

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th JUNE, 2012 AT 7.00PM

AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING



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

3829. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

3830. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors disclosed any interest in any matter to be discussed at this meeting. Cllr. S. Morley declared a prejudicial interest in the finance as a receiver of two cheques.

Cllr. G. Curwen declared a personal interest as a friend of the applicant for planning application 12/00303/FUL.

Cllr. G. Morris declared a personal interest as a neighbour to planning application 12/00349/FUL.

3831. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 9th May, 2012, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3832. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Including a Police Report

The Parish Council had received an explanation to the Parish Council's request for the Police report to include all logged incidents to have occurred in Pilling. The letter was acknowledged by the Councillors.

PCSO Natalie Singleton reported that in May this year the Police had investigated two crimes; one of arson at Lane Ends Amenity Area and one of a sexually related incident which took place some years ago.

The animals which had been 'housed' off School Lane and witnessed by Natalie Singleton, had been removed by the time she returned to log the incident and it is hoped that this will not occur again.

There had been no anti-social behaviour in the past month, although 24 incidents were logged. There had been 26 incidents last May with 6 being anti-social, mostly neighbour dispute.

Visit from Halite on the process at Preesall Saltfields.

Unfortunately the representative from Barton Willmore was prevented from visiting due to certain legal restrictions. They state 'You may be aware that Halite Energy's application to build an underground gas storage facility is subject to an examination process under the auspices of the Planning Act 2008. We are subject to a number of protocols relating to written representations and this includes that submitted by the Parish Council. Our legal advisers have today informed us that we are not able to attend any form of public meeting until such time that representations are dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate's examination authority.

This means we will have to decline the invitation to attend the meeting on Wednesday. I realise the Council did not want to discuss their detailed representation; rather just receive an overview of the project. However, it is in both parties' interests that we allow the examination process to proceed. This is just a postponement and we expect to be able to meet when representations have been fully dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate.'

The meeting was resumed.

3833. SHAPING YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Wyre has produced a document called Shaping your Neighbourhood as part of developing a refreshed approach to neighbourhood engagement and is asking for comments. It is a way of working to find out what residents and communities see as the most important local issues, priorities and solutions. Wyre aim to engage better, ensure the democratic structures are recognised and support elected members and develop locality plans. To work with partners to assess need and meet expectations and communicate with more people. The Councillors feel that by past experiences Wyre Council does not listen to the Parish Councils. For instance the issues facing residents with flooding, water disposal and sewerage, the use of ground water drains and soakaways in such a high water table area and the lack of infrastructure to take waste water away. It was agreed that although the ideas in the document seem sound it will take a partnership approach to achieve and Wyre must be prepared to listen to residents.

If partnership working is to succeed there needs to be a better system of input from Parish Councils into social housing allocation to ensure a local connection and a Parish Council representative should have input to housing allocation in their Parish.

Resolved: That the document although sound will necessitate partnership working and Wyre must be prepared to listen and communicate to Parish Councils and residents.

3834. PARISH LENGTHSMAN

Due to the extended sickness period the Councillors looked at a long term plan for continuing to provide the service standards expected in Pilling and by our clients.

Resolved: To hold an HR meeting and invite Jan Finch, ex of Wyre Council to advise as this was her field of work and the Parish Lengthsman.

The Parish Council will concentrate on the essential services to fulfil the contracts.

3835. PARISH PLAN

The original committee reviewed the Parish Plan about two years ago and signed up new contributors, but stopped due to a lack of funding to enable any further update of the plan to be carried out. The Chairman considered it essential that the Pilling Parish Plan was updated as Wyre Council will take notice of parish plans; if they are up to date and relevant. The questionnaire used was originally from Gloucester CC, it would now need to reference Pilling 2020 to carry more weight and be easily

analysed. It was suggested to approach a University to carry out the analysis as part of their course.

Resolved: To re-form the committee, advertising in the Pilling News and the Green Book for interested residents to form the Committee, who will review the questionnaire seeing what's relevant and what needs adding.

3836. CONSULTATION ON APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2012 – 2013 AND FUTURE YEARS

The Audit Commission is consulting on the re-appointment of BDO LLP as Pilling Parish Council's external auditor for the next five years. If the Councillors are aware of any reason that BDO LLP should not be appointed please advise the Audit Commission.

