

## PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2013 AT 7.00PM

AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING

*Present:*                      *Councillors; J. Savage Chairman,*  
   *E. Cookson*  
   *G. Curwen,*  
   *J. Edmondson,*  
   *D. Lawrenson,*  
   *E. Moorat,*  
   *G. Morris*  
   *S. Morley,*  
   *Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council*  
   *PCSO Terry Molloy*  
   *Two residents*



#### **3921. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were sent for Cllr. B. Schofield and Cllr. W. Whiteside and the reasons accepted.

#### **3922. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

Cllr. S. Morley declared a personal interest as a friend to the applicant of planning applications 13/00077/FUL and 13/00080/FUL.

#### **3923. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2013, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

#### **3924. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

#### **Including a Police Report**

PCSO Terry Molloy introduced himself as he took over from PCSO's Natalie Singleton and Emma Brown on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 following ten years working in Fleetwood and Cleveleys. There have been 27 incidents reported for the Pilling area, which includes Winmarleigh, over the past month. Including one anti-social behaviour report of persons hanging around the toilets on the Village Green and two crimes, both thefts, one of scrap collected from an open building and the other a considerable amount of diesel from Wyresdale Concrete.

The number of scrap metal thefts is increasing generally and the Farm Watch Scheme is circulation details of incidents to local residents. It was raised that the return number for information is nationwide and, unless the incident has a log number it is impossible to report further information.

**Wyresdale Concrete**

Residents wished to inform the Parish Council that the planning inspectors report concerning Wyresdale Concrete has returned that the hours remain as Wyre Council resolved. That is daily working hours of 8am – 6pm Monday to Saturday and no Sunday or Bank Holiday working.

The meeting was resumed.

**3925. THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

The Clerk has passed the CiLCA section 7 – The General Power of Competence. This allows the Parish Council to spend money on anything an individual can, rather than only by law or power to do so. To qualify as an ‘eligible Parish Council’ Pilling must meet the following conditions prescribed by the Secretary of State under the General Power of Competence, Prescribed Conditions Order 2012:

- i. The Parish Council must resolve when the conditions are met and at each subsequent Annual Parish Council meeting
- ii. The number of elected Councillors at the last election was more than two thirds of the total number.
- iii. A qualified Clerk
- iv. The Clerk has completed relevant training and passed the section 7 – the General Power of Competence.

*Resolved: Pilling Parish Council meets these conditions and Councillors confirmed the Parish Council's eligibility to use the General Power of Competence.*

**3926. REVIEW OF PILLING'S PARISH COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS**

Councillors reviewed the standing orders in light of the new code of conduct and the completing of the appropriate forms and replacing the Power of Well Being with the General Power of Competence.

*Resolved: Pilling Parish Council accepts the modified Standing Orders*

*Resolved: Pilling Parish Council accepts the Annual Parish Meeting Regulations.*

**3927. REVIEW OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

Councillors reviewed the financial regulations and did not alter any part.

*Resolved: Pilling Parish Council accepts the Financial Regulations.*

*Resolved: Pilling Parish Council accepts the Risk Assessment.*

**3928. HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING FOR PARISH LENGTHSMAN**

Chris Lamb a Preesall Councillor is a health and safety professional and is arranging training in health and safety for Parish Lengthsman.

*Resolved: Pilling Parish Council will, subject to costs, send the Parish Lengthsman and the Clerk for health and safety training.*

**3929. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were granted:

*12/00774/FUL*

Proposal: Two storey rear extension with two dormers

Location: Old Bell Cottage, School Lane, Pilling

*12/00784/FUL*

Proposal: Erection of first floor extension

Location: Roseacre, Garstang Road, Pilling

**Planning Application for consideration**

The Councillors made comment on the following planning applications:

**13/00007/FUL**

**Proposal:** Alterations to elevations of the building

**Location:** Pilling Pottery School Lane Pilling

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

**13/00019/LAWP**

**Proposal:** Certificate of Lawful Development for proposed single storey rear extension

**Location:** Eagland Hill Cottages 1 New Lane Eagland Hill

Officer's decision.

