

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11th April, 2012
following the Annual Parish Meeting

AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING

Present: *Councillors; J. Savage Chairman,*
 Mrs. E. Cookson
 G. Curwen,
 D. Lawrenson
 S. Morley
 Mrs. B. Schofield
 Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council



3805. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr J. Edmondson, Cllr. E. Moorat, Cllr. G. Morris and Cllr. W. Whiteside and the reasons accepted.

3806. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors disclosed any interest in any matter to be discussed at this meeting. Cllr. D. Lawrenson declared a personal interest as a member of the planning committee at Wyre Council.

Cllr. S. Morley declared a prejudicial interest in an item of finance and planning application 12/00175/FUL as a supplier to the business and did not vote.

Cllr. G. Curwen declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 12/00178/FUL as a personal friend to the applicant.

3807. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 14th March, 2012, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3808. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Including a Police Report

PCSO Natalie Johnson was unable to attend but sent a report. One reported crime, which was an assault on School Lane and this has been detected. This compares to 4 crimes last March 2011. There have been no anti-social behaviour incidents for March, compared to 6 reports in March 2011. The Councillors requested a full Police report showing ALL matters reported to the Police in Pilling.

The meeting was resumed.

3809. FATAL ACCIDENT ON A588/GULF LANE

The Councillors discussed the particularly deceptive road layout and the number of accidents that have occurred at the junction of the A588 and Gulf Lane, the latest being fatal. The suggestion of double white lines in the centre of the road to denote no overtaking on the A588 at the junction with Gulf Lane in an effort to alert drivers to the dangerous bend and to protect other drivers was upheld by Councillors.

Resolved: To write to Lancashire County Council requesting double white lines in the centre of the carriageway to prevent overtaking and copy in Cockerham Parish Council as it is within Cockerham Parish.

3810. LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL VERGE MAINTENANCE/GRASS CUTTING2012

Lancashire County Council has sent arrangements for the grass cutting carried out by Pilling Parish Council within the Parish. The rate was reduced in 2011 to 56p per m², this being an approach to taper down funding to a budget which is more reflective of market conditions. In continuing this approach the rate for 2012 will be 44p per m², which will be applied County wide. Councillors wished to carry on with this grass cutting, but to cost it out to local businesses.

Resolved; To continue with the grass cutting in Pilling for Lancashire County Council.

3811. PREESALL SALTFIELD UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE

Barton Willmore, working for Halite, writes asking if the issues raised in the application document have been answered by the mitigation measures within the application or do your concerns relate to the whole principal of the development? The Councillors have concerns with the development as a whole and asked for a visit from Barton Willmore to give an in site into the operation.

Resolved: To arrange a visit to the June meeting from Barton Willmore to update the Parish Council on the Halite proposal.

3812. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WYRE

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has announced a review of electoral arrangements in Wyre. There could be changes to Parish wards.

Councillors are invited to a presentation on 26th April at 7.00pm at the Civic Centre.

Resolved: Cllr. D. Lawrenson will be attending this meeting.

3813. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following TPO application has been granted:

Proposal: To remove seven trees with TPO's and replant alternative trees.

Location: The Old Vicarage, School Lane, Pilling

The following planning application has been amended and Councillors commented
11/00663/OUTMAJ

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 15 affordable dwellings (re-submission of 10/00704 OUTMAJ)

Location: Land rear of Blue Bell Farm, School Lane, Pilling

Amendment to show how the surface and grey water will be drained and where to. It will eventually surface in the dyke between Village Farm and School Lane. The Parish Council was most concerned that the proposed pipes and dyke to be used to drain the holding tank would not be sufficient to take the amount or type of waste water. The Wyre Cllr. reported that the application was put before the planning committee at Wyre and has been deferred for further information concerning the logistics of using the pipes and dyke proposed.

The Councillors made comment on the following planning applications:

12/00155/FUL

Proposal: Extension to detached garage to form office space and store

Location: The Post House, Lancaster Road, Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning applications and requests neighbourhood notification. The Parish Council supports the modifications that neighbours have put forward to Wyre Council.

12/00175/FUL

Proposal: Extension to existing commercial stable block to create 12 additional stables

Location: Moss Side Farm, Lancaster Road, Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning applications and requests neighbourhood notification. There was concern that the ratio of land to stables needs investigating by animal welfare. For private use only.

12/00180/FUL

Proposal: Barn conversion to two dwellings

Location: Scronkey Farm, Lancaster Road, Pilling

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

12/00219/FUL

Proposal: Application to replace an extant planning permission (09/00104/FUL) in order to extend the time limit for erection of extension to existing detached outbuilding to form ancillary living accommodation to the main dwelling and erection of single storey side extension to existing dwelling to form single garage

Location: Jarvis Carr Villas South, Garstang Road, Pilling

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

3814. FINANCE

Councillors accepted payments received this month:

1. Wyre Council	£243.58	March
2. Wyre Council	£43,470.38	
Precept	£40,600.00	
Rural Grant	£ 3,069.00	
Less Election expenses	£ 198.62	
3. Green Partnership Award	£500.00	
Grant for the re-development of the garden in front of St. Johns new Church Hall, through Pilling in Bloom		
4. Bank Interest	£ 0.81	

Resolved: Councillors approved payment of the following accounts;

1. Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 71.40	
2. Parish Lengthsman's wages and expenses	£ 7.04	
3. Catterall Parish Council	£ 18.36	Telephone invoice
4. Stewart Morley	£110.50	
5. Lancashire Association of Local Councils	£269.16	Subscriptions
6. Houghtons Filling Station	£ 59.50	
7. HMRC	£680.87	
8. C and C Supplies	£ 99.44	
9. D. Howcroft	£172.75	Plants

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£2,050.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£600.01
Open Spaces Society	£ 40.00

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation to 31st March, 2012 was accepted by Councillors.

3815. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**Pilling 20 20**

The committee has been approached by a land developer with a view to building affordable houses on the Memorial Hall site. A meeting was held to discuss the offer and plans were produced showing the lay out of the Memorial Hall site and the new field. Information was provided to the developer concerning a geotech survey. Both Garry Payne and Regenda were informed of this development.

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee

At the last meeting the programme was deconstructed and re-written and items updated.

Affordable Housing task Group

Meeting held 27th March by Wyre Council to talk to Parish Councils who are looking at, or have recently seen affordable housing in their parishes. The Councillors supported the 'onion-skin' approach to ensure that local people were prioritised, rather than prioritising those in greatest need who might not necessarily be from the locality. Wyre Council supported the principle of prioritising local people, but that there should be a degree of flexibility to take into account other factors.

Clarification about how the allocation process would work if and when one of the units became vacant, stressing that local people should still be prioritised. This will be raised with Regenda during the course of the review.

Recommendations included: Closer liaison between the developer, Regenda and Wyre Council over a significant period of time was needed to help people understand the issues and the need. It is important, regarding future developments that Regenda got their publicity for the local community correct from the start and closer communication between Regenda and the parish councils was essential.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05pm.

Chairman

Date