

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th JUNE, 2011 at 7.00PM

AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING

Present: *Councillors; J. Savage, Chairman,
G. Curwen, Vice Chairman
E. Moorat, Vice Chairman
Mrs. E. Cookson,
J. Edmondson,
S. Morley,
G. Morris,
Mrs. B. Schofield
W. Whiteside
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
One member of the public*



3683. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Lawrenson and the reason accepted.

3684. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors disclosed any interest in any matter to be discussed at this meeting. Cllr. Mrs E. Cookson, Cllr. E. Moorat and Cllr. Mrs. B. Schofield declared a personal interest in planning application 11/00399, being members of St. John's Parochial Church Council.

3685. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 18th May, 2011, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3686. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Including a Police Report

PCSO Emma Brown reported that no crimes had been reported in the past month, which was the same for this period last year. Anti-social Behaviour incidents have risen by one to six for the same period last year. These incidents include three neighbour disputes; fly tipping on the chipping dump on Head Dyke Lane, malicious call and vehicle obstruction on Garstang Road. The Police have carried out a letter drop on Garstang Road with reference to the parking problems. Some vehicles are parking fully on the pavement and causing an obstruction and a fixed penalty notice has been issued. The Police continue to monitor the situation.

The meeting was resumed.

3687. FLOOD AWARENESS

Councillors are asked to identify areas in the Parish that flood and to accompany Laura Travers, Environment Agency, to go door knocking to raise the residents' awareness of the flooding potential. The Councillors felt this would not be the best

way to tackle the problem in Pilling and could scare householders. Instead the supplied article will be run in the Parish Newsletter highlighting the situation.

Resolved: The Parish Council appreciates the interest but with the low level of incidents knocking on doors would be an inappropriate focus. Those areas liable to flooding only occur in extreme circumstances and if the Environment Agency ensures the water courses flow it will be kept to a minimum. No further action considered.

3688. VILLAGE GARDEN COMPETITION

Councillors considered how the competition is to be organised. The representatives on Pilling in Bloom, Cllr. Mrs. B. Schofield and Cllr. W. Whiteside will run the competition. Results will be announced at the Coffee Feast.

Resolved: To run a publicity campaign through posters, the Green Magazine and local Parish Magazines.

Resolved: Suitable plaques will be sought for prizes.

3689. WATER PROBLEMS IN PILLING

Councillors were update on the progress against the water problems raised at the December meeting. United Utilities has completed the repair on Head Dyke Lane and is to return to Smallwood Hey Road in Summer. The CCTV investigation is now programmed for September. Investigations into seepage to the open dyke on School Lane will commence at the end of June. A number of issues need resolution before the next meeting in October.

Resolved: To contact the Environment Agency whilst they have fulfilled some of what was promised there has been no progress with the outfall, which is a huge area of concern. Are Environment Agency and Natural England working together on the potential problems with the gates and a dry Summer which will impact on Pilling?

Resolved: Chase up the meeting with Eric Ollerenshaw MP.

3690. REGULATING THE SPEED ON SMALLWOOD HEY ROAD

The Councillors considered the speed limit on Smallwood Hey Road the approaching traffic from Hooles Lane does not slow down until well into the narrow, built up road with no pavements. There is always traffic parked and pedestrians experience difficulties walking. It was also raised that the buses drive very fast for the road conditions.

Resolved: PCSO Emma Brown will arrange a speed enforcement visit.

It was raised that Lancashire County Council is looking to introduce 20MPH in residential areas through out Lancashire.

3691. BUS SERVICE 89

Ashley Weir had been asked to report progress; unfortunately no contact has been made. The problems of passengers being missed, due to the driver not keeping to the prescribed route have been reported to Lancashire County Council.

Resolved: Ask for a site meeting.

3692. QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE

Councillors discussed a number of ideas to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. A beaker was suggested with the official Jubilee motif on one side and the London 2012 Olympics on the other side. To hold a buffet lunch or tea for the Village on the day, although which day was questioned.

Resolved: To organise an open meeting asking for ideas from residents. Running a Parish Newsletter article with a date in early October, 2011

3693. FLUKE HALL LANE BOATING LAKE

Having contacted the tree officer at Wyre Council he asks that the threat to the trees must be expedient if he is to act. The Councillors are personally not aware of specific incidents and have not witnessed any felling. As this is private land the Parish Council or Wyre Council is unable to interfere.

Resolved: Following contact with the tree officer at Wyre Council the Parish Council is unable to take further action.

3694. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**Application for Heavy Goods Vehicle Operators' Licence:**

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Harrison Plant Ltd.

