

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER, 2014 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



4171. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

4172. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

Cllr. J. Savage, Cllr. G. Curwen and Cllr. W. Whiteside declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item 4176 as friends of the resident.

4173. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 12th November, 2014, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4174. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow the residents present to speak.

Including: Police Report

Crimes in Pilling during the past month included an assault during a domestic in the Green Dicks Lane area, an attempt was made to steal items from a horse box parked on New Lane, Eagland Hill and an abusive and threatening letter was sent anonymously to a victim of a court case and an investigation regarding perverting the course of justice and witness intimidation is being pursued. A 16 year old youth was subjected to a minor assault whilst walking along Smallwood Hey by three males; the investigation is on-going, tax disc was stolen from a motorbike parked on Smallwood Hey Road and a 16 year old was charged after causing damage to property on Smallwood Hey on two occasions. There were no anti-social behaviour incidents.

Safety on junction of Garstang Road and Lancaster Road

Councillors were increasingly concerned at the number and size of vehicles in use on the junction, there were 9 vehicles parked today. Concern was expressed for pedestrians crossing to and from Stakepool Stores. The traffic police and Wyre Council are to be informed.

The meeting was resumed.

4175. DEFIBRILLATOR IN PILLING

Last month the Parish Council was given a presentation on the use of a defibrillator, how it is set up and maintained. Cllr. J. Edmondson had approached St. Johns School who were very keen to pursue the purchase for installation on the wall of St. John's School. Councillors, agreed to go ahead to pursue a defibrillator, but to write out to village organisations for donations towards the installation.

Resolved: The Parish Council is to pursue the installation of a defibrillator at St John's School and lead in the fundraising by writing to village organisations.

4176. DONATION REQUEST

Councillors were presented with a donation appeal from a young Pilling resident to undertake volunteer charity work in Africa. Councillors considered and agreed on a donation of £200.

Resolved: To donate £200 to Miss Bell and request a presentation on her return of the work undertaken.

4177. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;

14/00881/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of first floor from storage to residential and addition of external stair and rear balcony

Location: Opposite Seaspray House 5A Duck Street Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification.

14/00883/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective planning application for extensions to dwelling to include raised roof over first floor area, new first floor canopy and new entrance porch.

Location: Westminster House, Garstang Road, Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. Request care given by construction vehicles parking at this busy junction.

14/00898/FUL

Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling

Location: Tarn Farm New Lane England Hill Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification.

14/00911/FUL

Proposal: Amendments to application 14/00657 for single storey rear extension

Location: Woodacre House 71A Smallwood Hey Road Pilling

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

4178. FINANCE**Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**

It was raised last month that no payment had been made to Pilling Methodist Chapel for the use of the hall for some years, the last one being Christmas 2010. Councillors considered payments for four years and felt that it should not all be taken from the party budget for this year. The payment is increased by £5 each year from £85 in 2011.

Resolved; To pay 2011, 2012 and 2013 by the Parish Council and 2014 from the party account, totalling £370.

Payments received since the previous meeting:

1. Pilling Women's Institute	£ 25.00	Christmas Party
2. Pilling Charities Dance Group	£200.00	Christmas Party

Resolved: Councillors accepted the following invoices for payment:

1. Pilling Methodist Chapel	£370.00	
2. Clerk's salary adjustments and expenses	£ 57.88	
3. Lengthsman wage adjustments and expenses	£ 23.46	
4. Prudential AVC (August)	£200.00	Voluntary Pension Contribution
5. Catterall Parish Council	£ 19.95	phone and broadband
6. Grosvenor Estate – Christmas Tree	£168.00	
7. Sue White Secretarial Services	£239.45	Newsletter
8. G. Benson (Party & Christmas Tree expenses)	£183.60	
9. Miss Katherine Bell	£200.00	

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,670.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£671.60

Budget 2015 – 2016

Councillors were asked to scrutinise the state of the accounts to date with the possible budget for the next financial year. Any projects to be carried out next year need to be costed before submission for discussion. Councillors suggested a budget amount for a defibrillator.

4179. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**Senior Citizen's Christmas Party**

The tables will be set out on Sunday and laid up on Monday afternoon ready for Tuesday's party.

Report of the representatives on the Pilling Memorial Hall Committee

Plans for the new hall are taking shape with Cllr. E. Moorat, as a Memorial Hall Trustee visiting the original architect used during a previous funding submission in Leeds on Monday.

Wyre Area Road Safety Committee

Garstang Road from Crawley Cross Farm into Pilling is 'on the list' for improvements when funds are available. It was suggested that as Taylors Lane is finally 30MPH the Parish Council requests a SpID bracket. Lancashire County Council has cured the problems of the blocked gully on Smallwood Hey Road outside Padua.

Water Meetings

Held on 7th, 14th and 21st November

Councillors had been provided with minutes of the three meetings. The Working group have finalised that in the event of an emergency there will be NO hold ups/red tape to taking action. The Environment Agency is monitoring water levels at Broadfleet Bridge daily and should farmers have problems up stream they will contact the NFU, who will inform the Environment Agency. Mobile pumps for the Broadfleet are available on emergency. The Environment Agency is to survey the Broadfleet and Ridgy Pool to find pinch points and silt levels to ensure the water is running freely.

4180. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS

Planning Problems

Some time ago the Parish Council wrote to David Thow concerning problems encountered with Wyre’s planning processes and he was unable to answer immediately as Wyre are sorting their Local Plan and being short staffed. Councillors asked that he is reminded that the problems still exist and no steps have been taken to sort them.

Planning application – paper plans

The clerk raised that Wyre Council is looking to cease from providing paper plans for Parish Councils from 5th January, unless requested specifically. Councillors will be expected to view the applications on line, but this would exclude anyone without access to the internet and residents would need to go to Wyre, rather than the Parish Council, to view paper plans. It was also noted that Parish Council do not have the facilities to print A1, A2 or A3 plans. This is to be raised at the Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils meeting in January. Councillors were against the ceasing of paper plans as this would hinder discussions during meetings.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Chairman

Date