

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH, 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,
W. Whiteside
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
Five members of the public



3643. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

3644. 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. Cllr. W. Whiteside declared a personal interest in planning application 11/00122/LAWE as a personal friend.

3645. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 9th February, 2011, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3646. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Cheque presentation by Wyre Housing Association

Mr. Frank Garry, member of the residents committee for Wyre Housing association presented the Parish Council with a cheque for £500 towards the floral displays that have graced the front of Carr Close. He explained that Wyre Housing has community chest of £8,000 and this is distributed between the various association dwellings to enhance the area for residents. Money often gets spent in Fleetwood and Garstang, but this year Pilling is to benefit.

The Chairman accepted the cheque on behalf of the Parish Council.

Including a Police Report

There has been one crime reported for February and this was damage yet again to a vehicle on Wheel Lane. This lady has been a repeat victim and appears to be being targeted. This compares to eight crimes recorded in February, 2010 (most of which were the spate of Graffiti), so crime has been reduced massively.

There were four anti-social behaviour incidents reported, two relate to neighbour

disputes and two relate to vehicle nuisance. This compares to four in February, 2010, three to vehicle nuisance and one 1 youth nuisance. So the situation is static.

Street Light number 12 Garstang Road is flashing intermittently. The one outside the Pottery is flashing again, after being repaired last week.

The meeting was resumed.

3647. FLORAL PLANTING IN THE VILLAGE

At last month's meeting it was suggested to hold the local garden/business floral displays competition. Councillors considered this suggestion, a small committee will be needed to finalise and carry out the project.

Resolved: To revive the competition, but to defer the details until May, 2011.

3648. INVITATION

Catterall Gala Committee has invited the Chairman and guest to take part in the Gala on Saturday 4th June commencing at 1.30pm with refreshments afterwards.

Resolved: That the new Councillors will be asked after the May elections.

3649. PILLING 20 20

With the re-location of the Pilling Memorial Hall, the joint committee considers it advisable, from a project perspective, if a separate bank account is opened in the name of Pilling 20 20. The management committee has agreed that Sue White and Peter Sherdley would be two of the four signatories with the two others being from Parish Council and agreed that the Parish Council should be the account "manager". The Memorial Hall Committee has "donated" £500 to kick start the funding account of Pilling 20 20 with the hope that the parish Council will match this sum. Councillors considered this matter and felt they should not offer funding without the complete support of Pilling residents and as such will wait for the outcome of the public meeting.

Resolved: That the Parish Council in principle makes a donation of £500 BUT waits until the outcome of the public meeting to judge the public support of the re-location before donating.

3650. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications received

Councillors commented on the following planning applications:

11/00069/LAWP

Proposal: Certificate of Lawful Development for a proposed single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory.

Location: Mistral Carr Lane Pilling

The Parish Council is not required to make comment.

03/00953/SECT

Proposal: Application to modify Section 106 agreement

Location: Former Auction Mart Lancaster Road Pilling

The Parish Council is not required to make comment.

11/00109/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of former piggery to ancillary residential accommodation for hotel management

Location: Springfield House Hotel 18 Wheel Lane Pilling

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

11/00110/LBC

Proposal: Listed building consent for conversion of former piggery to ancillary residential accommodation for hotel management

Location: Springfield House Hotel 18 Wheel Lane Pilling

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

11/00122/LAWE

Proposal: Certificate for lawful use to determine that the premises has been used as sales and warehousing of furniture/goods in association with property clearance for in excess of 10 years continually

Location: Opposite Seaspray House, 5A, Duck Street, Pilling

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

10/00141/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Location: Collingwood, Garstang Road, Pilling

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

3651. FINANCE

Payments received this month:

1. Wyre Borough Council	£223.50	February
2. Wyre Borough Council	£223.50	March

Councillors approved payment of the following accounts;

1. Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 78.81	
2. Parish Lengthsman's wages and expenses	£ 26.33	
3. Catterall Parish Council	£ 19.77	Telephone invoice
4. Houghton's Filling Station	£100.00	
5. Bradshaw's Farm Shop	£200.00	Barrels for planting
6. P G Whiteside	£433.20	Sensory Garden
7. C and C Supplies	£ 4.50	
8. Hebden's Agricultural Ltd	£ 15.49	
9. Garstang Timber and Building Supplies	£ 9.86	
10. Houghton's Filling Station	£100.00	
11. North West Air Ambulance	£120.00	

Donation

The North West Air Ambulance has requested a donation to continue its work in the area. Councillors considered this request.

