

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL, 2011

FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING



Present: *Councillors; J. Savage, Chairman,
G. Cornthwaite,
Mrs. E. Cookson,
G. Curwen, J. Edmondson,
D. Lawrenson, E. Moorat,
G. Morris, W. Whiteside
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
Eight members of the public*

3654. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. B. Schofield and the reason accepted.

3655. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors disclosed any interest in any matter to be discussed at this meeting. Cllr. D. Lawrenson declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a member of Wyre Borough Council's planning committee and did not take part in the planning decisions.

3656. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 9th March, 2011, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3657. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Including a Police Report

There were 24 incidents within Pilling logged by the Police in March. A third of these police incidents (8 incidents) refer to one on-going neighbour dispute, 3 to road traffic accidents and 2 crimes. The remainder consist of various incidents such as highways disruptions, suspicious circumstances, lost property and such like.

The two crimes are theft from the Memorial Hall, Taylors Lane whereby an offender(s) have climbed onto the roof and removed a quantity of lead sheets making good their escape. Police attended the scene and viewed CCTV however the quality was very poor and of no evidential value, a letter drop was also done to all properties in the area asking for any possible witnesses. This has so far proved negative.

A burglary from Willow Park Caravan Park. Offender(s) approached a touring caravan after winter storage, gained access and stole property. No CCTV was available. Crime Scene Investigators visited, obtained a fingerprint and footprint and took photos of the damage caused to gain entry. At this time we are still awaiting the results from forensics.

Although the figures for incidents in Pilling have risen against last March's figures, which were 18, the number of crimes has fallen by half.

The meeting was resumed.

3658. HALITE GAS STORAGE – COMMUNITY LIAISON PANEL

Information on the development consent by Halite on underground gas storage has been received. Consultation documents on the proposed application to the Infrastructure Planning Commission for a development consent order to construct and operate an underground natural gas facility at Preesall were presented to the Parish Council. Councillors considered the effect the proposal would have and concluded it would be the impact on the roads through the Village during construction.

There was great concern at the amount of information that is confusing at best and far in excess of the knowledge a Parish Councillor would have on this subject. Potential conflict has been created so that the community can't deal with this. Pilling has an indirect involvement and will become involved should it become necessary. Halite is to hold a public open day on Tuesday 10th May, in Pilling Memorial Hall.

Resolved: That the Parish Council monitor the actions of Halite.

3659. AUDIT COMMISSION REPORT

The Audit Commission in its report on how well local (parish and town) councils responded to recent changes in the Audit regime, suggested that local councils should lose the power to precept if they fail to comply with audit and finance regulations. Local Council Review asks Councillors: 'Should parish and town councils lose the power to precept if they break the law or statutory regulations?'

Resolved: That the Parish Council considers any Parish Council having offended once, accidentally or on purpose, should receive an initial warning and the Councillors should attend the appropriate compulsory training. There should be a scale of actions based on the severity of the offence.

3660. ST. AIDAN'S C OF E TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

The Chair of Governors wishes to inform the Parish Council of the school's intention to proceed towards Academy Status during 2011. The Councillors were most concerned at this change of status, based on recent changes to other schools and especially at Garstang High, where the staff are taking industrial action. The introduction of Academy Status changes the way schools use the funding from Government and could impinge on the support to other schools. The funding retained by Lancashire County Council to provide central services would diminish.

Resolved: That the Parish Council do not support the change at St. Aidan's C of E Technical College to Academy Status. To request more information on the advantages to be gained by such a change of status and what effects this might have on other issues regarding the larger educational scene.

3661. QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE

Cllr. E. Moorat has approached Pilling Pottery to create a design and cost the presentation of mugs to the children of Pilling.

Resolved: Councillors will consider this proposal with any others to be submitted nearer the date.

3662. PARISH CHARTER

Lancashire County Council is revising the original Parish Charter and is looking for input from the Parish Councils.

Resolved: Councillors will send comments to the Parish Clerk as the consultation date is before the next meeting.

3663. FLOOD AWARENESS

Laura Travers, Environment Agency, asks Parish Councillors, following the flood awareness presentation and article in the newsletter, is there still interest in doing some door knocking with me?

Resolved: The Parish Council is interested, but would wish to identify areas initially and confirm with the new council before 'hitting the streets'.

3664. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application has been deemed lawful:

11/00069/LAWP

Proposal: Certificate of Lawful Development for a proposed single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory.

