

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th AUGUST, 2019,
At 7.00pm
AT St. JOHN'S CHURCH HALL,
SCHOOL LANE, PILLING



Present: *Councillors; N. Cookson, Chairman*
 G. Curwen, Vice-Chairman
 J. Barton,
 Mrs. E. Cookson,
 Mrs. J. Judkins,
 E. Moorat,
 S. Phillpotts,
 Mrs. A Richardson,
 Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council,
 S. Raby, Pilling's Parish Lengthsman
 1 Resident

4787. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. P. M^oWhirter and Cllr J. Savage.
In the absence of the Chairman Vice-Chairman N. Cookson took the meeting.

Lancashire County Council Salter and Wyre Cllr. G. Holden sent apologies.

The Chairman welcomed the new councillors who completed their Registration of Interests and the Declaration of Office witnessed by the members.

4788. 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.
Cllr. G. Curwen and Cllr. E. Moorat declared an interest as members of the Community Hall Committee

4789. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 10th July, 2019 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4790. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders were suspended to allow guests to speak

A resident reported the missing 20MPH on Smallwood Hey Road reported last month has been replaced. But there is no update on a pavement on Smallwood Hey Road.
Councillors commented on the efficiency of Cllr. Salter when presented with problems on Pilling's roads to initiate action.

Wyre Councillor Holden

Cllr. Holden has discussed the 106 monies not destined for Pilling, but found him unhelpful as Wyre will not be pursuing this. Councillors feel cheated and thank Cllr. Holden for trying, but will not let it rest there.

Standing Orders were reintroduced and the meeting resumed.

4791. SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS CONFERENCE

The clerk wishes to attend the Society of Local Council Clerks Conference in Northwich. Topics include Getting Public Rights of Way Registered, before 2026, developing assertiveness, Website accessibility regulations and engaging youth. The cost is £30, and this and the travel costs can be shared with Catterall and Kirkland Parish Councils.

Resolved; Councillors agreed to finance the clerk's attendance at the Society of Local Council Clerks conference, shared with Catterall Parish Council.

4792. GRASS VERGES

Cllr. G. Curwen presented the possibility of leaving the grass verges to allow wildflowers to flourish. He has talked this over with the Parish Lengthsman and found that Lancashire County Council's contractors, who cut the verges, do not work to an acceptable standard in Pilling. He suggested a Parish Initiative in discussions with County Cllr Salter looking at Lancashire County Council's responsibilities and to meet with County's grass cutting officer. Councillors added County had recently cut Garstang Road. The Parish Council now receive the Good Verge Newsletter.

Resolved: The Parish Council agrees in principle to investigate, where possible to pursue wildflower verges; but being selective to maintain sight lines and with the assistance of Lancashire County Council through the formation of a sub-committee.

4793. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

For Parish Council Information:

Under the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 a Tree Preservation Order at Chequers, Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling was made on 25th July, 2019. Once confirmed the tree cannot be cut down, topped or lopped without permission. The order will be in force 6 months to determine if the order is to be made permanent and persons affected have the right to object.

Resolved: The Councillors noted the Tree Preservation Order.

4794. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**Planning applications granted:**

19/00285/FUL

Proposal: Proposed change of use of boarding kennel building to two holiday cottages and change of existing touring caravan pitches to seasonal pitches and siting of three new seasonal pitches

Location: North View Skitham Lane Pilling

19/00010/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 7 dwellings (plots 12-15, 18-19 and 40) (plot substitutions to replace house types and siting approved under reserved matters approval 8/00138/REMAJ)

Location: Former Concrete Works, Garstang Road, Pilling

Enquired to Wyre Council about this development site; the latest outline application 18/01178/OUTMAJ requires that 4no. affordable houses be provided on the site, with a minimum of 2no. rented properties. The Wyre Council delegated report details further explanations.

Wyre Council Planning Enforcement

19/00144/ENF

Alleged breach; Roof Lift to farmhouse

Location: New Hall Farm, Scronkey

Wyre Council investigated and planning permission is required, but has not been obtained. If an application is made the Parish Council will be informed.

Planning Applications:**Councillors commented on the following application:**

19/00796/FUL

Proposal: Change of domestic outbuildings to private workshop including raising of the roof and re-cladding

Location: The Crossing Cottage Lambs Lane Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council objects to this planning application. Height does not correspond to application, no change of use from domestic garden to business and vehicles waiting for electric gates to open causing congestion on Lambs Lane.

4795. FINANCE**Finance Committee Meeting**

The Committee met to sign off the first quarters accounts and recommends the 50% transfer from ground maintenance work of £233.42 to the reserve account.

Resolved: To transfer £233.42 to the Reserve Account

Permission to make transfer from Reserve Account

The clerk requested permission to transfer £15,000 from the Reserve Account to cover on-going costs?

Resolved: To transfer £15,000 from the Reserve Account to the current account to cover on-going costs.

