

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER, 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
G. Morley
Mrs. B. Schofield
W. Whiteside
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
One member of the public



3761. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr D. Lawrenson and Cllr. G. Morris and the reasons accepted.

3762. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

3763. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 7th November, 2011, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3764. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Including a Police Report

PCSO Natalie Singleton sent a report as she was unable to attend. There was one crime in November 2011, a harassment case whereby malicious text messages were sent. This compares to 4 crimes in November 2010 which were 3 thefts and 1 assault, only the assault was detected.

There were 6 reports of anti-social behaviour in November 2011 (4 of these all relate to the same address, one of a drunk at someone's house causing a nuisance of himself and one of children lighting Chinese lanterns near the Elletson Arms pub. This compares to one report of anti-social behaviour in November last year which was to do with animals!

It was raised by the Chairman that both the PCSOs were present at the Christmas Tree switch-on and were of great service in keeping down the distracting noise during the blessings.

Visit by Mr. J. Ward

Mr. Ward wished to make himself known to the Councillors as a landowner in Pilling who wished to move back and start a business and build a house on his land. His

derelict building has attracted youth damage for many years and the Police are well aware of the problems. He wishes to carry out his bespoke joinery business on site and his wife would run her counselling service for disabled children through horse riding. It was noted that this proposal would not be contrary to Pilling Parish Plan. Mr. Ward was advised to approach Wyre Council for planning advice.

Gritting over Eagland Hill

A resident raised that Pilling Village was to be gritted this year for the first time in years, but that Eagland Hill is not to be included. It was noted that there were a number of grit bins and the Parish Lengthsman regularly spreads salt grit during bad weather. Mrs Jenkinson was advised to approach County Cllr. Viv Taylor with a request for gritting.

The meeting was resumed.

3765. REPORT BY THE WYRE COUNCILLOR

Wyre Councillor Lawrenson sent a report as he was away. He will be Mayor next year, to be officially announced at Full Council in January and the Bluebell plan goes before Planning Committee on 4th January. He also sent a report from the Ward Walk Action Plan when Garry Payne visited Pilling.

Resolved: That the Chairman asks specific questions for response next month.

3766. ROAD WORKS ON HEAD DYKE LANE

The Parish Council has received a number of calls and e-mails complaining about the resurfacing on Head Dyke Lane centred on the state of the Village roads being used during the diversion. Councillors also reported having received many complaints and the matter was raised at the Wyre Area Road Safety Committee. There were a number of problems including the initial diversion signage was too small for motorists to read and road closure signs needed modifying to allow traffic to access Garstang Road and Bradshaw Lane. The edges of Lambs Lane are extensively damaged and now dangerous and have been pushed into the dyke stopping the water running. Councillors felt that Lancashire County Council should instigate a planned reinstatement of Lambs Lane, Hooles Lane, Smallwood Hey Road, School Lane, Mill Bridge, Taylors Lane and Back Sands Lane as all have suffered during the closure.

Resolved: Request a site meeting with Lancashire County Council to rectify the damage.

3767. LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PARISH CHARTER

Councillors considered the document and would wait and see how it worked in practice.

Resolved: To invite the new County Cllr. Viv Taylor to the next meeting.

3768. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications have been granted:

11/00750/FUL

Proposal: Erection of rear extension and conservatory

Location: Oak Lea, Head Dyke Lane, Pilling

11/00799/LAWP

Proposal: Lawful development certificate for proposed two storey and single storey rear extensions

Location: 20 Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling

Planning Applications:

The Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;

11/00797/FUL

Proposal: Planning permission to remove temporary agricultural workers static caravan and replace with permanent dwelling

Location: Herdman House Farm, Peahall Lane, Pilling

Resolved: There was uncertainty concerning the future viability of the business, although the Parish Council could find no legitimate planning reason for objecting it was felt that a planning officer must visit the site to assess the business

11/00837/FUL

Proposal: Replacement sales/warehouse building associated with established house clearance business

Location: Opposite Seaspray House 5A, Duck Street, Pilling

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

3769. FINANCE

Payments received this month:

1. Wyre Council	£243.58	October
2. Lancashire County Council	£763.84	Amenity Grass Cutting

Councillors approved payment of the following accounts;

1. Clerk's salary and expenses	£106.71	
2. Parish Lengthsman's wages and expenses	£ 20.32	
3. Catterall Parish Council	£ 22.55	Telephone invoice
4. 4 th Duke of Westminster 1964 Settlement	£168.00	Christmas Tree
5. Sue White Secretarial Services	£175.05	Newsletters
6. Houghton's Filling Station	£136.00	
7. Garstang Timber	£ 30.88	
8. Pilling Jubilee Silver Band	£ 30.00	

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,540.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£455.02

Bank Reconciliation

Councillors accepted the bank reconciliation to 31st October, 2011.

Precept and Budget

Councillors considered the budget upon which the precept is based. Councillors with wish lists as to improvements/projects for 2012 – 2013 were asked to supply costings for consideration. The precept will be set at the January meeting. The Councillors considered the need for an emergency response facilities fund.

Transfer from Reserve Account

Councillors considered that in order to ensure sufficient funds in the current account to transfer of £10,000 from the Reserve Account to the current account.

3770. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the next meeting of the Youth Club committee will be held in January to encourage volunteers.

Senior Citizen's Christmas Party

The account stands at £716.51 to provide this year's party. Setting up the Methodist Hall will take place on Monday afternoon and work starts on Tuesday from 1.30pm.

Report of the representatives on the Pilling Memorial Hall Committee

The Committee reports that finances are tight with the expenses outstripping the income. As a result the hire prices are about to rise.

Pilling 20 20

Pilling 20 20 has been given an award by the Big Society Fund which was presented on 22nd November by the Mayor of Wyre.

Report of the representative on Wyre Area Road Safety Committee

The problems during the Head Dyke Lane closure were raised, although there was no representation from Lancashire County Council. Work at Lane Ends is still not complete and one of the lattix signs has been removed due to a traffic accident.

Report of the representative concerning Halite

Halite has submitted its plans to the IPC. It is known that Knott End Golf Club does not want to sell land to accommodate the application.

**Report from the Lancashire Association of Local Councils Conference.
Report from the AGM Lancashire County Council Parish Council Conference
and AGM of Lancashire Association of Local Councils**

Lancashire County Council is looking to devolve powers down to Parish Councils. Lancashire Association of Local Councils reported on the gypsies on Chorley.

3771. QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERS

Christmas Tree Switch-on

A donation of £30 will be sent to Pilling Jubilee Silver Band for their accompaniment at the switch-on. Thank you letters will be sent to those who helped to make the night so successful fro another year.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15pm.

Chairman

Date