

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER, 2012 AT
7.00PM

AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING

Present: *Councillors; J. Savage Chairman,*
 Mrs E. Cookson
 G. Curwen,
 J. Edmondson,
 E. Moorat,
 S. Morley,
 W. Whiteside,
 Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
 Two residents



3888. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Lawrenson, Cllr. G. Morris and Cllr. Mrs. B. Schofield and the reasons accepted.

3889. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

Cllr. S. Morley declared a pecuniary interest in the payments, as his business has sent two invoices.

3890. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 3rd October, 2012, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3891. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Including a Police Report

There have been two crimes in Pilling, one recorded as a racist incident (which was over the phone from a cold caller) and the other crime is theft by an employee from a business. Neither crime has been detected as the phone call came from India and the theft was dismissed when the employer did not want to press charges. This compares to 1 crime in October 2011 which was an assault and remains undetected.

Two anti-social behaviour incidents were logged; one was a nuisance phone call and a report of a motorbike on the beach. This compares to 3 ASB reports from October 2011; 1 which was youth related and 2 others. Overall there have been 23 incidents logged specifically for Pilling which also include the ones mentioned above. In BC08 as a whole area which also includes Winmarleigh and parts of Cabus there have been 31 incidents logged.

The meeting was resumed.

3892. PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS BY NORTH WEST ELECTRICITY

The Councillors had been furnished with the questionnaire from Electricity North West, but felt strongly that the questions were loaded to throw responsibility onto the customer.

Resolved: The questionnaire will not be completed and the comment 'loaded questions' will be conveyed.

3893. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Newsletter, including the places of deposit for the Boundary Commission's proposals for constituency boundaries.

Training sessions:

Chairmanship – 21st November

Finance – 12th December

Both 7-9pm at Howick House, Penwortham.

Neighbourhood Plans – 'Getting Started' Workshop – 19th January, 2013, 10am till 4.30pm at the Leyland Hotel, Leyland.

Resolved: The Newsletter was accepted and noted. The Neighbourhood Plans course was passed to the Parish Plan Committee.

3894. RURAL GRANT ABOLITION

Wyre Council is looking to remove the rural parish grant over the next two years in order to save money. Councillors considered this withdrawal and were adamantly not in favour. It is a cost shunting exercise where Wyre push further costs onto Parish Councils, as the precept for Wyre Council will not be reduced to reflect this withdrawal.

Resolved: To include the Wyre Councillor in correspondence. That the Parish Council does not approve of this withdrawal of the grant.

3895. REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Wyre Council have received the 'Disclosable interests' form and ask if Pilling Parish Council wish to adopt a register of 'other local interests', as used to be the case with the previous code of conduct? Cllr. G. Curwen wished it recorded that he objected to the 'invasion of privacy' these forms are generating.

Resolved: That Pilling Parish Council adopts the 'other local interests' declaration.

3896. OVER WYRE FLOOD COMMITTEE

Stalmine Parish Council Chairman has asked if Pilling Councillors would find it useful to have an informal committee of representatives of the various Over Wyre parishes to meet to discuss flooding issues. Councillors considered this idea, but felt that it would produce too large a meeting and issues would become diluted.

Resolved: That Pilling Parish Council water meetings are productive and that issues which are only of concern to Pilling would become diluted in a larger audience.