Resolved: That the Parish Council donates £120.00 to North West Air Ambulance.

3652. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**Report by the Chairman**

The Chairman reported that now Pilling has achieved the Quality Parish Council Status, we must keep up the excellent work. The Chairman had attended finance training which gave examples of good practice; all these procedures being carried out by Pilling. The course suggested a committee which sets the level for quotes and tenders and this will be considered by Councillors. Backing up the Parish Council's

records are vital; Pilling Parish Council has electronic information on the lap top, kept at the Clerk's home and on a separate hard drive in the Parish Office.

The asset register was part of the training. Is the Memorial Hall a Parish Council asset? The Parish Council is the holding trustee and the Memorial Hall Committee carries out the managing of the hall, its day to day bookings and maintenance. The internal audit was also raised and the present system is worked between Pilling, Catterall and Claughton Parish Councils, who each audit one another. Councillors considered this system works well and should be continued.

Report by the Wyre Borough Councillor

Cllr. D. Lawrenson reported that the Borough Council had produced a balanced budget protecting frontline services with no increase in the council tax. Cleveleys sea front has won 24 awards and Wyre Borough Council has been awarded excellence for customer services. A gold level for Investors in People has been bestowed on Wyre as the only one in the North West.

With the financial assistance of Wyre Borough Council the PCSOs will be retained for the next two years. Fleetwood Market is in the top three in the County. There has been a 20% staff saving over the past three years, they are doing more for less. The dog fouling issues continue and in depth consultations with Parish Councils are to take place about dog control operations, with responsible dog owners acting as ambassadors to encourage those that allow their animals to foul to pick up the anti-social mess.

Cllr. Lawrenson was asked to find out about the length of time it is taking to upgrade the tram tracks between Cleveleys and Fleetwood, it is causing major disruption and businesses are suffering. He did say the work was seriously behind schedule.

Report from the Wyre Area Road Safety Committee

The report included the site meeting at Lane Ends, a traffic regulation order for unifying the speed on Taylors Lane, the drain has been installed at Minda, School Lane, potholes on Garstang Road, house lights on Head Dyke Lane and street light number 7, Lancaster Road is still lit permanently.

Cllr. G. Curwen had met Chris Amos, Lancashire County Council, at the junction of Head Dyke Lane and Carr Lane. Although it is a dangerous junction there is no chance of County raising the level of Carr Lane and the hedge is within present limits.

Wyre Flood Forum – 1st March, 2011

United Utilities is to survey the sewers on School Lane at the end of March and investigate the dyke at Village Farm in better weather. The work on Smallwood Hey is completed, although it was reported there is a depression near the Chapel.

Lancashire County Council now has the responsibility for water in the county and they are consulting with interested parties, but Parish Councils have not been included. The Environment Agency has made little progress with Natural England. A survey of the river bed has been programmed by Environment Agency. There was a call to inform the MP to obtain assurances that the Environment Agency and Natural England progress the work promised at the Water Problems Meeting by April.

The Councillors accepted that rural areas take second place as to urban conurbations, but Britain is an agricultural nation and the awareness of agricultural land should be raised. When the Environment Agency is able to clear the seaward channel the spoil can be placed on the sea wall, which has sunk since it was built, there would be no need to remove it from site. Next meeting in June.

Lancashire County Council reported that the drainage scheme on Bradshaw Lane will be in next year's programme (2011 – 2012) subject to funding. Discussions with the landowners have taken place and work should begin in Summer 2011.

Works on Wheel Lane to repair the road drain have been completed by Lancashire County Council; the blockage was where the electricity cable crossed. The drains under the road and along Wheel Lane are clear and manholes have been installed. The field access to the West is to be monitored.

Report of site meeting at Lane Ends

Councillors accepted the report which detailed the remedial work on the chevrons and lattix signs at Lane Ends.

Report of Route 89 Bus Service through Pilling

The Parish Council met with Tim Gornall and Ashley Weir of Lancashire County Council, who are responsible for the service. The problems were explained and the suggested route was made, Smallwood Hey Road, School Lane, Taylors Lane, Lancaster Road, Carr Lane, Smallwood Hey Road, School Lane and out by Back Sands Lane. Lancashire County Council has no objections in theory, but it would need to be workable within the time allowed for the route to remain reliable.

3653. QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERS

Litter on the Ice Cream Pitch

It was reported that the level of litter at Lane Ends is rising and it is not necessarily generated from the refreshment van. There are no litter bins, due to the recent vandalism and arson on the past bins.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Chairman

Date