

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY
13th MAY, at 7.00pm

AT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL,
FLUKE HALL LANE, PILLING



Present: *Councillors; E. Moorat, Chairman,*
S. Morley,
Mrs. B. Schofield,
W. Whiteside
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
Two residents
Four visitors

4227. 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.

4228. 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.

4229. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received for this meeting from Cllr. J. Savage, Cllr. G. Curwen and Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson.

In the absence of the Chairman Vice-Chairman E. Moorat presided over the meeting.

4230. DECLARATION OF OFFICE

Councillors completed their declaration of office and were sworn in as Pilling Parish Councillors for a 4 year term.

4231. NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors completed their Register of Interests and other interests. Councillors were reminded that changes to your Register of Interests must be made within 28 days.

4232. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow the residents present to speak.

Police Report noted

Presentation by the Royal Antedeluvian Order of Buffalos, Stalmine Lodge

Representatives from the lodge presented the Parish Council with a defibrillator and this is to be placed at Pilling Nursing Home, Mrs. Lingard, from the home was also present. A cover to ensure public access will be provided by the Parish Council. The Appeal

was launched in January this year and the Buffalos answered an article in the green magazine calling for support.

The meeting was resumed.

4233. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Resolved: Councillors agreed Pilling Parish Council will meet on the following dates in St. John's School, Fluke Hall Lane, at 7.00pm, unless an agreed change is made:

10th June, 2014, 8th July, 2015, 12th August, 2015,
9th September, 2015, 7th October, 2015, 11th November, 2015,
2nd December, 2015

Christmas Tree switch-on 30th November, 2015

Senior Citizen's Christmas Party 8th December, 2015

13th January, 2016, 10th February, 2016, 9th March, 2016,

13th April, 2016, Annual Parish Meeting

11th May, 2016, Annual Parish Council Meeting

4234. REAFFIRMATION OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL TO USE THE POWER OF COMPETENCE

Councillors considered Pilling Parish Council is eligible to use the general power of competence? The two criteria for eligibility¹ stated in the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012

1. Elected Councillors
 - Two thirds of Councillors elected at last ordinary elections.
2. Qualified Clerk
 - The Clerk must hold CiLCA 2012² or other recognised qualification.

Eligibility must be resolved at a full council meeting, recorded clearly in the Minutes and criteria confirmed at each Annual Parish Council meeting after the ordinary elections.

Resolved: Pilling Parish Council is eligible to use the General Power of Competence as it meets the criteria.

4235. THE PENSIONS REGULATOR

Every employer with at least one member of staff must automatically enrol those who are eligible into a workplace pension scheme and contribute towards it. Pilling Parish Council has a staging date of 1st June, 2015, when the Councillors must make a decision as to which pension scheme to run, inform staff and enrol them and to nominate a contact by 31st May, 2015. Please view this web site to review Councillors responsibilities:

<http://www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk/employers/the-essential-guide-to-automatic-enrolment.aspx>

Resolved: Pilling Parish Council enrolled as a member of the LGPS in 2007.

4236. PLANNING TRAINING AT WYRE

David Thow is offering planning training for Parish Councils, to include the planning ambassador, Chairman and Clerk, but as the clerk will attend from a different Parish Council and the Chairman is the planning ambassador, there are two places open.

Resolved: The Chairman and Cllr. Whiteside will attend.

¹ Set by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011, s8

² Clerks who qualified previous to 2012 must pass section 7 of CiLCA 2012

4237. LANE ENDS AMENITY AREA

At the Water Group Meeting the Environment Agency announced that it is to dispose of Lane Ends Amenity Area and would hope that a local council would take on the responsibility. Councillors discussed this situation, but without the details, the PC is interested but would fear the cost of such an undertaking.

Resolved: Discuss next month when more details may be available.

4238. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was suspended to allow residents to speak.

Pilling Coffee Feast

Neil Cookson has taken over Pilling Coffee Feast and is having great difficulties with Lancashire County Council, Wyre Council and the Police as to the route along Lancaster Road. He is to meet with Wyre Council tomorrow and is asking for support from the Parish Council for the Coffee Feast. Councillors were fully supportive to see the Coffee Feast return to its original route and so include the Stakepool area of the Parish.

The meeting was resumed.

4239. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were granted:

14/00526/OUTMAJ

Proposal: Outline planning application for erection of up to 40 dwellings

Location: Land At Garstang Road, Pilling

15/00001/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling with 8 x PV panels to the southern roof elevation, erection of stables/store and all-weather riding arena, installation of sewage treatment plant and new vehicular access onto New Lane

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

15/00107/FUL

Proposal: Upgrade of existing loose stone surface of Field House Lane

Location: Field House Lane, Pilling

The following discharges were accepted:

14/00898/DIS

Proposal: Discharge of conditions 03 (materials), 04 (desk top study) and 05 (landscaping) on application 14/00898/FUL

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

Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;

The following planning application was commented on between meetings, due to its return date:

14/00883/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective planning application for extensions to dwelling to include raised roof over first floor area, new first floor canopy and new entrance porch.

