part in Catterall Gala on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 1.30pm.

**Water Course Reporting**

Following on from the last Water Meeting, Nikki Beale, Environment Agency, sent a link to new riparian responsibilities following the introduction of the Flood and Water Act 2010. Lancashire County Council has been designated as a Lead Local Flood Authority and is responsible for managing flood risk from local sources. Therefore any water course found to be holding up water can be reported to Lancashire County Council who will ensure action is taken. This is a change from the Environment Agency or the Parish Council writing.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....