

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th MAY, 2013 AT 7.00pm

AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING

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



3952. 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.

3953. 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.

3954. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were sent for Cllr. E. Cookson, Cllr. E. Moorat, G. Morris and Cllr. W. Whiteside and the reasons accepted.

3955. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors were asked to disclose any pecuniary or non pecuniary interest in matters to be discussed at this meeting.

Cllr. D. Lawrenson declared a personal interest as a member of Wyre's Planning committee and will not take part in planning decisions

3956. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 10th April, 2013, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3957. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Visit from Greg Robinson, Wyre Ranger and responsible for Lane Ends

Lane Ends Amenity Area is owned by the Environment Agency and managed by the Environment Agency and Wyre Council through its Wyre Rangers. The grass cutting is contracted out and the Environment Agency look to continue this set up in the future.

Greg wishes to start a friends group to involve residents and hope to receive the support of Pilling Parish Council and the many volunteers who visit the area. There are regular visitors interested in getting involved in working on the site, there is no formal training needed, just ideas and suggestions on how to manage the site. Volunteers are needed to prevent deterioration as the funding is drying up so it is getting harder to manage the area.

The picnic tables have been removed as they were rotten and applying for funding may replace some of them. Greg was asked about security on site, but despite a number of fly tipping incidents the gates are not to be locked at night, due to resources and now that the nights are getting lighter visitors want to use the area at night and early morning. As a result of the recent fly tipping incident he is looking at replacing the top rails that were removed to gain access to the tippers.

Eagland Hill Action Group

Many of the residents from Eagland Hill wished the Parish Council to know about the recent work in erecting the two wind turbines and a number of planning breaches. The turbines have a life of 30 years and as a planning condition the inspector insisted on a mitigation site to keep the pink footed geese who fly in to feed, away from the development site whilst the turbines are constructed and for the next thirty years. Part of the condition was that a Management Group is appointed to supervise this work until after the turbines are constructed. All this was to be in place prior to work commencing and no work will take place between March and August.

It is known that the Management Group has only just been formed as a result of the influx of complaints received, the mitigation field has just been sown and Reg Wind continues to work. When reported to Wyre Council enforcement they referred it to Natural England who gave no guidance regarding breeding and distance to the construction site. Natural England commented that hopefully there is enough background noise for the geese to select alternative breeding sites! As a result Wyre Council is not to prosecute under the breach and now the company have submitted a planning application to remove condition 13.

A second breach has occurred with the lack of screening to soften the impact of the turbines under section 21. The planning application showed screening trees to shield Woodlands Country Park and neighbouring residents claiming the land to be planted was in their ownership. However, it has been brought to light that this land is NOT in the ownership of Orchard End Farm and planting will not be carried out, the company stating this would not be feasible, leaving the neighbours with no privacy from the turbines.

Lancashire County Council have been tasked under the inspector's report to carry out a shadow flicker report, to date this has not been completed. The information has been gathered by Wardell Armstrong, who were concerned at the number of properties which will be affected and that their maps did not show these properties. The report is to be used to programme the turbines to avoid shadow flicker.

Instillation and stability of the present single turbine was discussed, it was erected on 12th March and within days the crane used fell over into the moss, contaminating the agricultural land and making it unfit for use. The HSE is investigating. The HSE has also received so many complaints that the turbine is leaning that they have referred it to their central office. Concern is that the second turbine may go the same way!

Many of the residents are concerned about the water table around Eagland Hill with the pollution and the increased risk of flooding due to the amount of concrete in the ground used to 'plant' the turbine.

The Chairman asked about the accident with the crane and was told that it fell over as it was moved as the operators did not take the weights off first. The residents asked the Wyre Councillor if he could find out any information from Wyre as it has been sketchy. Work continues for the second turbine with piling for a platform for a new crane to work from. There was a feeling that the work has been rushed until the crane fell, when everything slowed down. Lancashire County Council has carried out a report on the avoidance of shadow flicker on the surrounding area. The inspector was troubled at the number of neighbours affected, but when issued and based on past performance, would Reg Wind adhere to this report?

The Councillors suggested that the technical problems need independent assistance and information. Cllr. D. Lawrenson will investigate the disregard to the planning permission with Wyre Council and based on the great local concern the Parish Council will convey this to Wyre Council. A site meeting with Reg Wind Power, who have always stated they wish to work with the community, was suggested. Also to query the Natural England answer to the threat to the pink footed geese and the complaints the HSE have referred to their 'central office'. Cllr. D. Lawrenson assured the residents that he would ask for the recent planning application to be decided by the Planning Committee at Wyre.

Pilling Memorial Hall

The chairman and secretary asked about further information they needed from Pilling 20 20 and the Parish Council. A separate meeting will be convened on Thursday 16th May to discuss fully.

The meeting was resumed.

3958. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Councillors are asked to note 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:

12 th June, 2013,	10 th July, 2013,	14 th August, 2013,
11 th September, 2013,	9 th October, 2013,	13 th November, 2013,
4 th December, 2013		

Christmas Tree switch-on 2nd December, 2013

Senior Citizen's Christmas Party 10th December, 2013

8 th January, 2014,	12 th February, 2014,	12 th March, 2014,
9 th April, 2014,	14 th May, 2014.	

3959. 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

Cloughton-On-Brock Parish Council will be auditing the accounts for 2012 – 2013.

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 E. Moorat.

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.

3960. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Resolved; Councillors confirmed that Pilling Parish Council is eligible to use the General Power of Competence.

