

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th AUGUST, 2011 at 7.00PM

AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING



Present: *Councillors; J. Savage Chairman,
Mrs. E. Cookson
G. Curwen,
J. Edmondson,
E. Moorat
S. Morley,
G. Morris
Mrs. B. Schofield
W. Whiteside
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
Three members of the public*

3610. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Lawrenson and the reason accepted.

3611. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors disclosed any interest in any matter to be discussed at this meeting.

Cllr. J. Edmonson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application number 11/00575 as a neighbour.

Cllr. G. Morris declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application number 11/00543 as a neighbour.

3712. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 13th July, 2011, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3713. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Including a Police Report

PCSO Natalie Johnstone reported that there had been no reported crimes for July against the one crime for July last year. There were 8 anti- social behaviour incidents reports including 2 of loud music on the evening of Pilling Coffee Feast, 4 neighbour disputes and one malicious voice mail.

PCSO Johnstone was pursuing police support for the bus turning at the Golden Ball and has asked for written comment, this will be passed on to the Parish Council. She was thanked for her assistance at Pilling Coffee Feast.

The meeting was resumed.

3714. PILLING PARISH NEWSLETTER

Councillors were asked to produce articles for the Parish Newsletter.

Resolved: A number of articles are to be submitted, including the Queens Jubilee, Pilling 20 20 and Coffee Feast. The leaflet produced by Pilling 20 20 and distributed at the Coffee Feast will have the working groups contacts added and included in the newsletter.

3715. FLUKE HALL BOATING LAKE

The Parish Council has been passed a letter concerning the boating lake on Fluke Hall Lane and asking English Heritage to consider it as a note worthy site. Councillors considered this request.

Resolved: That the Parish Council supports submission to English Heritage and asks to be kept informed.

3716. RURAL ISOLATION

Councillors discussed the rural isolation that residents of Eagland Hill suffer with no public transport service although it was noted that Dial a Ride, County Cars and taxis were available.

Resolved: An article will be published in the newsletter regarding Eagland Hill.

3717. STANDING ORDERS FOR PARISH MEETINGS

Resolved: That the Standing Orders for Parish Meetings are accepted, with the inclusion of an annual report from Pilling 20 20.

3718. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Resolved: That the financial regulations are accepted and in line with the Standing Orders.

3719. COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Resolved: That the terms of reference for committees are accepted.

3720. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS INFORMATION

Invitation to the AGM of Lancashire Association of Local Councils on November 12th at County Hall, Preston. Lancashire County Council is running the Parish Council Conference in the same morning.

Resolved: Cllr. S. Morley and Cllr. G. Curwen will attend.

Training Course for Community Engagement with Case Studies is being held on 26th October between 7 and 9 at Penwortham

Resolved: Cllr. S. Morley will attend

3721. STREET CLEANSING

Wyre Council has taken the decision to bring street cleansing back in house and are asked Parish Councils the following details.

Do you have a Parish Lengthsman and what is undertaken and on what frequency?

Are there hot spots for street cleansing issues?

Are there areas that are missed regularly?

Resolved: That the Parish Council does employ a Parish Lengthsman, the street cleansing should be a dependable monthly routine, preferably following the refuse wagon and Smallwood Hey Road is often missed.

3722. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS

Wyre Council is reviewing polling districts, places and stations. Councillors have no problems on the present system and locations.

Resolved: That the Parish Council has no problems with the present polling system.

3723. LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT POLICY FOR MANAGING UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS OF COUNTY COUNCIL OWNED LAND AND ON THE HIGHWAYS FOR WHICH THE COUNTY COUNCIL IS THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

The document sets out Lancashire County Council's responsibility on their own land, but there is a section which informs land owners of their responsibilities. If travellers enter your land it is your responsibility to remove them, Lancashire County Council will not get involved. It was felt that local farmers should be aware of this.

Resolved: That landowners responsibilities will be distributed to local farmers.

3724. PLANNING PROTOCOL FOR RURAL HOUSING SCHEMES

Wyre Council is consulting on the method to be used by Social Landlords, Wyre Council and Parish Councils in providing affordable housing. It was noted that following confrontation of Parish Councils this protocol was drawn up by Councillors working with Regenda and Wyre Council.

Resolved: That the Parish Council accepts the planning protocol for rural housing schemes.

3725. CLAUGHTON HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE

Consultation on the proposed closure of the waste recycling centre at Claughton is ongoing and the Councillors were concerned that its closure would mean Lancaster would be the nearest and driving through Lancaster to get to Salt Ayre tip would be very dangerous in itself. The fear of increased fly tipping was raised and that Wyre Council rather than Lancashire County Council would be responsible therefore passing on the cost. Also fly tipping on private land is the landowner's responsibility, which passes the cost still further. It was noted that the Claughton site will take asbestos and many aren't able and the site has a very good recycling record.

Resolved: That Pilling Parish Council oppose the closure of Claughton Household Waste Recycling Centre, increase in traffic and fly tipping and the distance to the next centre.