**13/00020/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of 1 dwelling and detached garage

**Location:** Thorncroft Bradshaw Lane Pilling

*Resolved: The Parish Council believes this planning application to be in conflict with Wyre's policy of a moratorium on private new builds in Pilling and therefore the Parish Council is unable to support this application.*

**13/00077/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of a single storey rear extension.

**Location:** The Crossing Cottage Lambs Lane Pilling

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

**13/00080/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of agricultural building and storage of agricultural machinery

**Location:** The Crossing Cottage Lambs Lane Pilling

*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application, but requests monitoring of storage.*

**3930. FINANCE****Payments received:**

1. Wyre Council	£250.00	Grounds Main. Contract
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*Resolved: Councillors accepted the following invoices for payment:*

1. Parish Lengthsman	£470.54	
2. Trustees of J B Clarkson	£ 25.00	Sensory Garden
3. Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 21.91	
4. Parish Lengthsman wages and expenses	£ 25.60	
5. Prudential AVC Scheme	£100.00	Clerk's pension
6. Catterall Parish Council	£ 19.57	Telephone invoice
7. PAM OH Solutions	£ 90.00	
8. Catterall Parish Council supplies	£118.04	Stationery
9. Catterall Parish Council	£121.92	
Final payment for assistance from Catterall Parish Lengthsman		
10. Jan Finch HR Advisor	£ 58.50	

**Direct Debits**

Staff costs	£660.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£797.73

Standing Order set up to pay the Parish Lengthsman wages from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2013.

### **Bank Reconciliation**

Bank reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2013 was accepted by Councillors.

### **3931. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

#### **Report from the Chairman**

The Chairman reported that Pilling Parish Council was now on Facebook and he will monitor the site. Cllr. J. Savage had attended a Neighbourhood Planning Meeting held in Leyland through Planning Aid. Parish Plans were produced many years ago with Government backing, but there was no funding for updating them and few were ever adopted by the principal authorities.

The way forward now is Neighbourhood Plans and this comes from the Localism Act. These plans will enable communities to decide what their neighbourhood should look like, where new housing and shops should be built, but it can not stop planning by preventing houses being built. Neighbourhood Plans are to involve everyone, no individual can undertake the plan, but it need not be instigated by the Parish Council. The plans need not be confined to one single Parish, when the neighbourhood may overlap more than one.

Plans must be prepared from information gathered in carrying out surveys and producing evidence. They are checked by an independent assessor, paid by Wyre Council, prior to a decision. A referendum will be held in the neighbourhood before the plan can be adopted and once adopted the Neighbourhood Plan forms part of statutory planning and is a legal document. The Chairman added that Pilling meets most of the criteria already, but there are a few matters which need work.

#### **Wyre Councillor**

Cllr. D. Lawrenson reported on the death of the Deputy Mayor of Wyre, Cllr. Ian Perkins.

Wyre Council is not to increase its Council Tax, but there is upset concerning the funding for PCSOs in Wyre. Representation is to be made to the Police and Crime Commissioner that the PCSOs in Wyre are funded, but that Fylde Borough Council has PCSO's and the council does not pay towards them.

As the Mayor of Wyre, Cllr. D. Lawrenson will be undertaking a tandem ride on the sea front on his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and has recently attended the Opera House to be entertained by local schools.

#### **Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**

There is about £299 in the kitty for next year's party. A clothes collection has been organised during March to raise funds for this year's party.

#### **Pilling 20 20**

The developer, the landowners and the committee's solicitors are communicating as to the conveyance of the sites.

#### **Report on Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils**

The Councillors accepted the report given by the clerk. There are letters concerning fracking from the HSE and Ben Wallace MP.

**Finance Report**

The Finance Committee reported the third quarters accounts signed off, a transfer to Furness Building Society and the raising of the profile of Pilling Parish Council to '2' on the National Association of Local Councils scale.

**Village Green**

Cllr. E. Moorat raised possible improvements to the Village Green, but stopped when it was realised that the green belongs to Wyre Council. He is to meet with Wyre to discuss improvements and asked if he could raise a 'transfer of ownership' to the Parish Council? The Councillors agreed to ask about the transfer, but to write to the Chief Executive initially.

**3932. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS**

**Carr Lane**

The hedge on Carr Lane is still overhanging the road and narrowing the width. The Parish Council will write to the owners including the overhanging vegetation leaflet from Lancashire County Council.

**Bus Route 89**

The timetable for the revised bus route 89 has been extended and takes longer than the previous 2 hours, therefore the pick up times have been advanced making it more difficult to remember. Lancashire County Council will be asked to place timetables at all bus stops in Pilling to help with the change.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....