

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER, 2013 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



4031. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

4032. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors disclosed pecuniary or non pecuniary interests in matters to be discussed at this meeting.

4033. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 13th November, 2013, having been circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4034. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Police Report, Crimes in the Pilling area included a tractor had 50 litres of fuel removed from its tank, whilst parked on Bone Hill Lane, Winmarleigh and a 17 year old youth was charged with damaging property. Anti-social behaviour showed no patterns but reports of a young male driving recklessly around Pilling – intelligence has been inputted so other officers are aware if the vehicle is stopped in the future and an extensive stretch of Head Dyke Lane with mud on the road causing it to be a potential hazard.

The meeting was resumed.

4035. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications for consideration

The Councillors made comment on the following planning applications:

13/00821/FUL

Proposal: Variation of condition 08 on application 13/00073/FUL to amend approved plans including site layout plan. Proposed re-siting of dwelling

Location: Herdman House Farm Peahall Lane Pilling

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

13/00849/FUL

Proposal: Extension to the first floor flat

Location: Flat B Westminster House, Garstang Road, Pilling

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

Planning Committee

The following planning applications in Pilling were before the planning committee on 4th December and both were granted.

13/00557/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a detached dwelling and garage

Location: Land adjacent Primrose Villa, School Lane, Pilling

13/00676/FUL

Proposal: Erection of one dwelling and detached single garage

Location: Land adjacent to The Ducklings, Duck Street, Pilling

4036. FINANCE

The following payment has been made to the Parish Council:

1. Lancashire County Council (PROW work)	£165.00
2. Whist and Domino Drive	£381.00
3. Pilling Charities Dance Group	£200.00
4. Pilling WI	£ 30.00

Resolved: Councillors accepted the following invoices for payment:

1. Clerk's salary and expenses	£166.15	includes HMRC NI repayments
2. Parish Lengthsman wages and expenses	£137.73	includes HMRC NI repayments
3. Prudential AVC	£100.00	Clerk's pension
4. Catterall Parish Council	£ 18.86	Phone and broadband
5. Greenbarnes Ltd. (2 x noticeboards)	£2,572.03	
6. Duke of Westminster	£156.00	Christmas Tree
7. Senior Citizens' Christmas Party (Makro)	£230.44	
8. Furness Building Society - transfer	£337.96*	

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,000.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£634.15

Budget and Precept 2014 – 2015

It was not possible to update the budget with the earlier Parish Council meeting, Councillors who have ideas/projects for inclusion were asked to ensure they are costed in order to be presented for discussion. The precept will need to be returned to Wyre Council by 24th January, 2014.

To recognise the 100 years since the outbreak of WWI; Cllr. E. Moorat raised improvements to the War Memorial the names are eroding, he has asked Wyre Memorials to quote for re-carving and is looking at a possible grant from the War Memorials Trust. It was suggested to include the schools in any commemorations.

The clerk was granted permission to transfer £10,000 from the Reserve Account into the current account.

***Finance Committee Report**

The report was accepted by the members with the recommendation to transfer £337.96 to the Reserve Account.

4037. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Chairman’s Report

The Chairman is to continue with the presentation of a Christmas gift to staff members.

Pilling in Bloom

Cllr. W. Whiteside had just returned from the Wyre in Bloom meeting to report the theme for next year is Gold as it celebrates the RHS’s 50 years and they are working on ‘It’s Your Neighbourhood’. Going through the comments from the judges for the Silver Gilt, Level 4 – thriving award, Pilling lost marks by not providing re-cycling facilities. He added that a trip to the Farrington Recycling Centre was on offer in February.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson and Cllr. W. Whiteside were thanked for organising the Whist and Domino Drive which raised £381 towards the cost of the Christmas Party. The vicar is to address the party next week.

Pilling Memorial Hall/Pilling 20 20

It was reported that after many months the bank account is now operational and able to receive and pay cheques.

4038. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS

Pavement sinking

The footway at the junction of Blue Bell Close and School Lane is again sinking; this will be raised at the water problems meeting on 13th December as there is belief a sewage problem is causing the depression.

Grounds Maintenance

Cllr. S. Morley raised the Jig Saw Playgroup and Pilling Jubilee Silver Band are looking for maintenance of their shared garden and considered it may be suitable for the Parish Lengthsman.

Jubilee Beacon Brazier

Cllr. E. Moorat raised the possibility of purchasing of the brazier used for the Queen’s Jubilee which is also used for the Christmas Tree switch-on. This will be considered next month.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Chairman

Date