

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th JANUARY, 2011 AT 7.00PM

AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING



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

3614. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

3615. 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

3616. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 8th December, 2010, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3617. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak

Including a Police Report

Unable to attend PCSO Ewan Burford sent a written report. There had been four crimes reported last month, one of which was detected. Last year there were only two crimes, neither detected. Crimes included two burglaries to outbuildings, one on Head Dyke Lane and one on Wheel Lane and a theft from vehicle on School Lane. There was damage to a window at The Golden Ball (this is the one that has been detected)

Anti-social behaviour incidents numbered four last month three concerning abandoned vehicles and one malicious communication. Last year for the same period there had been five, one of which was youth related.

Matters raised by residents

Tree felled on School Lane

It was reported that the Elm tree in a private garden on School Lane has been felled; it had a TPO on it. The Parish Council will need to find out the full details.

'Lake Minda'

The flooding problem, caused by the installation of the footway on School Lane, was raised and progress asked. The Parish Council has no further information as to Lancashire County Council's plans to deal with this problem.

The meeting was resumed.

3618. QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL STATUS

Pilling Parish Council successfully attained Quality Parish Council Status and the board would like to present the certificate on January 22nd at the Executive Meeting at County Hall.

Resolved: The Chairman and other Councillors will attend.

3619. QUEEN'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Cllr. G. Curwen has asked for suggestions for the celebration of this momentous occasion in 2012.

Resolved: That an article be placed in the next Parish Newsletter asking for ideas and to hold a Parish Meeting, perhaps in May, to discuss any further ideas.

3920. SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Councillors went through the events of the night and those leading up to the party and updates and opinions were given. It was discussed that the Parish Newsletter can be used as the invitation and not all Councillors know who is eligible in the Parish and it saves embarrassing mistakes. There was a problem with service as there was very little space between the tables and could carols etc be playing on entry?

Two thank you cards have been received from those who attended the party and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The deposit account stands at £27.72. A donation of £250.00 has been received from AgeUK, via the Lancashire County Council Older Person's Champion.

Resolved: That a donation of £80.00 from the Party Account is made to Pilling Methodist Chapel towards the use of the room.

3921. FACTSHEET

The factsheet was reviewed, more contacts were added and it was suggested that further pictures could be used.

3922. TRAINING COURSES

The Section 137 Expenditure limit for 2011 – 2012 is £6.44.

The County Training Partnership has set out its courses for 2011.

Resolved: Councillors were asked to note the dates and reserve their places.

Resolved: That Cllr. J. Savage attends the finance course in February.

3623. NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF EXISTING HIGHWAY VERGE/GRASS CUTTING ARRANGEMENTS WITH PARISH COUNCILS

Lancashire County Council is ending the existing arrangements with Parish Councils for grass cutting and instead arrangements will be made under the Delegated Services Protocol. This will involve the Parish Council, should they wish to continue, submitting an Expression of Interest. The contract is worth over £600 per year at present. Relevant information was sent to those on E-mail. Councillors considered action to be taken.

Resolved: That the Parish Council applies for the work undertaken at present from Lancashire County Council initially through an Expression of Interest.

3624. PROVISION OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE OPERATION IN PILLING

Wyre Borough Council wish to receive a costing for undertaking the grounds maintenance operations, visual inspections and litter removal of the play area for the financial year 2011 – 2012.

Resolved: That the HR Committee reviews the tender and submits the contract for consideration by Wyre Borough Council.

3625. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application has been granted:

Information from the planning inspectorate

09/00352/FULMAJ

Proposal: Two wind turbine generators with a maximum rotor diameter of 90m and a maximum tip height of 125m, access tracks, a control building, underground cables and a temporary construction compound

Location: Land at Orchard End Farm, South of New Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

10/00838/FUL

Proposal: Proposed conversion of existing building to holiday units

Location: Beech House, Duck Street, Pilling

10/00847/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of existing workshop to live/work unit with attached garage (resubmission of 10/00448/FUL)

Location: Willow Farm, Bradshaw Lane, Pilling

10/00848/FUL

Proposal: Construction of vehicular access from Smallwood Hey Road and creation of hardstanding area for parking

Location: Holme Crest, Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling

Planning Applications received

Councillors commented on the following planning applications:

Amendment:

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

Amendment has removed the name of the house.

