

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th MAY, 2012 AT 7.00PM

AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING

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



3816. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved; Cllr. J. Savage was elected as Chairman of Pilling Parish Council for one year.

Under the Local Government Act 1972 (83(4)) the Chairman signed the Declaration of Office.

3817. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Resolved: Cllr. G. Curwen and Cllr. E. Moorat were elected as Joint Vice-Chairmen for Pilling Parish Council for one year.

3818. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs. E. Cookson, Cllr. G. Morris and Cllr. W. Whiteside and the reasons accepted.

3819. 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 section as his company would be receiving a cheque.

Cllr. G. Curwen declared a personal interest as his wife was receiving a cheque for plants at the Broadfleet Sensory Garden.

3820. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 11th April, 2012, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3821. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Including a Police Report

PCSO Emma Brown reported that although she had tried to bring all incidents reported in Pilling she was stopped in reporting all but the crime and anti-social behaviour figures. She was thanked for trying on behalf of the Parish Council and this will be further investigated. It was felt that the more we know the more we can work together with agencies in Pilling.

Last year in April there had been 5 crimes whilst there had only been one last month, this being interfering with a motor vehicle on a drive. Anti-social behaviour incidents reported last year were 8 and last month this was down to 3, a vehicle on Pilling Sands, fly tipping and a dog chasing another dog.

The three cars driving dangerously on the Memorial Hall car park was raised and the Police were monitoring the situation. The Police can issue a warning under the Road Traffic Act.

PCSO Brown was thanked for attending tonight.

Visit from John Bettle, Area Operations Officer, Wyre Council

Wyre Council has undergone a reorganisation, with the street scene name going, the 2 dog wardens have gone with the enforcement officer and the cycling officer. All these positions have been absorbed and added to with the street cleansing and refuse. When incidents are reported the recipient takes ownership of seeing the incident through to its conclusion. Residents are encouraged to report through the CRM system at the connect centre. Mr. Bettle works with the PCSOs as they are often dealing with the same people and incidents.

The fly tipping on Head Dyke chipping dump was raised, the stone heaps are Lancashire County Council's but it is attracting rubbish and he is in talks with Lancashire County Council to move the litter including getting posters stating 'No tipping area, you are being watched'

The refuse service is now carried out by Veolia who have a new fleet of vehicles and a support crew who follow the refuse collection. Theirs is a tough regime and there is less rubbish left on the road. It was noted that bins and boxes are being returned to a more responsible position.

A resident raised the lack of street sweeping in Pilling and what frequency should they be working to? Mr. Bettle explained that new vehicles had been purchased with the largest being used on A roads, smaller ones for rural roads and footways and smaller still for footpaths alone. Training was being carried out in the urban core initially. Wyre Council were looking for an unloading site in the rural area.

Mr. Bettle was asked about the rubbish collection after Pilling Coffee Feast, this will continue to be collected by Wyre Council rather than Veolia, but the organisers must clear away their own litter after one off events such as the Jubilee.

The number of litter bins has been reduced in Pilling with a redistribution of others with in the Village and these take both litter and dog waste.

Mr. Bettle was thanked for attending tonight.

The meeting was resumed.

3822. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Councillors noted that Pilling Parish Council will meet on the following dates in the Comrades Room, Pilling Memorial Hall, at 7.00pm, unless an agreed change is made:

13 th June, 2012,	11 th July, 2012,	8 th August, 2012,
12 th September, 2012,	10 th October, 2012,	14 th November, 2012,
12 th December, 2012		

Christmas Tree switch-on 3rd December, 2012

Senior Citizen's Christmas Party 11th December, 2012

9 th January, 2013,	13 th February, 2013,	13 th March, 2013,
10 th April, 2013,	15 th May, 2013.	

10th April, 2013, 15th May, 2013.

Resolved: The dates were accepted by the members.

