

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th AUGUST, 2012 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
Mrs. B. Schofield
W. Whiteside,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
Two residents



3854. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Lawrenson and Cllr. G. Morris and the reasons accepted. The Chairman welcomed Cllr. W. Whiteside back after his recent illness.

3855. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors were asked to disclose any pecuniary or non pecuniary interest in matters to be discussed at this meeting.

3856. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 11th July, 2012, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3857. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Including a Police Report

PCSO Natalie Singleton reported on the three crimes in Pilling for July, an assault in Smallwood Hey Road and a public order offence on Taylors Lane, both of which have been detected. But a theft from a vehicle remains undetected. There were no crimes for the same period last year. There were no anti-social behaviour reports against 8 last year. Other incidents reported to the Police totalled 32 and mostly involved lost and found property.

The Community Road Watch has been on Smallwood Hey Road and was believed to be located outside the Chapel. Councillors asked if the team could use the Wheel Lane end and compare the figures. Natalie added that locations are risk assessed and near the Chapel was probably the only location suitable.

The meeting was resumed.

3858. SHAPING YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Initiative from Wyre Council who have £500,000 to spend across the borough. Projects are being sought to compete for this funding, but they must meet the specified criteria. Cllr. Robinson had been invited to inform the Parish Council, but has not contacted the Parish Council.

Resolved: That the Pilling 20 20 group complete and submit the form for items on the new field.

3856. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS INFORMATION

The following training courses will be held:

Risk assessment – 3rd October

Employment – 10th October

Community Engagement with case studies – 24th October

To be held at Penwortham between 7 and 9pm.

Resolved: Cllr. J. Edmondson will attend the Employment Training course.

3857. AUDIT COMMISSION

The Parish Council has received a letter from the Audit Commission concerning the problems faced during matters in 2008/9. Councillors considered the Commission's reply and thought they had missed the point of the Parish Council's concern. Having experienced residents' complaints in the past and gone through the process, the Parish Council should have the right to know exactly what has been asked. It was raised that a process by which each complaint needed the support of 10 residents was to be introduced, yet this seems to have been dropped.

Resolved: To reply that the process should allow for the Parish Council to see sight of the complaints be allowed and what progress has been made on the need of 10 supporting residents for each complaint?

3858. THE ABOLISHMENT OF COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT

As part of welfare reform the Government is to abolish Council Tax Benefit from 31st March, 2013. Councils have to develop their own Council Tax Support scheme.

Councillors were asked to consider the paper received or suggests alternatives?

Resolved: That the Parish Council has no comment on this matter and can not suggest an alternative.

3859. PILLING NEWS

A plea for articles for the next Pilling News, to include the Jubilee in Pilling, both the Coffee Feasts and the dog problems on School Lane and the health aspect to pupils and pedestrians. The Councillors were informed that Wyre Council is to remove a number of red dog bins from Pilling and, as the litter bins are now dual purpose, they will not be replaced.

3860. ROAD CLOSURES

Lancashire County Council informs the Parish Council that School Lane, Winmarleigh is to be closed in September for the erection of a telegraph pole and Bradshaw Lane will be closed 12th to 14th September for resurfacing. As will Crook Gate Lane, Out Rawcliffe on 17th September.

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to these improvements.

3861. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application has been granted:

12/00303/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of barn/workshop into residential dwelling and detached garage

Location: Upper Birks Farm, Bradshaw Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

12/00349/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension incorporating a garage

Location: Ivy Loft, Shaws Lane, Pilling

12/00340/FUL

Proposal: Single-storey rear extension and formation of front bay window
Location: Brookfield Farm, Garstang Road, Pilling

12/00363/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of barn into two dwellings
Location: Tarn Farm, New Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

The following planning application has been refused:

12/00367/OUT

Proposal: Outline planning permission with some matters reserved for erection of a dwelling
Location: Roseacre, Garstang Road, Pilling

The following non material consideration has been rejected:

11/00575/NOMAT1

Proposal: Additional non-material amendments to application 11/00575/FUL
Location: Townside Farm, School Lane, Pilling

The Councillors made comment on the following planning applications:**12/00476/FUL**

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 on planning application 10/00852/FULMAJ to allow for 12 month holiday use

Location: Midwood Caravan Park Head Dyke Lane Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council would have great difficulty resisting this application as the precedence has been set in many of the surrounding caravan parks and would have to return no objections. There is concern over the keeping of correct records and is Wyre Council monitoring these records as the system could be open to abuse?

