

## PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 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,  
G. Morris  
S. Morley,  
B. Schofield  
W. Whiteside,  
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council  
Three residents*



#### **3901. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

A number of Councillors were late, but no apologies were sent.

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chairman, Cllr. G. Curwen opened the meeting.

#### **3902. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

#### **3903. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2012, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Vice-Chairman as a true record.*

#### **3904. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

#### **Dog Control Orders**

One resident expressed concern at the dogs walked on the local lanes, which can be intimidating when passing walkers.

#### **Pilling in Bloom**

Mr. Denis Howcroft accepted the Silver Award from North West in Bloom on behalf of residents who form Pilling in Bloom, which has been hung in the comrades Room. Denis added that he and Judith Curwen tried to make the Village look good within their capabilities. There were a number of residents who helped over the Summer, Stewart Morley who held the soil, Mrs Melling and Mrs. Jenkins for tending and watering and other residents for doing their bit. He stated the novel experience in sourcing plants when most of those used had been grown in Pilling, but purchased through nurseries out of the Village.

The Vice Chairman thanked Pilling in Bloom through Mr. Howcroft for his enormous part in winning this award.

**Police Report**

There were no crime reports in Pilling in November 2012, this compares to no crimes for the same period last year. No anti-social behaviour incidents were reported last month, compared to 6 incidents in November 2011, all of which were neighbour disputes.

The meeting was resumed.

**3905. PARISH COUNCIL CLUSTERING**

Stalmine Parish Council chairman would like to know if Pilling Parish Council considers that the Over Wyre Parish Councils should join to consider major issues that effect all Over Wyre Parish Councils i.e. Halite etc.? To concentrate on matters pertaining to Pilling and if needed would talk with the Partnership of Catterall, Kirkland and Pilling, rather than the 5 Parish Councils of Over Wyre.

*Resolved: The Councillors were interested in the initiative, but did not wish to cluster at present, although would be happy to attend a one off problem covering every one.*

**3906. TRAVELLERS SITE AT PREEALL**

At the water meeting the knock on problems by the stoning of the field where the travellers live were raised, broken culverts, drains and raising the land means that rain water is flooding further afield and entering nearby houses. Wyre Council issued an order to leave by April but will the field be reinstated? The Wyre Councillor was not at tonight's meeting to answer any queries. Further information was gleaned during the Water Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November when Paul Snape, Lancashire County Council and Wayne Thorpe, Environment Agency agreed to a site meeting to sort out the flooding problems by cleaning out dykes and gullies.

*Resolved: That the Wyre Councillor update the Parish Council on the present situation with the Travellers Site and Wyre's, now withdrawn, offer to convert caravan parks into residential homes.*

**3907. DOG CONTROL ORDERS**

Wyre Council Cabinet approved the new Dog Control Orders created under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 and these will replace the current bylaws. Wyre is asking for consideration and approval for the installation of appropriate signage and to enforce the new orders in the Village. These include:

The Fouling of Land by Dogs Order

The Dogs on Leads Order

Dog Exclusion Order.

Councillors considered the request to include dogs on leads on Smallwood Hey Road, Lane Ends Amenity Area and Pilling Memorial Hall Recreational Field.

*Resolved: The Parish Council fully supports the Dog Control Orders in Pilling.*

**3908. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning application was granted:

**12/00682/FUL**

**Proposal:** Proposed 11kw wind turbine (hub height 18.3m)

**Location:** Sandfield Cottage, Fluke Hall Lane, Pilling

**Planning Application for consideration**

The Councillors made comment on the following planning applications:

**12/00774/FUL**

**Proposal:** Two storey rear extension with two dormers

**Location:** Old Bell Cottage, School Lane, Pilling

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

**12/00778/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of an agricultural dwelling (outline application 12/00269/OUT)

**Location:** Momens Farm, New Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

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

**12/00784/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of first floor extension

**Location:** Roseacre, Garstang Road, Pilling

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

**12/00791/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of dwelling to include B&B holiday accommodation

**Location:** Herdman House Farm, Pea Hall Lane, Pilling

*Resolved: No planning reason to object to this planning application, but may be creating an unhealthy precedence in the future. How does the application sit with planning policies and is the extension to be tied to the agricultural need?*

**3909. FINANCE****Christmas Tree Lights**

The Parish Council ordered new LED lights for the Christmas Tree as the old ones were showing their age and becoming dull. The new lights were supplied by Campbell Bradley, who has since donated them to the Parish. It should also be noted that Mr. Bradley installs the lights each year and does not charge the Parish Council for this service.

