

## **PILLING PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2011 AT 7.00PM**

**AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING**

*Present:*                      *Councillors; G. Curwen, Chairman,  
G. Cornthwaite,  
Mrs. E. Cookson,  
J. Edmondson,  
D. Lawrenson,  
E. Moorat, G. Morris  
Mrs. B. Schofield, W. Whiteside  
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council  
Five members of the public*



#### **3629. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr. J. Savage and the reason accepted.

#### **3630. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors disclosed any interest in any matter to be discussed at this meeting. Cllr. D. Lawrenson declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a member of Wyre Borough Council's planning committee and did not take part in the planning decisions. Cllr. E. Moorat declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a member of the finance committee at St. John the Baptist Church with reference to a cheque to St. John's.

#### **3631. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2011, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

#### **3632. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak

#### **Including a visit from Laura Travers**

Laura Travers works for the Environment Agency on raising awareness of flooding and therefore guarding against it. The Environment Agency can identify those at risk and offer free flood warnings. They promote the preparation of flood kits for households that are tailored to your own personal circumstances and personal flood plans of what to do if the house is threatened with flooding. Flood products are available such as gates and non return valves. The Environment Agency will also prepare Community Flood Plans to cover streets/groups of houses etc. They will talk to groups and form the plan with the residents and get answers from other authorities as to what they are doing.

It was raised that some areas in Pilling are in more need than others and an action plan for these areas would be invaluable. The Village as a whole could be compromised if the secondary defence is allowed to fall into disrepair, the Environment Agency will investigate the defence. A central location for sand bags or other products to aid flood resistance was requested.

**Including a Police Report**

The figures for crime in January 2011 in Pilling are 4 crimes, 3 of which relate to the same address, 2 are for harassment and 1 for criminal damage. The harassment has been detected and the criminal damage is still being investigated. The only other crime is an assault on New Years Day at the Elletson Arms, but as no witnesses are willing to come forward it remains undetected. This compares to 2 crimes January last year, one of these was a theft and the other criminal damage, both undetected.

Anti Social Behaviour in January 2011 amounts to one incident is one incident which relates to bullying in the work place at a local business in Pilling. There were no incidents of anti social behaviour in Pilling last January.

**'Lake Minda'**

It was reported that work is soon to start on the installation of a gully to alleviate the problem of flooding on this part of School Lane.

**Flooding on Bradshaw Lane**

Holly Bank, Bradshaw Lane is flooding again and not getting away. This will be raised at the next Flood Forum Meeting at Wyre Borough Council. A request for the second outfall gate was made and it is known that there is another one to replace the heavy square one. Enquiries will be made to the Environment Agency.

**Potholes in the road surface**

It was raised that there are reports that only potholes in A roads are to be repaired. The quality of repairs was questioned.

The meeting was resumed.

**3633. BUS SERVICE ROUTE 89**

Tim Gornall, Lancashire County Council would be pleased to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the 89 bus route. Councillors considered that it was Lancashire County Council's responsibility to define the route but it must take in the centre of the Village and the Elletsons Arms.

*Resolved: To meet with Lancashire County Council to discuss a route suitable for the majority of users.*

**3634. SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES**

Consultation on cost saving proposals. Lancashire County Council has identified bus services that do not meet the financial criteria that states 40% of the cost must be met by revenue. Councillors considered the information concerning the Super 8 and understood that this service is costing too much to continue. It was raised that the service had never served the Village on practical grounds and a service between Pilling and Garstang would prove more viable.

*Resolved: To agree with the cost cutting exercise but suggest a service between Pilling and Garstang that would join with the route 89 services.*

**3635. ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984****FLUKE HALL LANE, PILLING****PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND PROHIBITION OF LOADING/UNLOADING ORDER 201**

Lancashire County Council is considering the above proposal and was looking for comments from the Parish Council.

*Resolved: The Parish Council had no comments and fully supported the order for zig zags outside St. Johns School.*

**3636. HELP DIRECT SURGERIES**

Help Direct is looking to work in partnership to provide support for the community by: Offering funding, attending coffee mornings and lunch clubs, promoting local traders and including local clubs and classes on the Wellbeing Directory. Councillors considered this partnership working.

*Resolved: That the Parish Factsheet is sent to allow Help Direct to contact organisations in the Village.*

**3637. TRAINING COURSES**

Society of Local Council Clerks is running a training course called Working with Your Council for Councillors and Clerks; the cost is £175 and will be held at the De Vere Whites at Bolton on 15<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2011.

Working together to improve health and social care in rural Wyre:

8<sup>th</sup> February, Bilsborrow Village Hall, 6 – 9pm Hot Pot Supper served at 6.00pm.