12/00493/FUL

Proposal: Single storey side extension

Location: 10, St. Johns Avenue, Pilling

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

12/00492/FUL

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Location: Scronkey Farm (Carter) Lancaster Road Pilling

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

12/00514/FUL

Proposal: Detached building to form offices and extension to workshop to form storage area

Location: Workshop, Lancaster Road, Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council declared an interest in this application as owner of the storage container illustrated on the plan and commented as a resident of Pilling. The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and requests neighbourhood notification. There is concern over the width of the access to allow HGVs to enter the site and recommend that Lancashire County Council highways are consulted.

12/00138/FUL

Proposal: Erection of agricultural storage building

Location: Carr Holm, Fluke Hall Lane, Pilling

Cllr. G. Curwen declared a pecuniary interest in this planning application as the applicant and left the room.

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

3862. FINANCE**Donation Request**

Bowland Mountain Rescue are requesting a donation towards their work and kitting out the volunteers that carry out the rescues. Councillors considered this request.

Resolved: That the Parish Council will donate £50.

Clerk's AVC Payments for Pension

Due to a problem with the bank, the clerk's Addition Voluntary Contributions towards her pension have been bounced back between banks. No payments have been accredited since the commencement in March, 2012. The Prudential is willing to accept back and future payments by cheque. As the money has been deducted from salary and returned via the banking system the clerk requests that all moneys now owing are paid by cheque to the Prudential. The total being £100 per month from March to July - £500.

Resolved: Councillors accepted to pay the Clerk's AVC payment.

Sit on Mower Insurance

The mower insurance is due for renewal on 16th August, 2012; the price quoted is £143.71, under the full Parish Council insurance provider.

Resolved: Councillors accepted the quote.

Payments received:

1. The Moons Trust – Jubilee Donation	£500.00	
2. Jubilee Beakers	£ 25.00	
3. Jubilee Beakers	£ 55.00	
4. Jubilee Beakers	£ 15.00	
5. Jubilee Beakers	£ 15.00	
6. Lancashire County Council (Ben Shepherd)	£ 46.80	
Payment for cutting the Lancashire County Council hedge on Lancaster Road		
7. Bank Interest	£ 3.44	
8. Wyre Council	£250.00	July

Councillors are asked to consider the following accounts;

Payments to be approved;

1. Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 94.84	
2. Prudential AVC Scheme	£300.00	Clerk's pension
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4. Parish Lengthsman's wages and expenses	£ 41.16	
5. Catterall Parish Council	£ 16.32	Telephone invoice
6. Stewart Morley	£1,089.00	Grounds Maintenance
7. Broker Network Ltd	£143.71	Mower insurance
8. Ben Shepherd (Lancashire County Council)	£ 46.80	Payment as above
9. Stewart Morley	£756.00	Grounds Maintenance
10. Houghtons Filling Station	£219.02	
11. Bowland Mountain Rescue Team	£ 50.00	

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,560.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£569.23

3863. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**Report from the Chairman**

The Chairman reported on his attendance at Wyre Council's Affordable Housing Task Group, chaired by Cllr. Roger Brooks. There were six Parish Councillors present who were asked their views on affordable housing, most asked about the criteria for tenants and how wide was the catchment area? Also it is important to Villages to have the housing in the right location so as not to conflict with the present residents.

Report from Pilling in Bloom Committee

The Councillors were impressed by the amount of excellent floral displays in the Village. The invoices have been submitted to Wyre Council against the budget for Wyre in Bloom.

Senior Citizen's Christmas Party

Councillors were concerned at the method of ticket delivery, knowing every eligible person in Pilling is becoming an onerous task and at the risk of missing residents a better system must be employed this time.

Pilling 20 20

The prospective developer has produced a scheme to be submitted to Wyre Council planning section as soon as possible. There are still a number of outstanding design details to be settled. The group is to hold an Open Day in September to be advertised in the Pilling News where by residents can see progress to date. The Pilling 20 20 group is to be part of the pre-application discussions with Wyre.

As yet there is no risk to the group as they have not committed any money. It was reiterated that the scheme has the full support of Wyre Council, and as the impetus to develop affordable housing may go in time, the partnership Pilling 20 20 have with the developer gives kudos to the developer and this is a unique opportunity which is not to be missed by Pilling.

Results of the 200 Club Draw;

The 200 club draw was made prior to the Parish Council meeting;	
First prize – Mrs. Nancy Hull	£100.00
Second prize – Mrs Rosina Lawson	£ 50.00
Third prize – Mr. Jack Wakefield	£ 25.00

3864. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS**State of the roads in Pilling**

The Councillors raised the state of Moss House Lane, although the dyke has been cleared many of the self set trees remain and need cutting back. Both Moss House Lane and Horse Park Lane are suffering from an increasing number of potholes. The road surface across Mill Bridge is becoming more dangerous to the many cyclists that ride through Pilling.

Flooding in Eagland Hill

It was raised that flooding had occurred at Eagland Hill recently

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

Chairman

Date