

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY, 2012 at 7.00PM

AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING



Present: *Councillors; J. Savage Chairman,*
Mrs. E. Cookson
G. Curwen,
J. Edmondson
D. Lawrenson
E. Moorat
G. Morley
G. Morris
Mrs. B. Schofield
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
Garry Payne, Wyre Council

3784. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr W. Whiteside and the reason accepted.

3785. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

3786. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 11th January, 2012, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3787. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Visit by Wyre Council's Chief Executive, Garry Payne

From 1st April his position will be in a strategic role and the management duties will be carried out by the two corporate directors. He will be looking to championing the cause for Wyre, although he will still be available for certain regeneration/housing projects. Peter Gibson, the leader, has been appointed by the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership for rural growth. Eight district councils in Lancashire have joined and collectively submitted a funding bid of £2.4 million from DEFRA to be used in developing business growth exclusively in rural areas, enterprises started by women and business start-ups. 4,000 businesses in Wyre have signed up to Wired Up and it will be rolled out to more rural businesses. He added that Lancashire County Council is to bring broadband services to the rural community.

Mr. Payne is looking for Wyre Council to engage better with the community through the Locality Plan. The Engagement Strategy is going to the management committee next week and then to the political parties before it is presented to Parish Councils for consultation. This is a two way process and Wyre Council want to hear back on your opinions. Since his appointment Mr. Payne has been carrying out Ward walks to create a better exchange of thoughts and an action plan.

Mr. Payne was asked about the gypsies, the process is a long one when dealing with travellers and the legislation seems to be in their favour, but it is being pursued. Wyre Council is looking to meet legislation and provide a permanent site for a certain

number of travellers. This will put Wyre Council in a stronger position in the future to move travellers to.

Mr. Payne was asked about the Planning Ambassador initiative, he said the scheme is still active and David Thow is now the lead. With reference to Pilling 20 20 the committee had met with David Thow last week and are in need of assistance with planning, can Wyre Council be approached? Mr. Payne answered that details would compromise the officers, but they can offer assistance with what is needed to submit a planning application and added that Regenda will have access to professional services.

It was raised at this meeting that the sewers in Pilling are inadequate and there is to be no further building, this could potentially stop the Memorial Hall site from progressing. Mr. Payne suggested that rather than connecting to the main sewers, looking at a SUDS system and on site storage draining into a pond or reed bed.

Central Government take the business rates and this will continue, but the rates generated from any new business growth will go directly to the district councils to keep.

Including a Police Report

PCSO Natalie Singleton sent a report stating there had been no Crime reported in January 2012 in Pilling, this compares to 6 crimes reported in January 2011 (3 of which were detected). There was one report of an anti-social behaviour incident concerning an ongoing civil dispute, this compares to 1 report in January 2011 that was malicious communication.

The meeting was resumed.

3788. DONATION TO PILLING YOUTH GROUP

Cllr. E. Moorat asked the Councillors to consider a donation to the newly formed Pilling Youth Group to assist with the initial setting up and running? It was reported that all the policies are in place and the group is being run professionally by enthusiastic volunteers.

Resolved: That the Parish Council donates £250 as set up costs, but finds out what arrangements they have in place to receive cheques.

3789. QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE

The report of the latest meeting was accepted by Councillors.

There is a change to the itinerary in that Pilling Jubilee Silver Band are unable to attend on the Monday night so local groups are to perform. The Environment Agency has given permission for Lane Ends Amenity Area to be used and the Heritage Walk is to be rewritten for the evening walk. Councillors considered the presentation of Jubilee mementos to ALL school age children living in Pilling. It was proposed to order china cups from Pilling Pottery with the Jubilee motif on one side and Pilling Parish Council coat of arms on the reverse at a retail cost of £5. Form for names to be published in the Pilling News. Next meeting on 15th February at 7.30pm at St Johns Church Hall.

Resolved: To order china cups from Pilling Pottery to present to all children living in Pilling.

