

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER, 2011 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,
G. Morris
Mrs. B. Schofield
W. Whiteside
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
One member of the public



3742. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr D. Lawrenson and the reason accepted.

3743. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors disclosed any interest in any matter to be discussed at this meeting.

3744. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 14th September, 2011, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3745. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Including a Police Report

P C Thompson reported that crimes for September last year were 4 and there have been no crimes this September. The Anti-social behaviour incidents have fallen from 5 in September last year to 1 last month and this being domestic matter between partners. The Policeman was thanked on the excellent Police work being carried out in Pilling. There had been a report at Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils that PCSO may be changing areas, based on need and the number of crimes, but the Parish Council was reassured that no change was to take place in Pilling.

P C Thompson was asked about the upsurge in metal thefts from buildings. With the price of lead and copper rising sharply more incidents of lead being stolen from roofs have been reported. The targeted buildings are subject to water damage which far outweighs the price of the metal. The Police are using helicopters to spot thieves on roofs and this has been successful recently. The use of DNA grease and smart water was also discussed.

The meeting was resumed.

3746. PURCHASE OF SALT GRIT

Last year's snow and ice went on longer than initially expected with many footpaths in Pilling not receiving any salting and salt grit only being bought when needed. Prices charged ranged from £5.70 in November to £7.90 in December. Councillors considered the bulk purchase of one ton, 40 bags, at a cost of £5.95 each to continue and extend the use on the footpaths for the safety of residents.

Resolved: To purchase 40 bags of salt grit this year, but to approach Lancashire County Council as to bulk purchases for next year.

3747. BOUNDARY CHANGES

The proposed Lancaster constituency largely reflects the constituency that existed prior to the 5th General Review: it no longer contains the town of Fleetwood, but instead expands to incorporate many wards that are currently included in the Wyre and Preston North constituency, in addition to wards from the west of the Ribble Valley. The M6, which runs north-south throughout the proposed constituency, provides a strong communication link between the various communities within it. The constituency covers Lancaster to Preston North and Preesall to Chipping. Councillors consider the implications to the changes.

Resolved: That the Parish Council sees the logic in the re-arrangement and accepts the boundary changes.

3748. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications have been granted:

09/00682/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for extension to existing concrete works and external storage and aggregate bays (re-submission of 08/01137/FUL)

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

11/00518/FUL

Proposal: Side conservatory

Location: 15 The Mallards, Woodlands Country Park, Skitham Lane, Pilling

11/00540/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of existing pub/restaurant to bed and breakfast incorporating a first floor roof lift and first floor roof lift to the dwelling Meadowdale (resubmission of 11/00101/FUL)

Location: Ranch House and Meadowdale, Head Dyke Lane, Pilling

11/00543/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for the erection of an apple storage building

Location: Land To The South East of Ivy Loft, And South of Holme Close, Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling

11/00575/FUL

Proposal: Erection of one detached dwelling

Location: Land Adjacent To Townside Farm, Plot 2, School Lane, Pilling

11/00604/FUL

Proposal: Installation of 42 x 235 watt pv solar panels on roof of garage workshop

Location: Head Dyke Garage, Head Dyke Lane, Pilling

11/00611/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of an air raid shelter and construction of detached single storey classroom to rear of school.

Location: St Johns Primary School, Fluke Hall Lane, Pilling

Planning Applications received

There were no planning applications received this month.

3749. FINANCE

Donation to Pilling Reading Room

The Parish Council held the public meeting to present the planning application for Blue Bell Farm in Pilling Reading Room. Councillors considered a donation for room hire.

Resolved; That the Parish Council donates £15.00 for room hire.