Location: Mistral, Carr Lane, Pilling

The following planning application has been granted:

11/00048/FUL

Proposal: Erection of single storey front extension.

Location: 1 St Johns Avenue, Pilling,

Planning Applications received

Councillors commented on the following planning applications:

11/00202/AGR

Proposal: Prior Notification for proposed multi-purpose agricultural building

Location: Four Fields Farm, Off Head Dyke Lane, Pilling

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

11/00219/FUL

Proposal: Two-storey rear and single storey side extension and rear extensions

Location: Linden Lea, School Lane, Pilling

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

11/00243/FULMAJ

Proposal: Application for variation of condition 10 on previously approved application 09/00661/FULMAJ to allow amended site layout and to provide an additional 11 holiday caravans taking the total number of caravans on site to 170

Location: Glenfield Farm Caravan Site, Smallwood Hey road, Pilling

11/00244/FUL

Proposal: Application for variation of condition 1 of planning application 02/00/00463 to allow the site to be occupied as holiday use for 12 months of the year

Location: Fold House Caravan Park Ltd., Head Dyke Lane, Pilling

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

11/00251/FUL

Proposal: Erection of two 24.3m high wind turbines (11m diameter blades)

Location: Throstles Nest Farm, Head Dyke Farm, Pilling

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

11/00245/FUL

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Location: Bay Trees, Fluke Hall Lane, Pilling

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

3665. FINANCE

Payments received this month:

1. Wyre Housing Association	£500.00	Pilling in Bloom
2. Glenfield Caravan Park	£200.00	Pilling in Bloom
3. Wyre Borough Council	£41,497.00	
Precept - £38,500		
Rural Grant - £2,997		

Councillors approved payment of the following accounts;

1. Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 75.06	
2. Parish Lengthsman's wages and expenses	£ 12.22	
3. Catterall Parish Council	£ 18.84	Telephone invoice
4. Catterall Parish Council	£ 51.60	Stationery
5. C and C Supplies	£ 17.64	Sensory Garden
6. Sue White Secretarial Services	£120.23	Newsletters and
Pilling Fact Sheet – last months invoice was returned as incorrect.		
7. Lancashire Association of Local Councils	£309.76	Subscription
8. Stewart Morley	£111.59	
9. E-On	£ 10.15	Christmas tree
lights		
10. HMRC	£1,281.62	
11. Broadfleet Sensory Garden	£475.33	
12. Houghton's Filling Station	£151.02	
13. Hebden's Agricultural Ltd.	£ 46.19	

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,540.00
Lancashire County Council Pension	£464.54
Open Spaces Society	£ 40.00

Bank Reconciliation

Councillors accepted the bank reconciliation to 28th February and 31st March, 2011

Senior Citizen's Christmas Party Account

The deposit account stands at £277.72.

Grass Cutting Maintenance Contracts

The new contract with Adactus to maintain Cherry Tree Close has been confirmed and will start April, 2011. A site visit has been arranged with Ian Pennington to discuss the specifications details.

The new contract with Siromer Tractors at Taylors Lane Industrial Estate has been confirmed, but waiting for letter and will start April, 2011.

Wyre Borough Council has agreed to the tender submitted by the Parish Council for the Grounds Maintenance and play area inspections in Pilling.

Donation

North West Air Ambulance thanks the Parish Council for their donation enabling the continuation of the life saving work in the area.

3666. QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERS

Date of the next meeting

This should be Wednesday 11th May, however, due to Parish and Wyre Borough elections the date has been rearranged to Wednesday 18th May at 7.00pm.

Picnic in the Park

The Rural and Over Wyre Children’s Centre, Garstang is asking permission to hold their Picnic in the Park on the Village Green on 21st May to provide activities to support families in making healthy food choices.

Advertising in the Factsheet and Parish Newsletter

The advertising in the recent Factsheet has been halved from the previous editions where the sponsor was allowed to use two pages in return for paying for the production of the leaflet. This has been carried out since the first edition when Nat West used to sponsor the Factsheet.

There was concern over advertising in the Parish Newsletter, but following upset in the village there will be NO advertising and Parish Councillors will be submitting articles.

Pilling AFC

The past two years accounts of Pilling AFC were accepted by members.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Geoff Cornthwaite for his long association with the Parish Council as he is not to stand for election. He has served since 1993 and has been a valuable member held in high esteem by both his fellow members and residents. He was wished all the best for the future for himself and his business and it is hoped that he will keep an interest in the Parish Council.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm.

Chairman

Date