Resolved: That the Parish Council having experienced numerous queries over a specific are displeased that BDO answered letters and charged exorbitant rates back to the Parish Council. The Parish Council saw neither the queries nor the answers.

3837. LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DELEGATED SERVICES

An Offer of Service Delegation – Public Rights of Way Maintenance has been made by Lancashire County Council. A single payment of £200 is given to participating Parish Councils who join the new scheme towards signposting and seasonal vegetation clearance on those paths most important to the Parish Council. Lancashire County Council will offer maintenance work to the Parish Council to address reports and complaints from the public and Parish Council. Councillors considered the implications of signing up to this service.

Resolved: That the Parish Council will sign up to the devolved services for Public Rights of Way in Pilling.

3838. HIGHWAY SCHEMES FOR 2013 – 2014

Following the announcement at the Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils Councillors suggested highway schemes in the Parish for inclusion in the 2012 – 2013 programme.

Resolved: To use the list compiled for County Cllr. Viv. Taylor and add New Lane and Woods Lane, Eagland Hill.

3839. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application has been granted:

11/00797/FUL

Proposal: Planning permission to remove temporary agricultural workers static caravan and replace with permanent agricultural dwelling

Location: Herdman House Farm, Peahall Lane, Pilling

12/00027/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of two existing barns, one to a dwelling and one to a workshop and the erection of three stables for private use

Location: Land Adjacent To, Old Bell Cottage, School Lane, Pilling

12/00219/FUL

Proposal: Application to replace an extant planning permission (09/00104/FUL) in order to extend the time limit for erection of extension to existing detached outbuilding to form ancillary living accommodation to the main dwelling, and erection of single storey side extension to existing dwelling to form single garage

Location: Jarvis Carr Villas South, Garstang Road, Pilling

The following planning application has been refused:

11/00871/FUL

Proposal: Erection of agricultural multi-purpose building

Location: Merry Field, Garstang Road, Pilling,

Planning Committee

The following planning application will be considered by the Planning Committee on 6th June.

11/00663/OUTMAJ

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 15 affordable dwellings (re-submission of 10/00704/OUTMAJ)

Location: Land rear of Blue Bell Cottages, Blue Bell Close, Pilling

It was reported that a resident with an interest in Blue Bell Farm was disappointed that the Parish Council had been inaccurate in their comments concerning this application which had misled other residents. However, the Parish Council had reported the information conveyed to them by United Utilities and the Environment Agency; concerning the disposal of effluent and waste water

Planning Appeal

The following planning application has appealed to the Secretary of State against the decision made by Wyre Council

09/00682/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for extension to existing concrete works and external storage and aggregate bays (re-submission of 08/01137/FUL)

Location: Wyresdale Garden Concrete Production, Old Station Yard, Bradshaw Lane, Pilling

The meeting was adjourned to allow a resident to speak

It was stressed that the appeal concerned the length of the working day and sound attenuation. Wyre Council had refused the lengthening of the working day to 7.00am to 7.00pm Monday to Saturday and that a sound wall is on operation to protect nearby residents. At present the noise and vibration is impacting on the quality of life of residents and they would not wish to see an increase causing more problems. The Parish Council were sympathetic and in supporting Wyre Council's decision will write to the planning inspectorate.

The meeting was resumed.

Lawful Development Certificate

The following planning application has applied for a lawful development certificate and the Parish Council will not be asked to comment.

12/00316/LAWF

Proposal: Lawful development certificate for a proposed single storey rear extension

Location: The Hollies, Lancaster Road, Pilling

The Councillors made comment on the following planning applications:

12/00303/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of barn/workshop into residential dwelling

Location: Upper Birks Farm, Bradshaw Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

Resolved: That the Parish Council has no objections in principle to this planning application, but without the purchase of land consider it impossible to carry out. There

is concern that the end wall of the barn conversion is to be demolished rather than keeping the original footprint and walls of the barn.

