



**Chapel Close, Off Smallwood Hey Road**

It was reported that this road has been adopted by Lancashire County Council. There is a problem with water standing on the road and the dirty state of the roads in Pilling.

**Visit by Wyre Councillor Gordon McCann as Economy Portfolio Holder**

Cllr. McCann wished to discuss the infrastructure in rural villages centring on the drains and sewers. He had attended the Parish Council's Water Problems meeting where the SUDS system for Blue Bell Farm was discussed. The main sewage system in Pilling and indeed through many parts of rural Wyre is not as good as it should be and there are many problems with drainage.

It was reported that United Utilities had been on School Lane recently carried out storm conditions and using dye, this was found flushed into the open dyke at Village Farm, and therefore the sewers/pipes must be leaking under pressure. The pipes are set on unsafe ground and often move although United Utilities cameras state there is nothing wrong, but then the cameras can not show the ground the pipes are set into. The Parish Council meet with the agencies half yearly and have established a forum where these agencies know they are being monitored. Wyre Council did not attend the last meeting but they can influence United Utilities to work towards a solution.

There are four particularly bad areas in the Village for sewers/drains and depressions in the road. It was raised that since October United Utilities has taken over responsibility of previously private sewers and are very busy mapping and accessing the pipe work. The Parish Council is looking for a progress report for the next meeting.

Wyre Council is to launch their Core Development Plan to 2028 and it will be out for public consultation shortly. Wyre Council is reviewing the way they approach residential development and link it to economy, leisure and highways. Last month Garry Payne raised a grant Wyre and Fylde Councils had applied for to regenerate rural villages, unfortunately this was unsuccessful this time, but will appeal again when available. The Government is aware of the issues in rural areas.

The meeting was resumed.

**3799. FRACKING IN BLEASDALE**

A letter has been received from Bleasdale Parish Council on fracking that is to take place in their Parish and looking for support to an independent enquiry. The Councillors felt that they did not know the subject well enough.

*Resolved: That the Parish Council acknowledges the letter and offers support for an independent enquiry and wait for more information from the Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils.*

**3800. PRAYERS AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS?**

The Local Council Review would like to know Councillor's views on the following question: "Should prayers be said during official council meetings?"

*Resolved: It is the decision of the Councillors to hold prayers without external influences.*

**3801. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications have been granted;

*11/00901/FUL*

Proposal: Extension to dwelling

Location: Newlands, Duck Street, Pilling

*11/00879/FUL*

Proposal: Two-storey side extension

Location: Moss Cottage, Bradshaw Lane, Pilling

The Councillors made comment on the following planning applications:

***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

*Resolved: The Parish Council strongly objects to this planning application and requests neighbourhood notification. The situation with water, sewage and flooding has not changed and the Councillors were concerned that the altered arrangements by using a SUDS would be sustainable on wet land.*

***12/00092/FUL***

**Proposal:** Change of use of barn to 3 offices (two B1 and one office for medicals), inclusion of solar panels to rear roof and erection of disabled toilet and cycle store (amendment to 11/00340/FUL)

**Location:** Land adjacent to May Cottage, Duck Street, Pilling

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

***Application for tree works to trees subject to a tree preservation order***

Proposal: To fell seven trees and replacement

Location: The Old Vicarage, School Lane, Pilling

*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this request and that the recommendations of the Tree Officer is carried out.*

**3802. FINANCE**

Councillors accepted payments received this month:

1. Wyre Council	£243.58	February
2. Senior Citizen's Christmas Party	£ 17.06	Final balance
3. Senior Citizen's Christmas Party	£ 0.15	Interest

The Senior Citizen's Christmas Party account is closed with Santander and has been incorporated within the Parish Council's bank account.

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

1. Clerk's salary and expenses	£168.37	
2. Parish Lengthsman's wages and expenses	£ 12.44	
3. Catterall Parish Council	£ 20.62	Telephone invoice
4. Catterall Parish Council	£ 63.47	Stationery
5. Stewart Morley	£ 69.29	
6. Houghton's Filling Station	£ 90.00	
7. E-on	£ 0.99	Power for the Christmas lights
8. C and C Supplies	£ 76.74	White railings

9. Pilling 20 20	£500.00*	
10. Reserve Account	£747.00**	
11. Sue White Secretarial Services	£251.10	Newsletters

**Direct Debits**

Staff costs	£2,050.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£600.01

**\*Donation**

In May, 2011 a cheque for £500.00 was donated to Pilling 20 20, this is now out of date, has never been cashed and requires re-issuing. Councillors are asked to approve this process?

**\*\*Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee met on 15<sup>th</sup> February to sign off the third quarters accounts and verify the transfer to the Reserve Account of £747.75.

**Bank Reconciliation**

*The bank reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> January and 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 were accepted by Councillors.*

**Pension payments**

The Clerk wishes to pay Additional Voluntary Contributions to her pension and requires the setting up of a standing order for monthly payments. Councillors considered this request and signed the standing order.

**Jubilee Funding**

*The Parish Councillors have agreed to loan funds for the Jubilee celebrations cost.*

**3803. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION****Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported on the Wyre Council Leisure Services meeting, where he attended with Councillors from the urban core. There seems to be a divide in that the urban core has leisure facilities but they are underused through poor households not being able to afford to attend and the rural areas with few facilities and no access. Wyre Council is looking differently to providing leisure services as many people find it difficult to get involved without being part of a team. Facilities should be more ad hoc and Parish Council is to be encouraged to get involved. Pilling 20 20 was raised and Wyre Council can provide a good exchange of information.

**Report of the Wyre Councillor**

Cllr. D. Lawrenson reported on the Flood Forum he attended following the Water Problems meeting in Pilling.

**Report from Pilling in Bloom Committee**

The Committee has decided on a colour scheme for the floral displays and are looking to itemise the plants. It was suggested to approach Dewlay to sponsor the cheese press on School Lane.

**Pilling 20 20**

Cllr. E. Moorat has contacted Ian Munro to see if Wyre Council could help with the leisure facilities on site and a meeting is to be arranged shortly for advice. Many of the various groups have met to progress their agenda. The Business Plan has been

formulated and the draft ideas are to be presented to the architect. A solicitor has been engaged. Regenda has been proving difficult to contact and there is no information as to the presentation of the scheme.

**Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee**

Queens Diamond Jubilee Next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March at St. Johns Church Hall. 350 mugs have been initially commissioned with Pilling Pottery.

**Water Problems in Pilling**

The minutes for the meeting were accepted by the Councillors and will be sent out to the representatives.

**3804. QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERS**

**Dykes on Moss House Lane**

It was reported that the dykes on Moss House Lane are in need of cleaning out to allow water to flow away.

**Flooding on Smallwood Hey Road**

There was a report of flooding on Smallwood Hey Road opposite the Methodist Chapel.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....