Camberley Farm, Union Lane, Pilling

Authorisation: 4 vehicles and 1 trailer

The following planning application has been granted:

11/00245/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a single-storey rear extension

Location: Bay Trees, Fluke Hall Lane, Pilling,

Planning Committee Reports

The following planning applications were decided by Wyre Borough Council planning committee on 1st June

11/00243/FULMAJ

Proposal: Application for variation of condition 10 on previously approved application 09/00661/FULMAJ to allow amended site layout and to provide an additional 11 holiday caravans taking the total number of caravans on site to 170

Location: Glenfield Farm Caravan Site, Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling

Permission granted with conditions

11/00244/FUL

Proposal: Application for removal of condition 1 of planning application 02/00/00463 to allow the site to be occupied as holiday use for 12 months of the year.

Location: Fold House Caravan Park Ltd., Head Dyke Lane, Pilling

Permission granted with conditions

11/00251/FUL

Proposal: Erection of two wind turbines with an overall height of 27.3m high, a mast height of 21m and with 11m diameter blades

Location: Throstles Nest Farm, Head Dyke Lane, Pilling

Permission granted with conditions

Planning Applications received

Councillors commented on the following planning applications:

11/00399/FUL

Proposal: Extension of existing graveyard into adjoining field

Location: St. John's Graveyard, School Lane, Pilling

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

11/00344/LMAJ

Proposal: Creation/filling in of lakes and positioning of 41 holiday caravans with associated car parking and access tracks (Phase 5). Retention of pond, erection of security gates, fisherman's toilets and use of one unit as office showroom

Location: Woodlands Country Park, Skitham Lane, Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council offers no objections to the amendment, still be a visual impact from Skitham Lane. A register of home addresses to be kept and children on site should not enlist in local schools as they are only there during holidays.

3695. FINANCE

Payments received this month:

1. The R. V., E. and H. Moon Charitable Trust	£900.00	Sensory Garden
2. Catterall Parish Council	£ 35.50	Boots

Councillors approved payment of the following accounts;

1. Clerk's salary and expenses	£139.57	
2. Parish Lengthsman's wages and expenses	£ 44.47	
3. Catterall Parish Council	£ 17.71	Telephone invoice
4. Houghton's Filling Station	£185.26	
5. Mr. W. Lawrenson, seat rent	£ 1.00	

Direct Debits

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

Audit 20101 – 2011

The clerk informed the councillors that Pilling had been chosen as part of the 5% who are to carry out an intermediate audit questionnaire for the year ending 31st March, 2011 for the external auditors.

3696. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**Chairman's Report**

The Chairman read a message from the Eagland Hill Action Group; they have applied for a judicial review of the inspector's decision. The hearing in the High Court in Manchester should be on 12th July and this is to determine acceptable grounds and if a Protected Costs Order will be granted.

Planning for the Future, whilst Pilling Parish Council has gained Quality Parish Council Status, this status has to be reapplied for every four years. At that time the assessors will expect to see that the Parish Council has moved forward, improving the service that is offered to parishioners and the links with other organisations and agencies.

The Chairman set out targets that should be aimed for within the next twelve months:

- ✚ The re-establishment of the Youth Council
- ✚ A skills matrix amongst the Councillors to determine the future training needs
- ✚ Training – either in house or by external bodies to extend the skills/knowledge of Councillors.
- ✚ To successfully update the Parish Plan
- ✚ Continue with Multi Agency meetings when dealing with water problems in Pilling.

Report of the representative concerning Halite

Cllr. S. Morley had attended a meeting by the Wyre Community Group and was concerned at the lack of professionalism shown by Halite to the underground caverns, the mistakes by the company made on their maps and references.

Report of Wyre Borough Councillor

Cllr. D. Lawrenson sent a report in that Wyre Council planning is to set up a committee to look at holiday caravan sites and longevity of persons staying on site.

Representative on Pilling Memorial Hall

The outside wall of the toilet block has been re-rendered and the committee are looking at quotes to replace the lead flashing which was stolen. The Memorial Hall made a net profit of £1,517.30 for the year ending March 2011.

Report of Pilling 20-20

There is an open meeting tomorrow, to which Pilling Parish Councillors are invited with Pilling Memorial Hall committee, organisations in Pilling and interested residents. The website www.pilling20-20.org.uk and the bank account are live. It is envisaged to create a Strategic Group to oversee the five working groups and keep every one within the terms of reference. It was noted that there is a set of opportunities which may never present themselves again, suitable land has been sourced and Garry Payne, Wyre Council is supporting the project. The funding needs sourcing and the dedicated support from Pilling.

Report of the representative on Wyre Area Road Safety Committee

The main topics effecting Pilling were the 20MPH on residential roads and outside schools and the lack of grass cutting on the back roads.

3697. QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERS

Lane Ends Amenity Area

The Councillors was concerned at the state of the wildflower garden on the Amenity Area. It has been ploughed but there is nothing growing. Investigations will be made to Wyre Rangers.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Chairman

Date