Payments received this month:

1. Wyre Council	£243.58	
2. Lancashire County Council	£ 45.00	Lancaster Road, hedge
3. Lancashire County Council	£ 52.05	Pension overpayment
4. Bank Interest	£ 3.56	
5. Building Society Interest	£191.25	
6. Siromer Tractors	£600.00	Grounds Main. Contract

Councillors approved payment of the following accounts;

1. Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 98.14	
2. Parish Lengthsman's wages and expenses	£ 31.98	
3. HMRC	£1,049.00	
4. Catterall Parish Council	£ 17.87	Telephone invoice
5. BDO LLP	£480.00	Audit
6. Pilling Reading Room, Donation	£ 15.00	Public meeting
7. Hebden's Agricultural Ltd.	£ 39.49	
8. Houghton's Filling Station	£214.02	
9. Catterall Parish Council	£117.64	stationery

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,540.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£455.02

Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: That the Parish Council accepts the bank reconciliation to 30th September, 2011.

Audit 2010 – 2011

The auditors have completed the audit for Pilling Parish Council for the year ending 31st March, 2011. Councillors considered and accepted the issues arising report and paid the invoice. The notices have been displayed on the noticeboards in the Parish.

Resolved: to accept the report and pay the invoice.

Cost of Parish Council Elections, 5th May, 2011

The amount apportioned to be paid by Pilling Parish Council under the provisions of the Representation of the Peoples Act 1983 and 1985 is £198.62 and will be collected in the next financial year.

Precept and Grant Notification 2012 – 2013

Wyre Council would appreciate notification of the precept for 2012 – 2013 agreed by Pilling Parish Council by 13th January, 2012. The rural parishes grant has been set at £1.94 per elector and has not changed since 2010. The Rural Grant for Pilling is £3,069.

3750. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**Chairman's Report**

The chairman reported on the Jubilee meeting where a timetable of events had been suggested.

A meeting was held to reconvene the Youth Council, but had been beaten to the post with a meeting earlier that week held by residents to organise a youth forum in Pilling. It was noted that local churches and Parish Council had donated funds for a youth worker from St. Aiden's to visit Pilling on a monthly basis but nothing has happened. There was a suggestion that this could be a remit for Pilling 20 20.

Report of Pilling in Bloom

Spring bulb prices are being sought for the tubs in the Village.

Report of Pilling 20-20

The clerk reported that the funding from Regenda may be less that originally offered and they had been invited to talk this evening. The landowners of the new site are willing to sell the frontage, but talks are on hold until the funding is resolved.

Report on the Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils meeting

Lancashire County Council's Democratic Partnership Officers have gone to be replaced with Locality Officers, who were to be visiting, but the Public Realm Manager was sent. The highways section has a commissioning document for work which will start April, 2012.

Wyre Council is looking to develop better working relationships at a local level for a better outcome for residents, with each Parish Council being an individual case. Compiling a 'Working in Neighbourhoods' paper for consultation with Parish Councils next year. Better information through the Planning Ambassadors as to what neighbourhoods need and want and not just getting what's given.

Sergeant Freaney stated the areas PCSOs are covering are to change to reflect the need and numbers of crimes and Abs's in that area. Operation Faith is offering assistance with stopping metal thefts from Wyre Churches and the introduction of DNA grease. With the introduction of 20MPH the Police have 3 community watch volunteers who with the assistance of a Policeman will check speeds and send warning letters.

Report of the representative concerning Halite

With the number of e-mails being fired to Councillors it seems that the problems surrounding the blow out of well head number 45 is probably due to geological reasons rather than the sabotage claims made by Halite.

Report on Water Problems in Pilling Meeting

The minutes from the Water Problems meeting held on 6th October were accepted by the Parish Councillors. The recognition, in the event of emergency flooding, that Natural England will allow the Environment Agency access to the marsh to deal with any problems was confirmed. It was reported that the Environment Agency had started flushing the Broadfleet this week to move the obstructions on the outgoing channel.

3751. QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERS

Route 89 Bus Service

Lancashire County Council informs the Parish Council that plans to enable bus 89 to turn around at Fold House have fallen through. The owner is concerned about insurance, although it was surmised that this would be covered by the bus company. If the route accessed Fold House the centre of the Village would again be served and there would be a great advantage to the visitors at Fold House. The Councillors felt that a visit should be arranged to discuss problems with the owners of Fold House and hopefully find a solution.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Chairman

Date