Resolved: The Parish Council maintain their objections to removing the agricultural occupancy condition on the house.

3626. FINANCE

Payments received this month:

1. Wyre Borough Council	£223.50	December
2. Bank Interest	£ 0.48	

Councillors approved payment of the following accounts;

1. Chairman's Allowance	£ 25.00	
2. Clerk's salary and expenses	£161.30	
3. Parish Lengthsman's wages and expenses	£ 69.11	
4. Catterall Parish Council	£ 20.21	Telephone invoice
5. Reserve Account transfer for second quarter	£335.00	
6. HM Revenue and Customs	£1,157.71	
7. G. Armer – Vehicle Insurance	£303.25	
8. Houghton's Filling Station	£ 80.00	
9. Hebden's Agricultural Ltd.	£ 30.82	
10. Stewart Morley	£ 31.82	
11. Catterall Parish Council	£ 70.02	Printer and toners
12. Lancashire Training Partnership	£ 25.00	

Direct Debits

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

Transfer

A transfer of £10,000 will be made from the Reserve Account to the bank account.

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation to 31st December, 2010 was accepted by the members.

Donation thanks

The Wyre Area Road Safety Committee thanks the Parish Council for their donation towards continuing their work.

Precept and Grant Notification 2010 – 2011

The precept must be sent to Wyre Borough Council before 14th January, 2011. The rural parishes grant for Pilling Parish Council will be £2,997.00 this being £1.94 per elector. The draft budget was considered, this was updated to include potential transactions for January.

Resolved: That Pilling Parish Council sets the precept at £38,500 and the rural grant for Pilling is £2,997.

3627. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**Report by the Chairman**

The Chairman noted that the Courier had reported Wyre Borough Council workers were spreading salt grit in rural areas, although no one had seen them in Pilling.

Report by the Wyre Borough Councillor

The new Chief Executive at Wyre is sharing her position with Chorley Borough Council. There is to be a senior management restructure and the five directors are to be reduced to three to make significant financial savings. The posts of Deputy Chief Executive, Director of Neighbourhood Services, Director of Planning and Regeneration, Director of Finance and Revenues, Director of Leisure Services and Director of Policy and Performance are deleted to be replaced with Director of Regeneration, Director of Resources and Director of People and Places.

Wyre Borough Council has promised to support the PCSOs in the area by pledging £220,000, providing this is matched by the Police Authority. The Councillors added that Wyre Borough Council should be complimented on taking this initiative the PCSOs are a valued part of the community and the rural areas would suffer from a lack of Police presence without them.

Report from Pilling in Bloom

A number of the planting areas in the Village are in disrepair, for example the planters on the rails at the Memorial Hall. The Parish Lengthsman will be approached to assess the barrel planters and Cllr. G. Cornthwaite will order new ones.

Report from the Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils Meeting

The grass cutting contracts undertaken between Lancashire County Council and the Parishes was aired and any problems can be brought to Sim Lane-Dixon for assistance. Donna Hall, Wyre Borough Council's Chief Executive, was eager to visit

Parish Council meeting and it would be beneficial if she attended the Parish Meeting in April.

The Rural Forum is to be opened to ALL Councillors and the discussion will centre on rural isolation and social care. Lancashire County Council is surveying for potholes to assess the size of the problem and stated they have a machine that can deal with the growing number. It was noted that Head Dyke Lane and Moss House Lane were in a bad state.

Draft Report from the Water Problems Meeting

The Councillors accepted the report and added that the Environment Agency and Natural England stated they are setting out work to be undertaken in January, but nothing has been seen to date. An update from the Environment Agency as to work on the marsh would be beneficial.

3628. QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERS

Dyke on Moss House Lane

It was reported that the dyke on Moss House Lane at the rear of Tayban was blocked and was holding up the water drainage. This stretch was identified as Mr. Buckley's at Eagland Hill.

Parish Plan

Progress on updating the Parish Plan has stopped due to lack of available funding.

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

Chairman

Date