

# PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2012 at 7.00PM

AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING

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



### **3772. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs. E. Cookson and Cllr. J. Edmondson and the reasons accepted.

### **3773. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

### **3774. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

### **3775. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

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

PCSO Natalie Singleton sent a report for the crime figures in December, 2011. There had been no crimes compared to 4 crimes reported in December 2010. An ongoing civil dispute over a property swap is the only anti-social behaviour incident, this compares to 3 reports in December 2010 which are all vehicle related.

The Councillors were concerned that there was no mention of the resident attacked by a dog. It is not known if matters are being pursued by the Police and/or the dog warden.

The meeting was resumed.

### **3776. REPORT BY THE WYRE COUNCILLOR**

Wyre Councillor gave a report on the work of Wyre Council and how it is or will affect Pilling residents. The travellers in Preesall are challenging the decision of the High Court by questioning the planning inspectorate's decision. Part of the conditions was that no new caravans or vehicles are to be moved onto the site, no tipping, building walls or fences and no trades to be carried out from the site. Cllr. Lawrenson will find out if it is being monitored for next month.

He explained that there was little Wyre Council could do about agricultural tied houses applying for removal. A new house with an agi-tie can have it removed after 7 years, whether the business is successful or not.

Concerning the Ward Walk with Garry Payne, it was the Wyre Councillor who chose the route. The Parish Councillors were disappointed that they were not given the opportunity to attend as they would have liked to meet him. It was suggested that Garry Payne is invited to a Parish Council meeting.

Wyre Council will be holding a consultation shortly on the Leisure review. Garstang High School is opening a sports hall which, according to the funding criteria, has to be accessible by the public but it may not be.

Wyre Councillor Lawrenson is to be Mayor of Wyre next year and his deputy will be Ian Perkins, a retired Police inspector who knows Pilling well.

The role of planning ambassadors was raised as many had reported at the Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils meeting that no progress is being made. Wyre Council is bringing the refuse collection service back in house and setting up local area teams to ensure the streets are kept tidy and clean, access will be through the Borough Councillors for the area. Bulky Matters was cited for removal of large items after the closure of the Claughton tip.

### **3777. STATE OF THE ROADS IN PILLING**

Councillors considered action on the state of the roads in the Parish. Lancashire County Council has sent information on the closure of Lancaster Road in February with the opportunity to comment. During the closure it has been arranged with Community Pay Back that the white railings are painted. County Cllr. Viv Taylor has been invited for a site meeting of the worst roads to assist with their reinstatement.  
*Resolved: To inform County Cllr. Taylor and Lancashire County Council of the worst roads in Pilling*

*Resolved: To ensure during the closure of Lancaster Road HGVs are prohibited from using Back Sands and turning left onto Damside. That signage on the A6 and Mains Lane are adequate, concise and clear. To improve Back Sands Lane before the diversion.*

### **3778. TRAINING COURSE**

The County Training Partnership is holding a number of training courses through out the coming year. Councillors considered which they would attend.

*Resolved: Councillors will inform the clerk as to which courses they intend to attend.*

### **3779. CAN PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS STAND UP TO DEVELOPERS?**

The background to this question comes from the Localism Act and the fact that parish and town councils will be getting money via the Community Infrastructure Levy so when there is a new development in the area developers have to give money to the parish/town council.

*Resolved: Money gleaned in the community can be better spent in the community by those who live there.*

**3780. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;

**11/00870/FUL**

**Proposal:** Lawful development certificate for proposed two storey and single storey rear extensions

**Location:** 20, Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling

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

**11/00871/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of agricultural multi-purpose building

**Location:** Merry Field Garstang Road Pilling

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

**11/00879/FUL**

**Proposal:** Two storey side extension

**Location:** Moss Cottage, Bradshaw Lane, Pilling

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

**11/00901/FUL**

**Proposal:** Extension to dwelling

**Location:** Newlands, Duck Street, Pilling

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

The following planning application is for information only as it will be decided by officers on agricultural regulations.