3897. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications have been granted:

12/00138/FUL

Proposal: Erection of agricultural storage building

Location: Carr Holm, Fluke Hall Lane, Pilling

12/00557/FUL

Proposal: Erection of external chimney stack and two pitched roof front dormers

Location: Amarillo, School Lane, Pilling

12/00572/FUL

Proposal: Variation of condition 4 relating to planning application 11/00837/FUL regarding hours of operation of the business

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

12/00583/FUL

Proposal: Application to vary conditions 3 and 4 of planning permission 07/00872/FUL to allow for the use of 5 pitches for occupancy by seasonal touring caravans and to extend opening dates to 1 March to 4 January

Location: North View, Skitham Lane, Pilling

The following application is deemed as lawful:

12/00556/LAWP

Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate for proposed rear dormer

Location: Amarillo, School Lane, Pilling, Preston, Lancashire, PR3 6AA

Planning Appeal

The following planning decision has gone to appeal

12/00412/FUL

Proposal: Variation of condition 1 of application 09/00682/Ful for retrospective application for extension to existing concrete works and external storage and aggregate bays to allow hours of operation between 07.00 and 19.00 Monday to Saturday

Location: Wyresdale Garden Concrete Products, Old Station Yard, Bradshaw Lane, Pilling

Planning Amendment*12/00375/FUL*

Proposal: New agricultural poultry building (rearing shed) – phase 2 of a two phase plan

Location: Orchard End, New Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

12/00376/FUL

Proposal: New agricultural poultry building (rearing shed) – phase 1 of a two phase plan

Location: Orchard End, New Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

Resolved: Planning Committee have no objections to these amendments.

The following amendments were granted:

12/00375/FUL

Proposal: New agricultural poultry building (rearing shed) - phase 2 of a two phase plan

Location: Orchard End, New Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

12/00376/FUL

Proposal: New agricultural poultry building (rearing shed) - phase 1 of a two phase plan

Location: Orchard End, New Lane, Eagland Hill,

Planning Application for consideration

The Councillors made comment on the following planning applications:

12/00682/FUL

Proposal: Proposed 11kw wind turbine (hub height 18.3m)

Location: Sandfield Cottage, Fluke Hall Lane, Pilling

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

12/00723/FUL

Proposal: Two storey rear extension to the house, single storey extension to side of barn to create a residential garage

Location: Rougholme Farm, Skitham Lane, Pilling

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

3898. FINANCE**Finance Committee**

Resolved: Councillors accepted the minutes of the Finance Committee for the second quarter and the Reserve Account transfer of £686.79.

Royal British Legion donation

Remembrance Sunday was on 11th November and wreaths were laid at Pilling's War Memorial at St. John's Church. Councillors considered a donation to the work of the Royal British Legion with the many armed forces personnel. The cost of the poppy wreath (£17) was paid prior to delivery.

Resolved: That Pilling Parish Council donate £50 to the work of the Royal British Legion.

Payments received:

1. Wyre Council	£250.00	Grounds Main. Contract
2. Christmas Party Donation	£100.00	
3. Bank Interest	£ 1.12	
4. Lancashire County Council - Grass Cutting	£600.16	
5. Senior Citizen's Christmas Party	£112.50	Clothes collection
6. Senior Citizen's Christmas Party	£403.00	Whist and Domino Drive

Resolved: That the following payments are made:

Payments made;

1. Royal British Legion	£ 17.00	
2. Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 91.15	
3. Parish Lengthsman wages and expenses	£ 17.28	
4. Prudential AVC Scheme	£100.00	Clerk's pension
5. Catterall Parish Council	£ 6.75	Telephone invoice
6. Stewart Morley	£450.00	
7. Environment Agency	£105.00	Waste Carriers License
8. Catterall Parish Council (August – October)	£257.28	Lengthsman from Catterall
9. SLCC-CiLCA Management	£ 20.00	
		Clerk's exam submission in the General Power of Competence.
10. Furness Building Society transfer	£686.79	
11. Stewart Morley	£657.00	
12. Houghton's Filling Station	£ 85.00	
13. Royal British Legion	£ 50.00	

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,200.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£504.09

Reserve Account

Transferred from reserve account to current account - £10,000.

Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: Councillors accepted the bank reconciliation to 30th September and 31st October, 2012.

3899. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**Report from Pilling in Bloom Committee**

Cllr. W. Whiteside announced that thanks to the Pilling in Bloomers Pilling Village has been awarded a Silver medal in North West in Bloom. The award was presented at the Floral Hall in Southport when other 'bloomers' received their awards and it will be hung in the Comrades Room.