3726. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications have been granted:

11/00357/FUL

Proposal: Two storey side/rear extension (resubmission 10/00553/FUL)
Location: Copper Garth, Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling

11/00399/FUL

Proposal: Extension of existing graveyard into adjoining field
Location: St John's Church Graveyard, School Lane, Pilling

11/00340/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of barn to 3 offices (two B1 and one office for medicals), inclusion of solar panels to rear roof and erection of disabled toilet and cycle store
Location: Land Adjacent To May Cottage, Duck Street, Pilling

11/00459/FUL

Proposal: Change of use from garage into bakery (B1) re-submission
10/00783/FUL
Location: Laharna, Lancaster Road, Pilling,

Planning Applications received

Councillors commented on the following planning applications:

11/00517/FUL

Proposal: Replacement of hard standing area from tarmac to concrete

Location: Head Dyke House, Longwood Lane, Pilling

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

11/00518/FUL

Proposal: Side conservatory

Location: 15, The Mallards, Woodlands Country Park, Skitham Lane, Pilling

Resolved: As the precedence has been set for this type of addition on the Woodlands Country Park, the Parish Council offers no objections.

11/00543/FUL

Proposal: Erection of apple storage building

Location: Land to the South East of Ivy Loft and South of Holme Close, Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling

The Parish Council wish to support sustainable enterprise in the Village offering no objections, but the decision must be subject to neighbourhood notification as the development impoverishes their outlook. There was concern that a satisfactory road access is maintained based on the commercial vehicles to be used as the exit is onto a narrow part of Smallwood Hey Road.

11/00556/FUL

Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension

Location: Moss Lodge, Union Lane, Out Rawcliffe

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

11/00575/FUL

Proposal: Erection of one detached dwelling

Location: Land adjacent to Townside Farm, Plot 2, School Lane, Pilling

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

3727. FINANCE

Payments received this month:

1. Wyre Council	£243.58	July
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Councillors approved payment of the following accounts;

1. Clerk's salary and expenses	£101.78	
2. Parish Lengthsman's wages and expenses	£ 47.38	
3. Catterall Parish Council	£ 18.34	Telephone invoice
4. C and C Supplies	£ 23.70	Sensory Garden
5. Broker Network Ltd.	£143.71	Mower insurance
6. Houghtons Filling Station	£236.01	
7. Pilling in Bloom	£ 21.90	
8. Stewart Morley – Parish Lengthsman's workshop contract	£ 1.00	
9. M. Shepherd and Sons	£ 45.00	
10. Hebden's Agricultural Ltd.	£ 13.68	

12. J. Cornthwaite and Son	£158.40	Pilling in Bloom
13. Plaques	£ 32.00	Pilling in Bloom
14. Lancashire County Training Partnership	£ 25.00	

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,540.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£471.70

3728. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**Chairman's Report**

The Chairman is hoping to see the re-establishment of the Pilling Youth Council in late September. The Church established links with St. Aidan's School youth worker and the Parish Council donated funds and she will be in Pilling on a monthly basis from Autumn.

A skills matrix amongst the Councillors to determine future training needs, perhaps by carrying out in house training or organised training when Councillors are able to network with other Parish Councils.

The Parish Plan was completed in 2004 and the original group was reconvened to review the plan but work stopped through lack of funding to carry out the work needed. It was considered that the questionnaire could be produced and distributed but dealing with the answers would prove more difficult. The Chairman is reviewing the original questionnaire and will refer this back to the group. An updated Parish Plan would add to the credence of Pilling 20 20.

Continue with Multi Agency meetings when dealing with water problems in Pilling. The next meeting is 6th October and the Environment Agency has informed the Parish Council that the second door has been fitted in the seawall and is operational. There is still great concern about the sewage system in the Village.

Report of Wyre Borough Councillor

Councillors were again disappointed not to receive a report from the Councillor.

Report of the Pilling in Bloom Floral Competition

Results as follows:

Public buildings/areas

1. Broadfleet Sensory Garden, with special mention to the involvement of St. Williams and St. Johns Schools.
2. Pilling Memorial Hall
3. St. John the Baptist Church
4. Pilling Methodist Chapel

Large Commercial

1. The Golden Ball

Large Gardens

1. Mr. John Seed, 14, Smallwood Hey Road
2. Mr. Ken Danson, 16, Smallwood Hey Road
3. Mr. Harold Cookson, Ambleside, Garstang Road
4. Mr. Bob Higginson, 1, Springfield Cottages, Wheel Lane
5. Mr. Bevan Jones, 2, West View Cottages, Smallwood Hey Road

Small Cottage Garden

1. Ms. Judith Thompson, 2, Myers Cottage, School Lane

The Parish Council is indebted to Cllr. Billy Whiteside for organising the planting of the village's floral displays and escorting the judges during the competition. Taking over

as he did at the last minute with some difficulties and his work has made a tremendous difference. Cllr. Whiteside asked the Councillors to consider planting bulbs in the barrels for spring colour.

Report of Pilling Memorial Hall

The Committee is trying to get the roof sorted out following the lead theft and to replace the gate to the car park.

Report of Pilling 20-20

Excellent progress has been made with a lot of new residents involved. The feed back from the publicity carried out during the Coffee Feast. The pilot group are treading firmly and gently so that the steps are certain. The development of the pilot group is co-ordinating well with the working groups.

3729. QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERS

Depression on Carr Lane

The depression in the road outside the Manse is sinking again and although Lancashire County Council may fill it in this puts more pressure on the pipes under the surface, breaking them further.

Hedge on Lancaster Road

The brewery has been approached to cut back the hedge as it is interfering with cyclists.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.36pm.

Chairman

Date