3823. ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**a. Finance Committee**

Councillors Mrs. E. Cookson, S. Morley, G. Morris, J. Savage and W. Whiteside.

b. Planning Committee

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and other Councillors as necessary.

c. Human Resources Management Committee

Councillors Mrs. E. Cookson, J. Edmondson, D. Lawrenson and E. Moorat.

d. Pilling in Bloom Committee

Councillors Mrs. B. Schofield and W. Whiteside.

e. Quality Parish Council Status Committee

Councillors J. Savage, G. Curwen and E. Moorat.

f. Parish Plan Review Committee

Councillors G. Curwen, S. Morley, J. Savage and W. Whiteside.

g. Responsible Financial Officer

The Clerk, Gillian Benson

h. Signatories on Bank Mandates

Councillors E. Cookson, D. Lawrenson, E. Moorat and B. Schofield.

i. Signatories on Reserve Account

Gillian Benson and Councillor G. Curwen

j. Internal Auditor

Catterall Parish Council

k. Senior Citizen's Christmas Party Committee

Councillors E. Cookson, B. Schofield and W. Whiteside

l. Editor and Sub-Editor to the Parish Newsletter

Editor, Councillor E. Moorat

Sub-editor, Councillor J. Savage.

m. Tree Warden

Councillor W. Whiteside

n. Representative on the Memorial Hall Committee

Councillor J. Edmondson.

o. Representative on the Carter's Charity Trustees

Councillor Mrs. E. Cookson

p. Representative on the Wyre Area Road Safety Committee

Councillors E. Moorat and G. Morris

q. Representatives on the Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Councillors S. Morley, E. Moorat and J. Savage.

r. Representative on the Lune Valley Rural Housing Association

Councillor Mrs. E. Cookson.

t. Representatives on Pilling 20 20

Councillors J. Edmondson and S. Morley

*Resolved: That the above positions were accepted by members.***3824. PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Articles were requested. The Diamond Jubilee will feature heavily to ensure residents know what is happening on the weekend.

Resolved: Councillors were made aware of the time sensitive nature of this Newsletter.

3825. MAYORAL INVITATION

The Mayor and Mayoress elect Cllr. D. Lawrenson and Mrs Lawrenson have sent an open invitation to Pilling Parish Councillors to attend Civic Sunday Parade and Service in Pilling. Leaving the Methodist Chapel at 1.40pm and walking to St. Johns Church for the service and returning to the Chapel for refreshments.

Resolved: There will be a number of Councillors attending in their official capacities.

3826. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application has been granted:

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

The Parish Council made comment on the amendments to the following planning application:

11/00663/OUTMAJ

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

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

Resolved: The Parish Council objects to the amendments presented for this application and until the sewers and top water disposal is satisfactorily resolved the development should not proceed.

The Councillors made comment on the following planning applications:

12/00241/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a detached dwelling

Location: Land Adjacent To Townside Farm School Lane Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council objects to this planning application due to the over intensive use of the site in the middle of an open planned Village. The development will impact on to the already inadequate sewers and top water disposal in this part of School Lane.

12/00269/OUT

Proposal: Outline planning permission for an agricultural dwelling

Location: Momens Farm, New Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application subject to proof of agricultural need.

12/00270/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of former agricultural building into one dwelling

Location: Carr House Farm, Green Dicks Lane, Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application.

12/00272/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of replacement dwelling

Location: Tarn Farm, New Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

Cllr. G. Curwen declared a personal interest as a friend of the applicant.

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application

3827. FINANCE

Finance Committee Report

The final accounts for 2011 – 2012 have been scrutinised and signed off by the committee. There is a recommendation to transfer the quarterly maintenance contracts, £605, plus £20,000 from the present precept to attract interest.

Insurance for 2012 – 2013

Information was circulated and the Councillors agreed to the terms in the insurance document.

Resolved: Councillors reviewed the insurance details and agreed to continue the current insurance company.