**11/00875/AGR**

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

**Location:** Black Hill Farm, Bone Hill Lane, Pilling

**3781. FINANCE**

Councillors accepted payments received this month:

1. Wyre Council	£243.58	November
2. Wyre Council	£243.58	December

*Resolved: Councillors approved payment of the following accounts;*

1. Clerk's salary and expenses	£153.40	
2. Parish Lengthsman's wages and expenses	£ 29.96	
3. HMRC	£981.45	
4. Catterall Parish Council	£ 22.70	Telephone invoice
5. Garstang timber	£ 26.39	
6. Stewart Morley	£169.24	
7. Hebden Agricultural Ltd	£ 38.52	
8. Bradleys Electrical	£261.47	Repair - Christmas Lights
9. Chairman's Allowance	£ 45.00	
10. G. Armer (Van insurance)	£341.36	
11. Houghton's Filling Station	£ 75.00	
12. Dave Duperouzel	£ 60.00	Web Hosting
13. Bradleys Electrical	£ 19.25	

**Direct Debits**

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

**Bank Reconciliation**

Bank reconciliation to 30th November, 2011 and 31<sup>st</sup> December were accepted by the members.

**Precept 2012 - 2013**

Councillors considered the budget upon which the precept is based. Councillors were asked to supply wish lists as to improvements/projects for 2012 – 2013 with costings for consideration. Councillors were mindful that the increase reflects the rate of inflation and indicates no increase in real terms.

*Resolved: To inform Wyre Council that Pilling Parish Council is to precept £40,600 for 2012 – 2013 and the rural grant of £3,069.*

**3782. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION****Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported on the proposed Youth Club and was updated as to the multi agency meeting which will start the club in January. It will continue on a fortnightly basis in Pilling Memorial Hall on Thursday nights. Members must be between 11 and 14 and be registered with the Youth Club. Karen Schofield and Annette Tucker are the leading lights and have arranged programmes of work and put policies in place for running the club. There will be a report in April once the club is up and running. The Chairman added that he wished to re-establish the Youth Council.

**Report from Pilling in Bloom Committee**

Wyre in Bloom has asked for representatives and the clerk and Mrs. Judith Curwen will attend the first meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January at Wyre in the absence of Cllr. Whiteside who will be in hospital.

**Senior Citizen's Christmas Party**

Three thank you letters for an excellent evening have been received. Problems with banking have resulted in cheques not being honoured and it was decided to close the account in view of these problems, the money will be transferred to the main account.

**Pilling 20 20**

The Committee has resolved to purchase the whole field on Taylors Lane rather than leave the ransom strip. Regenda have been unsure about how much can be offered for the Memorial Hall site as the Government have reduced their grants for affordable housing. Following a meeting with the landowners the committee were made fully aware of the situation on both sides and elected to purchase the whole field at the asking price. This decision needed to be resolved before Christmas as Regenda needed confirmation as to the option agreement. Regenda is to set their plans for future projects within the organisation in January and before the Government in February, 2012. The Parish Council has received confirmation from the landowners. Wyre Councillor Lawrenson was asked to source grant funding within Wyre.

**Representative on Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils**

Cllr. E. Moorat had brought up matters as they imposed onto other matters in Pilling, but added that mobile phone owners must make a note of their IME number in case it

is ever stolen to help with recovery. The police also warned homeowners to securely lock up tools in sheds as a number have been used recently in burglaries.

**Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee**

The next meeting is next week and Councillors were urged to inform residents, notices will be placed around the Village. There had been an initial suggestion of a bonfire on the beach, but the dates fall on a high tide. There has been an offer of a beacon to be erected on Lane Ends Amenity Area to shine out over Morecambe Bay and the Councillors supported this.

**3783. QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERS**

**Cutting of possible TPO trees on the Parish**

Councillors were concerned at two groups of trees being ‘thinned’ and were eager that the tree officer at Wyre was informed.

**Moss House Lane**

An HGV used Moss House Lane to access North West Concrete when following its satnav and got wedged in at the end of the cul de sac. On the way it has taken out the culvert at the junction with Horse Park Lane and every bend has deep long ruts. Lancashire County Council has been informed. The Councillors were concerned that it could happen again and is there any way to stop this?

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.30pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....