Cllr. Whiteside continued that Wyre Council's greenhouses in Thornton are to close and will not be supplying plants or storing and refilling tubs for those Villages who used them previously. The Committee is to look at self watering containers to assist the members during Summer.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr. Whiteside who in turn passed his thanks to Mr. Denis Howcroft and Mrs. Judith Curwen as they carried out all the sourcing, planting and maintenance this year with the Councillor being in hospital recently. They will be invited to the December meeting for an official thank you for their outstanding work.

Senior Citizen's Christmas Party

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson gave an update on plans for the party. The entertainment just needed a bit of fine tuning; both of the Primary Schools will make an appearance along with some very talented residents. There will be a carol/sing song at the end. Councillors were reminded of the Christmas Tree Switch-on on Monday 3rd December at 7.00pm.

Pilling Memorial Hall

Cllr. J. Edmondson reported the retirement of the Memorial Hall Chairman Mr. E. Moorat and the position being taken by Mr. Paul McWhirter. The Memorial Hall is paying its own way.

Pilling 20 20

The Committee is meeting tonight to review the design plans of the new hall ready with revisions for the Open Morning this Saturday.

Results of the 200 Club Draw;

The 200 club draw was made prior to the Parish Council meeting;

First prize – Mr Jonathan Thomas	£100.00
Second prize – Mrs. Sue White	£ 50.00
Third prize – Mr. Paul McWhirter	£ 25.00

Carters Charity

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson reported that the next meeting is on 28th November at 2.30pm. She is one of three trustees appointed to manage the trust fund. Cllr. E. Moorat asked, with an interest as a governor at St. Johns School, 'as the aim of the charity is to support St. John's primary school would the trustees consider donating the funds towards the building projects to be carried out following the planning permission and wind up the charity?'

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

The budget for highway maintenance for 2013 – 2014 is substantially less than this year. The gritting season runs from 12th October to 5th April and has already been in operation twice. Skitham Lane was asked to be gritted, and it will be, but it is only a secondary and not a primary route.

Lancashire County Council is now responsible for the Flood Risk Management in Lancashire. It is their responsibility, as the lead authority, to assess flood risks and

survey the county by the end of the year. A new management strategy team has been formed to investigate water courses and run off from buildings and identify those who have duties concerning water. There will be a register of structures and features which might be a flood risk including those on private lane. They will have powers under planning to look at new developments and view where the water is going. Also permission will be required for those piping water courses/dykes.

Wyre Council

Wyre is looking to remove the rural grant given to Parish Councils at present in a bid to save £48,000. It should not be in the next financial year and may be tapered over two years. This will force an increase in rural precepts.

Halite

Information has been supplied to Bristol for determination and there should be a decision next year. Part of Knott End Golf Club greens may be compulsory purchased, at agricultural rates, if planning permission is granted for use by Halite and this will reduce the size of the greens.

3900. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS

Play Area, Village Green

There was great concern that after many many months the sea saw has still not been replaced/repared, the surface is slippery with moss, the black rubber on the swings is perishing and there is rust on the 'springy'.

Fly tipping on the Chipping Dump

It was reported that recent fly tipping reported to Wyre Council was to be cleared by Lancashire County Council, the vehicle has been identified.

Footways on School Lane

The state of the footways on School Lane was raised, not only the section outside Stonewell, but the full length. This will be reported to Lancashire County Council.

Road Sweepers in Pilling

Cllr. S. Morley reported that the two road sweepers from Wyre are doing a good job in the Village and are still mapping the roads to include in the routes.

War Memorial

It was reported that the high pressure washing of the War Memorial for this year's Remembrance Service is cutting into the soft sandstone and the names are looking less distinct. A sealant should be sought to offer protection.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Chairman

Date