12/00340/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension and formation of front bay window

Location: Brookfield Farm, Garstang Road, Pilling

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

12/00349/FUL

Proposal: Single-storey rear extension incorporating a garage

Location: Ivy Loft, Shaws Lane Pilling

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

12/00363/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of barn into two dwellings

Location: Tarn Farm New Lane Eagland Hill

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

12/00365/FUL

Proposal: Variation of conditions on planning permissions 04/00851, 04/00289, 03/00379, 01/00754, and 05/00837 to allow chalets to be used for holiday accommodation or as permanent residences

Location: Woodlands Country Park Skitham Lane Pilling

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

12/00367/OUT

Proposal: Outline planning permission with some matters reserved for erection of a dwelling

Location: Roseacre Garstang Road Pilling

Resolved: *The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and request neighbourhood notification. Concern at back land development and shared drive may cause problems once the dwelling is occupied.*

12/00375/FUL

Proposal: New agricultural poultry building (rearing shed) – phase 2 of a two phase plan

Location: Orchard End, New Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

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

12/00376/FUL

Proposal: New agricultural poultry building (rearing shed) – phase 1 of a two phase plan

Location: Orchard End, New Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

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

3840. FINANCE**Payments received this month:**

1. Wyre Council	£250.00	May
2. Jubilee Beakers	£120.00	
3. Jubilee Weekend income	£1,290.41	
4. Jubilee Beakers	£ 40.00	

Confirmation from Lancashire County Council that Pilling Parish Council will be carrying out the grass cutting in the Parish.

Resolved: Councillors approved payment of the following accounts;

1. Mrs J. Curwen, Pilling in Bloom	£100.85	
2. Mr. D. Howcroft, Pilling in Bloom	£ 9.00	
3. Mrs J. Curwen, Pilling in Bloom	£ 37.00	
4. Ashlea Nurseries, Pilling in Bloom	£300.00	
5. Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 237.51	
6. Parish Lengthsman's wages and expenses	£ 20.44	
7. Catterall Parish Council	£ 21.19	Telephone invoice
8. Mr. W. Lawrenson - Seat Rent	£ 1.00	
9. Catterall Parish Council	£164.59	Stationery
10. C and C Supplies	£ 9.72	Sensory Garden
11. Catterall Parish Council (Use of Lengthsman)	£709.49	March to May
12. Running Imp, Jubilee medals, flags etc	£ 74.76	
13. Pilling Pottery (extra Jubilee Beakers)	£198.00	
14. Stewart Morley (Grounds Maintenance)	£864.00	
15. Stewart Morley (Green Partnership Awards)	£588.00	
16. Houghton's Filling Station	£ 94.16	
17. Lancashire Training Partnership	£ 30.00	

3841. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**Report from the Chairman**

The Chairman concentrated on the Jubilee extended weekend; from the original committee of five who started in October 2011, the parish of Pilling came together to enjoyed four days of fun. Cllr. E. Moorat raised the problem of eligible children who had not collected their Jubilee Beakers; a note will be placed in the Pilling News for those to come forward. A list of thanks was compiled to go to all those who worked towards a successful weekend.

Report of the Wyre Councillor

Cllr. D. Lawrenson read out a Wyre Council report on Pilling and would e-mail it to the clerk for distribution.

Report from Pilling in Bloom Committee

The Village floral displays have been planted, a portfolio produced to send to Wyre in Bloom and the hanging baskets at Carr Close will be in place next week.

Pilling 20 20

The initial draw for the 200 club was made prior to the Parish Council meeting and the results were:

First prize - Andrew Kellett	£100.00
Second prize – Rosina Lawson	£ 50.00
Third prize – Helen Nicholson	£ 25.00

A meeting with the governing group and the developers has prompted the need to settle on a basic hall with three alternatives being considered. The next meeting is in early July.

Lune Valley Rural Housing Association

Reply from Richard Houghton, Director of Operations to the enquiry that our representative was no longer on the governing board. He states that four consecutive meetings were missed and this is against policy, however, Pilling will be informed of the next vacancy.

Broadfleet levels

Cllr. G. Curwen has met with Wayne Thorpe, Environment Agency and Peter Bell to discuss the water level of the River Broadfleet. Cllr. E. Cookson had provided additional information. Mr. Bell is to be kept informed by the Environment Agency as to flushing of the Broadfleet.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.50pm.

Chairman

Date