*Resolved: To thank Mr. Bradley for his outstanding generosity with the Christmas Tree lights.*

**Christmas Tree Switch-On**

*Resolved: Pilling Jubilee Silver Band played at the switch-on and a donation of £35 will be send plus re-booking for next year on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2013.*

*Resolved: To thank those who helped towards a most enjoyable night.*

**Payments received:**

1. Wyre Council	£250.00	Grounds Main. Contract
Donations to Senior Citizen's Christmas Party:		
2. Pilling Charities Dance Group	£250.00	
3. Pilling WI	£ 50.00	
Reimbursement to bank charges last December on the Party Account:		
4. Santander	£ 32.00	

Councillors are asked to consider the following accounts;

**Payments made;**

1. Makro (Christmas Party)	£123.75	
2. Morrison's (Christmas Party)	£ 24.08	
3. Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 67.82	
4. Parish Lengthsman wages and expenses	£ 17.28	
5. Prudential AVC Scheme	£100.00	Clerk's pension
6. Catterall Parish Council	£ 16.53	Telephone invoice
7. Houghton's Filling Station	£ 75.00	
8. 4 <sup>th</sup> Duke of Westminster 1964 Settlement	£156.00	Christmas Tree
9. Environment Agency	£ 49.00	
10. Pilling Jubilee Silver Band	£ 35.00	Switch-on

**Direct Debits**

Staff costs	£1,200.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£504.09

**Precept 2013 – 2014**

*Resolved: Due to an over sight in the Localism Act; Councillor signed dispensations to enable the budget and therefore the precept to be discussed and set.*

**Draft Budget**

Councillors considered the updated draft budget presented by the Clerk. Any projects Councillors wish to undertake next year will need full costings to consider the financial impact.

**3910. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION****Report from the Chairman**

The chairman announced that following another letter to Santander about the way the Parish Council was treated over the Christmas Party Account, he has received a further £32.00 as compensation. The chairman was congratulated on his persistence.

He had also received a donation from Pilling WI towards the Senior Citizen's Christmas Party.

Cllr. G. Curwen added that he had received a donation from the Pilling Charities Dance Group towards the Senior Citizen's Christmas Party.

**Report from Pilling in Bloom Committee**

It was raised that some of the larger beds are beyond redemption and may need replacing.

**Senior Citizen's Christmas Party**

All matters are in order for the party and instructions were issued for the day.

**Pilling Memorial Hall**

It was reported that the turrets on the roof have been repaired; they were damaged some time ago when the lead was stolen. Remedial work on the gas installation is in progress.

**Pilling 20 20**

The Committee held a Consultation Day on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November attended by MCI, Regenda and Wyre Council, which was well received on the whole. Good responses were left and comments such as something positive for the village were noted. Both the Committee and the developer have solicitors talking to each other. The project is moving forward.

**Carters Charity**

The three trustees, Mrs. Stafford, Mrs. Shepherd and Mrs. Cookson, met on 27<sup>th</sup> November. The current account has £123.01 and £5,812.07 is invested in National Savings, which has been reinvested. The trustees discussed a letter from St. Johns School requesting 'the winding up of the charity, in view of the present economic climate, to provide funds for the present building work'. It seems that Rev. Baldwin must be involved in any decision and the money will remain invested until a he can attend a meeting to discuss the situation.

**Wyre Area Road Safety Committee**

The state of the road surface over Broadfleet Bridge and Back Sands Lane was again raised and Broadfleet Bridge is to be resurfaced with School Lane, but Back Sands Lane will receive no new surface. The sewers on School Lane are collapsing and

there is damage to adjoining houses and recent work may solve the problems. The lack of progress at Lane Ends has lost continuity due to officers leaving and Sim Lane-Dixon asked for it to be re-stated and he will progress it.

Sim Lane-Dixon will get his own traffic team in a recent reorganisation and a new team has been formed under Paul Snape with the responsibility of land drainage and flooding issues. Lancashire County Council’s highways capital schemes budget has returned to levels seen three years ago, showing a reduction of 40% against last year’s figures. A further primary precautionary gritting route has been added to the schedule – Longmoor Lane – Skitham Lane – Lancaster Road – Crook Gate Lane and into Hambleton and gritting last Friday. Following the report of a fatal accident, which was caused by mud on the road from farm vehicles, Lancashire County Council ask that such problems are reported to Lancashire County Council and the district council will sweep the road, the cost being recharged back to the farmer.

**Water Problems in Pilling II**

The meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November attracted more representatives than the first meeting. Lancashire County Council and United Utilities visited School Lane afterwards and Lancashire County Council will be jetting the gullies and United Utilities will monitor the dips in the road whilst looking for funding to carry out investigations. The outfall was raised and an agreement confirmed with Natural England who were NOT opposed to any dredging being carried out on the seaward side. A small group is to investigate beyond the sea wall and assess if dredging is needed.

**3911. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS**

**Back Sands Lane**

The road surface is potholed and recent patching is being pulled out by tyres and deposited causing a hump and hole in the driving surface.

**Wheel Lane**

A tractor using a field gate on Wheel Lane is pushing the banking into the dyke just before Springfield House. The Parish Lengthsman will approach the landowner.

**Salt Grit**

As the weather is changing for the worst salt grit will be ordered for use during icy conditions. The purchase and storage of sand and bags for emergency use was discussed.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....