Payments received this month:

1. Glenfield Caravan Park	£200.00	Pilling in Bloom
2. Wyre Council	£250.00	April
3. Adactus	£480.00	
4. Pilling Diamond Jubilee	£255.00	Beakers
5. Pilling Diamond Jubilee	£137.50	Mr. Sherdley's Talk

Resolved: Councillors approved payment of the following accounts;

Payments to be approved;

1. Clerk's salary and expenses	£145.28	
2. Parish Lengthsman's wages and expenses	£ 20.63	
3. Catterall Parish Council	£ 21.22	Telephone invoice
4. Broker Network	£753.31	Insurance

5. Broadfleet Sensory Garden plants	£ 20.94	Mr. D. Howcroft
6. Broadfleet Sensory Garden plants	£ 21.42	Mrs J. Curwen
7. St. Johns Rose Border plants	£ 20.45	Mr. D. Howcroft
8. Pilling Diamond Jubilee - Union Flag	£108.59	Ms. G. Benson
9. Cornthwaites Farm Machinery	£ 84.54	
10. Houghtons Filling Station	£ 70.78	
11. Stewart Morley	£117.23	
12. Stewart Morley	£450.00	
13. Pilling Pottery, Jubilee beakers	£1,188.00	
14. Furness Building Society	£20,605.00	
15. Sue White	£102.00	Jubilee Draw tickets
16. Sue White	£ 76.00	Jubilee Programme

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£2,010.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£569.23

Audit 2011 – 2012

Councillors reviewed the following statements, previously circulated:

Year End Accounts for 2011 – 2012

Accounting Statements and

Annual Governance Statement

Resolved: Councillors approved the Audit statements and end of year accounts, these were signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

3828. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**Report of the Wyre Councillor**

Cllr. D. Lawrenson reported on the Electoral Review. The wards of Pilling and Catterall are under represented and boundaries may be relocated. He was asked to investigate the notice that has appeared at the car park on the Village Green, as it is thought inappropriate to raise a levy on a village car park. He was wished the best for his Mayoral year and the Mayor making tomorrow.

Report from Pilling in Bloom Committee

A crown has been built to form part of this year's displays and the seagulls opposite St. Johns School have been cleaned.

Report of the representatives on the Pilling Memorial Hall Committee

Cllr. J. Edmondson reported an operating profit last year which has been written off against the depreciation of the wind turbine. The maintenance of the turrets on the roof is to start and the back wall is to be made weatherproof.

Pilling 20 20

The next meeting is 21st May, the negotiations with a private developer continue and this developer is working with Wyre Council on the site requirements. The groups are working on the business plan and grant applications.

Report of the representative on Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Planning ambassadors had been tasked with distributing the Core Strategy. The questionnaire was considered badly written and difficult to understand.

Wyre has not confirmed the acceptance of the Affordable Housing Protocol and the Core Strategy has already allocated affordable housing in each rural area.

John Shaw, Chair of Wyre’s Standards Committee

From 1st July there is no requirement to have a standards committee and no requirement for Parish Councillors to have a seat or have independent members. The new scheme will not have the same bureaucracy, but will be watered down version of the present system. Parish Councils can adopt their own code but there will be no higher authority monitoring it.

Lancashire County Council

19 main highway schemes have been identified for this year, with a number in reserve; information is in the commissioning document. A new method of re-rolling the surface has been used successfully and will extend the life of the road by 10 years.

Highway Schemes for 2013 – 2014 needed.

The problems of utility cuttings in roads were raised and Lancashire County Council is coring the recent ones to ensure they are up to standard or insisting on improvements. Lancashire County Council has used as much salt grit this year as last. There was to be a footway gritting scheme where by Parish Lengthsman would be given equipment to clear the footways. This will be sorted out soon.

Police

The Police have introduced ARLS, Automatic Resource Location System, where by every Police officer with a radio can be electronically located and sent to incidents. The enquiry desk at Garstang will not close until October, 2012.

Fracking

To identify an independent person who can inform us what happens when fracking takes place.

Queens Diamond Jubilee

Articles will appear in the next Parish Newsletter to be delivered at the middle of May.

The Robert Carter Charity

The trustees are Mrs. H. Stafford (St. Johns Church), Mrs E. Cookson (nominated trustee) and Mrs. M. Shepherd (co-opted Trustee) and Mrs Shepherd sends the annual returns to the Charity Commission. The National Savings Investment continues and will be reviewed at the end of the term. The current account holds £122.95 and trustees have previously agreed that the capital should remain untouched as a contingency fund.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.20pm.

Chairman

Date