Payments received since the previous meeting:

1. VAT Refund	£3,623.84	
2. RFM Accountancy	£250.00	Pilling in Bloom
3. Lancashire County Council	£250.00	Public Way Scheme
4. S J Huck	£100.00	Pilling in Bloom
5. Bank Interest – July	£ 1.82	
6. Clothing Collection	£168.40	

Standing Order credit

1. St. John's Church – Grounds Maintenance	£ 65.00
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Resolved: Councillors agreed the following invoices are paid:

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Details
2815	Parish Lengthsman	£ 26.23	Expenses - June
2816	R and J Pye Cleggs Nursery	£213.50	Pilling in Bloom plants
2817	Parish Lengthsman	£ 13.23	Expenses - July
2818	Parish Clerk	£ 63.38	salary adjustments and expenses
2819	Catterall Parish Council	£ 16.20	Phone and Broadband
2820	St. John's Church	£ 20.00	Room Rent
2821	Came and Company	£302.01	Motor Ins. for mower
2822	Greenbarnes Ltd	£140.06	Eagland Hill noticeboard
2823	Houghtons Filling Station	£142.50	Fuel

2824	Autocross Euroshel Ltd.	£6,264.00	Removal of damaged shelter, replacement bus shelter and relocation of Auction Mart shelter
2825	Jay Salisbury Equipment Sales	£ 52.19	Strimmer line/oil
2826	Wyre Building Supplies Ltd	£ 25.65	Rails and saw
2827	Cornthwaites Farm Machinery	£ 20.16	Parts
2828	Houghtons Filling Station	£150.02	Diesel and unleaded
2829	Parish and Town Training	£ 25.00	Chairmanship Training Course
2830	Reserve Account	£233.42	50% of grounds maintenance work
	Total	£5,223.55	

Monthly Standing Orders/Direct Debits

Staff costs	£4,202.33
Easy-Web-Sites	£ 27.60
St. John's Church Hall – Access to facilities	£100.00

Bank Reconciliation

Resolved the bank reconciliation to 2nd August, 2019 was accepted by Councillors.

4796. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Chairman's Report

The Chairman informed Council of a spate of quad thefts with CCTV information being checked for the latest theft. It seems certain that thieves are watching the farms beforehand and residents must be encouraged to report ANY suspicious matters. The Chief Inspector recognises rural areas are unable to accept these burglaries following attitudes by ground staff.

Pilling in Bloom Report

Mr. Raby attended the meeting and councillors remarked the increasing number of favourable comments received on the floral work in the village.

Report of the representative on the Pilling New Community Hall

Cllr. E. Moorat updated the Parish Council; The Committee received virtually enough for tenders to be pursued. Seven contractors were contacted with two of these being asked for further information. The Lottery has been presented with relevant information and they will have the final decision before the contractors are appointed. Detailed legal work has been generated due to Lottery requests. The committee should know the outcome soon and building work could start within three weeks.

A detailed article will be published on the Pilling Newsletter to inform residents and looking for public subscriptions to increase funds.

Pilling Flood Action Group/Wyre Flood Forum/ Water Meeting

Lancashire County Council engineers have been seen looking at the road drain under the School house and grounds. The pipe takes water from School Lane and top water from Poppyfield Way. The Parish Council asked for information from Lancashire County Council as to responsibilities for clearing. It was raised that following negotiations Blackburn dioceses has taken the ownership of school house from St. John's Vicar. The drain flap is stuck where the pipe empties in to the Hawpool and the dyke at Ladies Hill to the river needs cleaning by the Environment Agency.

Cllr. J. Barton added the Environment Agency, through Nikki Beale, is looking to close the penstocks on a monthly basis, but much of the farm land upstream still holds water levels which are too high. The Environment Agency is to de-silt to Mill Bridge in November. The Environment Agency is pulling back from cleaning dykes back from Stakepool.

4797. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS

Crack in masonry parapet of Clows Bridge, Scronkey, Lancaster Road.

Stan reported this last week and Lancashire County Council replied: the crack appears to be a long standing defect that has been present in the bridge since at least 2008. Although it is a defect it is not deemed to be dangerous. One of our engineers visited the bridge last week and was able to confirm that the crack does not appear to have widened and seems to be stable.

Although unsightly, the bridge is safe to use despite the cracked parapet.

Replacement Bus Shelter for outside the Elletsons Arms

Zurich insurance agreed to the quotes submitted and will be paying like for like with the same shelter. Spoken to Lancashire County Council about bollards for the pavement.

Bus Shelter for Taylors Lane

Location confirmed on site with Cllr. P. McWhirter and both shelters will be fitted together.

Damage to the Parish noticeboard on Eagland Hill

Replacement parts delivered, Stan repaired.

Footpath 30; Pilling

The temporary closure of the public footpath through Tayban has been extended until 14th August, 2020 whilst works are carried out.

Historical Pilling Sites

A number of sites in Pilling were raised as to protection; Historic England's list will be consulted.

Fly Tipping in Pilling

A number of recent fly tipping incidents have been reported to Wyre Council. These are being chased up by the Police and Wyre Council officers.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Chairman

Date