Information on funding adult social care was sent to Councillors, who may be unsure how it affects them. This has been discussed at Lancashire Association of Local Councils. Cllr. D. Sharples is working with Sally Richardson, Wyre Strategic Partnership, and is holding the above meeting to discuss rural isolation and give the Parish Councils an insight to respond to this document. After discussions at this meeting the forms will again be sent for completion.

*Resolved: Councillors will complete the questionnaires.*

**3638. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

The organisers of the Best Kept Village Competition are looking for Villages to enter. Councillors considered entering Pilling, but with little support at present it would be impossible. However, it prompted discussion on reinstating the Village Competition for the following:

Large Gardens and Small Gardens

Large Businesses and Small Businesses  
and Public Buildings

*Resolved: To publish the information in the Parish Newsletter looking at judging to take place in the second week in July with the prizes presented at the Coffee Feast.*

**3639. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning application has been granted:

*10/00906/FUL*

Proposal: Erection of agricultural storage building (Phase 1)

Location: Staffords Farm, Garstang Road, Pilling

*10/00907/FUL*

Proposal: Erection of agricultural storage building (Phase 2)

Location: Staffords Farm, Garstang Road, Pilling

*10/00908/FUL*

Proposal: Extension to existing agricultural storage building

Location: Staffords Farm, Garstang Road, Pilling

The following applications were decided by the Planning Committee:

*10/00852/FULMAJ*

Proposal: Proposed siting of 24 additional static holiday caravans within the existing approved confines of Midwood Caravan Park to make 70 in total

Location: Midwood caravan Park, Head Dyke Lane, Pilling

Granted.

10/00881/FUL

Proposal: Removal of condition relating to an agricultural occupancy condition on permission reference 2/6/7335 (1971)

Location: Dwelling at Blairs Nursery, Head Dyke Lane, Pilling

Granted.

### Planning Applications received

Councillors commented on the following planning applications:

**11/00048/FUL**

Proposal: Erection of single storey front extension

Location: 1, St. Johns Avenue, Pilling

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

### 3640. FINANCE

Payments received this month:

1. Wyre Borough Council	£223.50	January
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Councillors approved payment of the following accounts;

1. Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 43.93	
2. Parish Lengthsman's wages and expenses	£ 29.42	
3. Catterall Parish Council	£ 19.21	Telephone invoice
4. Dave Duperouzel domain	£ 75.00	Web hosting &
5. Farmer Parrs Animal World	£216.00	Hedge Trimmer
6. Furness Building Society Reserve A/c	£670.25	Transfer to
7. C and C Supplies	£598.10	Sensory Garden
8. Hebden's Agricultural Ltd.	£ 11.18	
9. St. John the Baptist Church	£450.00	Sensory Garden

### Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,540.00
Lancashire County Council Pension	£464.54

### Bank Reconciliation

*The bank reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2011 was accepted by the members.*

### 3641. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

#### Report by the Chairman

The Chairman reported that Cllr. J. Savage was pursuing services for youth in the Village with the Methodist Chaplain. He is also working on updating the Parish Plan.

#### Report by the Wyre Borough Councillor

Cllr. D. Lawrenson reported that the Council tax for Wyre Borough Council will not rise this year, despite the cuts from central Government, and that no services will be lost including the funding of PCSOs until March 2013.

#### Report from Pilling in Bloom

The Parish Lengthsman is repairing planters in the Village and those beyond repair will be replaced.

**Presentation of the Quality Parish Council Status Certificate**

The certificate was awarded to Pilling Parish Council by Mr. Johnston, former Chief Executive of Lancashire County Council at a meeting of the executive Committee of Lancashire Association of Local Councils.

**Draft minutes of the HR Committee**

*The draft minutes were accepted by the members.*

**Draft minutes of the Finance Committee.**

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**3642. QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERS**

**Rubbish on Union Lane**

It was reported that rubbish was blown across the road from a business operating in Union Lane. This should be report immediately to Wyre Borough Council for action.

**School Lane depressions**

The state of the road surface on School Lane was raised. Following the excavation to repair the sewers and other connections the road surface is sinking and causing an uneven driving road.

**Flooding on Wheel Lane**

Following a survey by Lancashire County Council a blockage was located in the drains in front of Arndale on Wheel Lane. The diggers arrived this morning to clear the blockage only to find an electricity cable and a gas pipe, but further excavations have relieved the blockage from the field dykes opposite. Unfortunately with so much water now flowing work has been stopped until the water level drops.

**Rural Isolation**

Cllr. G. Cornthwaite was most concerned at the distance residents have to travel to buy fuel. Many of the small independent garages were forced to close as they did not meet the exacting and expensive Health and Safety rules. He considered that the Government should have made grants available to upgrade to ensure rural areas kept their services.

**Date of the May meeting**

Wyre Borough Council and Parish Council elections are due to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2011. Therefore the date of the May meeting was re-arranged to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....