Location: Westminster House, Garstang Road, Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council objects to this retrospective application due to the detrimental nature it has made on the neighbours and that it was not constructed to the original permitted application.

15/00379/FUL

Proposal: Removal of condition 3 (restriction of a 28 day stay limitation) relating to planning application 14/00802/FUL

Location: Midwood Caravan Park, Head Dyke Lane, Pilling

The Councillors were concerned that this removal may turn the holiday into a residential park or that owners may make this their main home.

Resolved: Pilling Parish Council has no objections to the removal of the limitations, but insists that compliance with Wyre's schedules is upheld and that the units remain holiday and not main residences.

4240. FINANCE

Payments received since the previous meeting:

1. Pilling Reading Room – Defibrillator	£ 50.00
2. Glenfield Caravan Park – Pilling in Bloom	£250.00
3. Partner Construction – Pilling in Bloom	£500.00
4. St. John's Church – Defibrillator	£246.00
5. Bank Interest for April, 2015	£ 0.22
6. Pilling Nursing Home – Defibrillator	£400.00
7. Glenfield Caravan Park – Defibrillator	£1,350.00

Resolved: Councillors accepted the following invoices for payment:

1. HM Revenue and Customs	£841.16	
2. Clerk's salary adjustments and expenses	£116.62	
3. Parish Lengthsman wage and expenses	£ 83.96	
4. Prudential AVC	£250.00	Additional Voluntary Contribution
5. Catterall Parish Council	£ 19.35	Telephone and broadband
6. C and C Supplies – PPE Clothing	£ 58.85	Not delivered to date
7. St. John's Church Hall	£ 80.00	Room rent
8. Zurich Insurance	£380.88	increase of £1.60
9. C A Traffic – SpLD repair + bracket	£232.80	
10. Towers and Gornall Accountants	£330.00	
11. C and C Supplies	£ 29.95	

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,670.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£710.21

Bank Statement

Resolved: Councillors accepted the bank statement to 30th April, 2015.

Audit 2014 – 2015

End of Year Accounts and reconciliation.

Statement of Accounts

Statement of Governance

Councillors considered the information and agreed. The audit was signed off by the Chairman and the Clerk, as the Responsible Financial Officer.

4241. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**Report from Pilling in Bloom Committee**

Judging will start on 20th July, 2015; the plants arrive on Friday and will be planted up the week after. New self watering barrels have been ordered to replace some of the rotten wooden barrels.

Report of the representatives on the Pilling Memorial Hall Committee



The Memorial Hall has been demolished and the site should be clear in the next couple of weeks. A car park is being provided once the new entrance from Taylors Lane is created. There will be a new pavement along Taylors Lane and before soon a new children's play area and football pitch will be in place. In the

meantime access to the old play area is maintained on the old site. The Trustees are meeting with Wyre Council to discuss what they can put into providing a larger/more exciting play area. Plans are well advanced to provide the new hall and the other elements of the project with funding applications about to be submitted.



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

Held on Thursday 16th April, 2015, there will be no further input from Lancashire County Council as Sim Lane-Dixon will no longer be the public realm manager from 1st April and Karen Cassar becomes head of the asset Register Team, both are now unable to attend meetings involving Parish Councils. Future enquiries must be made through the web site reporting system. It was resolved to raise the lack of representation through the Tree Tier Forum asking what the future line of communication will be between Parish Councils and Lancashire County Council. This has serious impact on the Wyre Area Road Safety Committee, if no one from County attends. Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils is to write to Jo Turton, Chief Executive, Lancashire County Council.

Charlotte Delaney presented Wyre's Business Plan following approval on 5th March, 2015 and lasts until 2019. Consultation concerning the Local Plan will continue with Planning Ambassadors from mid June to July. During this time officers are willing to visit Parish Councils. The Parish Charter Working Group is to look at the proposals sent by Garry Payne shortly.

Police Inspector Jo Jackson, stated there has been a decrease in the number of crimes over the past year, with the majority of crimes involving vehicles. A number of Pilling farms were broken into, but persons have been charged and are going to court. Speeding is a major problem in rural areas, but the Community Road Watch and Speed Awareness Teams are carrying out training. Police responses to a grade 1 incident are 9.9 minutes, well within the specified time and Garstang is to see three new PCSOs.

It was suggested that a full explanation as to what the Tree Tier Forum does/ is concerned with and how matters can be raised by Parish Councils should be sent to Parish Councils in order to fully use the forum.

Report on the Eagland Hill Wind Turbine Fund

REG Windpower has handed the yearly grant of £16,000 over to Grantscape for administration; this will cover a 3km range from the two Eagland Hill Turbines. A constitution was agreed by the representatives and resolved that the grant will be offered twice a year, the first £8,000 accepting bids to 10th June, 2015. Pilling Parish Council has applied for a defibrillator to be located at the school room with the cover provided by the Parish Council.

Water Group

Report of the recent meeting was accepted by Councillors. Next meeting 15th July, 2015.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Chairman

Date