

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th JANUARY, 2013 AT 7.00PM

AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING

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



3912. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were sent for Cllr. E. Cookson and Cllr. W. Whiteside and the reasons accepted.

3913. 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 pecuniary interest in finance as he has sent an invoice.

Cllr. G. Curwen declared a personal interest to the applicant of 12/00837/FUL.

3914. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 5th December, 2012, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Vice-Chairman as a true record.

3915. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Including a Police Report

PCSO 7169, Terry Molloy has recently taken over role of Over Wyre PCSO stationed at Preesall, including Pilling. He has seen 10 years service in this role in Fleetwood and Cleveleys and has lived Over Wyre for the last 30 years. He hopes to visit a Parish Council meeting in the future and listen to any Police related matters that may be concerning residents.

There have been no crime reports in December in Pilling and the only anti-social behaviour report is of possible 'Boy Racer' activity on and around car parks in the area. This will be monitored when possible.

Relocation of Stakepool Post Office

The Post Office is carrying out a public consultation on the relocation of Stakepool Post Office to what is at present Stakepool Stores. Councillors were fully supportive of the relocation.

The meeting was resumed.

3916. TRAVELLERS SITE AT PREESALL

At the water meeting the knock on problems by the stoning of the field where the travellers live were raised, broken culverts, drains and raising the land means that rain water is flooding further afield and entering nearby houses. David Thow, Wyre's planning chief informed the Parish Council that the enforcement notice requires the site to be vacated and restored by 4th November, 2013. The travellers have stated that Wyre Council must provide an alternative site or they will not move. The legal case continues in the High Court and the European Court of Human Rights. But if the travellers stay Wyre Council must consider the possibility of a lengthy and costly legal battle to remove them.

3917. TPO, PILLING MEMORIAL HALL

A Tree Preservation Order has been issued by Wyre Council on three Oak trees on Pilling Memorial Hall's recreational field. The Parish Council was updated on the present situation. The Wyre Tree Officer, Wyre's planning department and the developer for the site have been working together and have successfully incorporated two of the trees in the planning application.

Resolved: The Parish Council opposes the initial TPO as it could halt the development of the affordable housing on site. However, as two of the trees have now been incorporated in the application the Parish Council supports this application.

3918. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application was granted:

12/00665/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension to form additional classroom and repositioning of existing oil tank

Location: Pilling St Johns C of E School, Fluke Hall Lane, Pilling

The following planning application was refused:

12/00723/FUL

Proposal: Two storey rear extension to the house, single storey extension to side of barn to create a residential garage

Location: Rougholme Farm, Skitham Lane, Pilling

Planning Application for consideration

The Councillors made comment on the following planning applications:

12/00837/FUL

Proposal: Variation of condition 5 of planning permission 03/01187/FUL to allow unrestricted occupancy time period for holiday use

Location: Bell Farm, Bradshaw Lane, Pilling

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

The Councillors were informed of a planning application to relocate a microlight landing strip in Cockerham Parish. It is not made clear if the original landing strip is to continue to be in use. Councillors were concerned that a second runway could force the flight path over Pilling.

3919. FINANCE**Payments received:**

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| 1. Wyre Council | £250.00 | Grounds Main. Contract |
| 2. Donations to the Senior Citizen's Christmas Party | £ 30.00 | |

Resolved: Councillors accepted the following invoices for payment:

1. Stakepool Post Office	£ 66.31	Christmas Party
2. The Golden Ball	£336.00	Christmas Party
3. Cutts Lane Nurseries	£ 27.50	Christmas Party
4. Rev. Paul Critchley	£ 46.00	Jubilee
5. Parish Lengthsman	£377.30	
6. Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 60.17	
7. Parish Lengthsman wages and expenses	£ 65.43	
8. Prudential AVC Scheme	£100.00	Clerk's pension
9. Catterall Parish Council	£ 17.00	Telephone invoice
10. Chairman's Allowance	£ 45.00	
11. Stewart Morley	£405.29	
12. Bradleys Electrical	£110.00	Christmas Lights
13. Mrs B. Richardson, Bell Farm	£120.20	Party cakes
14. Catterall Parish Council	£491.52	Catterall Lengthsman
15. Houghton's Filling Station	£314.60	incl. salt grit
16. Dave Duperouzel	£ 60.00	Web site
17. G. Armer	£324.83	Van insurance
18. Parish Lengthsman	£470.34	

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£660.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£440.35

Bank Reconciliation

Bank reconciliations to 30th November and 31st December were accepted by Councillors.

Transfer from Reserve Account

Resolved: To transfer £5,000 from the Reserve Account to the current account.

Precept 2013 – 2014

Budget information to 31st November, 2012 was sent with the agenda and this was updated to 31st December at the meeting, following the bank statement. Councillors considered and agreed the budget and therefore the precept, but will continue to look at different sections for improvements in spending. It was noted that Wyre Council is to issue a media release explaining the withdrawal of the rural grant, the change in the tax base and the change in Parish precepts.

Resolved: To precept £45,000 less the Parish element of £3,200 and rural grant of £3,054.

3920. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Report from the Chairman

The Chairman reported that work patching Back Sands Lane took place last Friday. The work was very much needed and is an improvement on what it was.

Wyre Councillor

Cllr. D. Lawrenson reported on a benefit fraud in Great Eccleston amounting to £63,000. The recent Living in Wyre survey returned that residents are happy with life in Wyre. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Ian Perkin has been admitted to Trinity Hospice.

Senior Citizen's Christmas Party

A number of thank you letters and further donations have been received. Councillors have received many verbal comments saying how successful it was this year. A clothes collection is to be held in February to raise funds for this Christmas.

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The Tree Preservation Order out for consultation on the Memorial Hall site has caused concern, but contact with the developers has revealed that the planners are working with the developers and the Tree Officer to incorporate the trees. It was noted that there is no legal agreement with the vendors of the field and this is needed for progress and will be chased up. The committee now holds regular meetings in the Church Hall.

Route 89, bus service Knott End to Lancaster

From 7th January, 2013 the route 89 bus will again pick up passengers in the centre of the Village and use the only bus shelter. However, passengers are waiting on the wrong side for the bus they need.

Water in dyke's levels

It was reported that the water levels in Pilling dykes has dropped radically although it does not seem to have been registered by the Environment Agency monitoring. Cllr. S. Morley and Mr. K. Baxter are to meet the Environment Agency on site.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.36pm.

Chairman

Date