3790. WYRE'S REVIEW OF LEISURE SERVICES

Wyre Council has invited two councillors to attend a meeting, as part of the consultation into Leisure Services in Wyre, to seek the views of Parish Councils. To be held on Wednesday 29th February at Wyre at 10am.

Resolved: That the Chairman and Cllr. E. Moorat attend the leisure services meeting in Wyre.

3791. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application is deemed to need planning permission rather than permission under permitted development:

11/00875/AGR

Proposal: Prior notification for proposed erection of agricultural livestock and storage building

Location: Black Hill Farm, Bone Hill Lane, Winmarleigh

The following planning applications were granted:

11/00837/FUL

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

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

11/00870/FUL

Proposal: Proposed two storey and single storey rear extension

Location: 20, Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling

The Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;

Halite Energy Group limited**Proposed underground gas storage facility at Preesall**

Notice of acceptance of application for a development consent order by the Infrastructure Planning Commission under section 56 Planning Act 2008 and regulation 8 Infrastructure Planning (Applications prescribed forms and procedure) Regulations 2009

Regulation 13 Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009

To register with the IPC as an interested party if you wish to make representations or object to the application the Parish Council must be registered by 10th February, 2012.

Resolved: That the Parish Council registers to make representations with the IPC, listing the reasons: Is the scheme needed, what alternatives have been explored, stability of storage facility and residents fears.

12/00027/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of two existing barns, one to a dwelling and one to a workshop and the erection of three stables for private use

Location: Old Bell Cottage, School Lane, Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and requests clarification of access rights.

3792. FINANCE

Councillors accepted payments received this month:

1. Wyre Council	£243.58	January
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Resolved: Councillors approved payment of the following accounts;

1. Clerk's salary and expenses	£135.30	
2. Parish Lengthsman's wages and expenses	£ 37.76	
3. Catterall Parish Council	£ 23.32	Telephone invoice
4. Farmer Parris Animal World	£172.80	
5. Catterall Parish Council	£149.07	Stationery
6. Garstang Timber	£ 13.86	
7. Houghton's Filling Station	£105.00	
8. Garstang Timber	£ 13.07	
9. Pilling Youth Group	£250.00	

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,972.83
Local Government Pension Scheme	£455.02

3793. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported he had called in on the Youth Group and was impressed by the two leaders and six other adults. There were 20+ young people discussing future projects. Later they hope to re-establish Pilling Youth Council when they will be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting.

Report of the Wyre Councillor

Cllr. D. Lawrenson reported that with the Marine Hall's costs rising it has been put into the hands of a commercial manager and staff and it is hoped it will break even within a year. There is an extensive programme of events planned. The Government has reduced its grant to Wyre Council by £1 million; this follows a £3 million reduction the year before. The recent ongoing re-structuring has saved £1.7 million and by bringing the refuge service in house there will be a saving of £1.3million. The Council has produced a balanced budget for the coming year.

Report from Pilling in Bloom Committee

Cllr. W. Whiteside, Judith Curwen and the clerk had attended the initial meeting of Wyre in Bloom. Prices of plants, tubs and hanging baskets have been forwarded. It was reported that the many heritage machines that are planted up are the responsibility of Pilling in Bloom and some are in need of a face lift. The mower outside Taylors Lane Industrial Estate will be priced for sand blasting and repainting.

Pilling 20 20

The next meeting will be in the Fellowship room, Pilling Methodist Chapel at 7.30pm on 21st February.

Meeting with County Cllr. V. Taylor concerning the state of the roads in Pilling.

The Councillors accepted the report, which was sent to County Cllr. Taylor with copy to Sim Lane-Dixon, Lancashire County Council.

3794. QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERS

Dog Fouling in Pilling

Some of the Councillors were very concerned about the amount of dog fouling and the increase just lately. The dog warden will be informed about Lancaster Road, School Lane, Smallwood Hey Road and Ladies Hill.

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

Chairman

Date