3961. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were granted:

13/00102/FUL

Proposal: Single-storey rear extension

Location: Cleeve Cottage, Lancaster Road, Pilling

13/00256/LAWP

Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate for proposed erection of ancillary granny annexe

Location: 4 Eskham Cottages Skitham Lane Pilling

Planning Application for consideration

The Councillors made comment on the following planning applications:

13/00272/FUL

Proposal: Erection of one 50kw wind turbine (23.6m high to hub & 34.2m high to blade tip)

Location: Momens Farm New Lane Eagland Hill

Resolved: That whilst the Parish Council is unable to find a planning reason to object to this application, based on the nearby turbine there are structural issues with the stability of the moss, environmental issues and neighbour hood notification.

13/00274/FUL

Proposal: Barn conversion into one dwelling

Location: Head Farm Bradshaw Lane Pilling

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

13/00285/FUL

Proposal: Erection of one dwelling and detached garage (Re-submission of 13/00020/FUL)

Location: Thorncroft Bradshaw Lane Pilling

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

13/00289/FUL

Proposal: Removal of condition 13 from 09/00352/FULMAJ relating to works during the breeding birds' season

Location: Land at Orchard End Farm South Of New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling

The Wyre Councillor is to request the planning committee decide the application due to the contentious issues it has raised.

Resolved: From the evidence available and reflecting public concern expressed to the Parish Council; the Council is unable to support this planning application.

1300308/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of detached replacement dwelling, private stables and all weather riding arena

Location: Glen Cottage, New Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

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

12/00180/DIS

Proposal: Discharge of condition 06 relating to planning application 12/00180/FUL

Location: 2 Scronkey Farm Lancaster Road Pilling

The builder is looking for the complete demolition of the barn to ground level and to rebuild as per the approved plans reusing all original materials.

3962. FINANCE

Payments received:

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| 1. Lancashire County Council | £200.00 |
| Signing up to the Public Rights of Way Scheme | |

Resolved: Councillors accepted the following invoices for payment:

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| 1. Clerk's salary and expenses | £113.68 | |
| 2. Parish Lengthsman wages and expenses | £ 32.62 | |
| 3. Prudential AVC Scheme | £100.00 | Clerk's pension AVC |
| 4. Catterall Parish Council | £ 21.46 | Telephone invoice |
| 5. Catterall Parish Council | £217.47 | Stationery, inks etc. |
| 6. Zurich Insurance | £377.72 | |
| 7. Houghtons Filling Station | £105.01 | |
| 8. C A Traffic (Smiley SID) | £403.20 | |

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,600.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£631.78
Open Spaces Society – Annual subscription	£ 45.00

Audit 2012 – 2013**Information included:**

Section 1 – Accounting Statement for 2012 – 2013

Section 2 - Governance Statement

*Resolved: Councillors accepted sections 1 and 2 and these were signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.***Donation to Pilling Jubilee Silver Band**

The secretary, Emily Hallett thanks the Parish Council for their donation towards the cost of competing in the National Championships of Great Britain.

Clerk's Salary Increment*Resolved: Councillors confirmed that the clerk is paid under the National Agreement for the National Joint Council at LC2 SCP 29 from 1st April, 2013***3963. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION****Chairman's Report**

The Chairman noted that the dates of closure on Head Dyke Lane have been extended this is to give lea way for possible delays, weather conditions or the state of the foundations of the road. He had noticed not only the volume of traffic travelling through the centre of the Village during the diversion, but the speed. It was reported that this volume of traffic was causing an increase in the vibrations to properties and a police presence was requested.

Pilling in Bloom

The representative had asked the Parish Council to consider offering prize money in the garden competition to attract entries and garden vouchers were also suggested.

Pilling Memorial Hall

A meeting with Pilling Memorial Hall, Pilling 20 20 and the Parish Council has been arranged to consolidate information as it is the responsibility of the Memorial Hall management Committee to carry out any development of the Hall.

**Report from Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils
Lancashire County Council**

The main highway maintenance programme has started for this year. Gritting was extended by 4 weeks this year due to the particularly inclement weather.

Wyre Council

Lancashire County Council and BT are working to improve the access to broadband through Superfast Lancashire, starting in Forton. Work starts in September 2013 through to end of 2015 to provide 95% of Lancashire with this service.

Police

There has been an increase in the number of burglaries from sheds and garages. Please LOCK your outbuildings and mark property kept in them to protect it from the scrap metal thieves.

Meeting with Lancashire County Council at Lane Ends

Graham Wilcock met members of the Parish Council on site to discuss the problems perceived with the junction. The chevrons when exiting from Back Sands Lane block the sight line and could be splayed more. The concrete in the dyke at the side of Lancaster Road put there to erect warning signs and which now blocks the dyke stopping rainwater draining from the road and the replacement of the missing warning sign. The erection of a chevron on the bend to prevent further vehicles losing control, destroying the fence and continuing into the field. This is the fourth meeting with Lancashire County Council concerning this junction and whilst the engineers agree with Councillors nothing ever seems to be put into practise.

3964. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS

Highways Act 1980 – section 119

Diversion of part of public footpath No.s 1 (parts) and 1A (part) Pilling, Wyre Borough

Public Footpath Diversion Order 2013

Lancashire County Council is confirming that the diversion through Glenfield Caravan Park became operative on 17th April, 2013.

Telephone Box on Fluke Hall Lane

The door to the telephone box has been missing for some time.

20 MPH on Fluke Hall Lane

Cllr. G. Curwen is in discussions with Lancashire County Council about the location of the flashing school warning sign taking into consideration the number of children who use Fluke Hall Lane to walk to school.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

Chairman

Date