

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd OCTOBER, 2012 AT 7.00PM

AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING

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



3879. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs E. Cookson and Cllr. D. Lawrenson and the reasons accepted.

3880. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

Cllr. Cllr. J. Edmondson, Cllr. E. Moorat and Mrs B. Schofield declared personal interests in planning application 12/00665/FUL as school governors, Cllr. J. Edmondson being the Chairman of Governors.

3881. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 12th September, 2012, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3882. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Including a Police Report

The Police were unable to attend, but sent a report. There were two recorded crimes for September 2012 the theft of a motor vehicle from Garstang Road and an act of arson to a bench at the Amenity area. Neither has been detected at this stage. This compares to no crimes reported in September 2011 in Pilling.

There were two reports of anti-social behaviour during September, both from Carr Close and both in relation to a neighbour dispute. This compares to one report in September 2011 which was also a neighbour dispute. 23 incidents were reported including the ones already mentioned above during September. The Councillors were still concerned that they were not receiving the full nature of the incidents.

The meeting was resumed.

3883. QUESTIONNAIRE FROM THE LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW

1. Does the size of a parish and town council matter in terms of it being effective and efficient for the local community?

Councillors felt that size did matter above 14 and not every one gets heard, but too small and there is not necessarily the range of skills needed. It will always depend on the quality of the Councillors rather than quantity. But a Parish Council does not stand on its own; the relationship between the Parish Council and its residents and with the district and county Councils is paramount. A Parish Council must reflect its community to be effective and efficient, it will be judged by how it sits within that community.

2. In relation to the above question, what is most important:

A) the population?

B) the number of councillors who sit on the council?

C) the number of hours worked by officers of the council?

D) all of the above?

E) none of the above?

A Parish Council should be working with the community and principal authorities knitting together a pattern that works.

Resolved: To send the above comments to LCR.

3884. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application has been granted:

12/00155/FUL

Proposal: Extension to detached garage to form office space and store

Location: The Post House, Lancaster Road, Pilling,

12/00476/FUL

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 on planning application 10/00852/FULMAJ to allow for 12 month holiday use

Location: Midwood Caravan Park, Head Dyke Lane, Pilling

12/00514/FUL

Proposal: Detached building to form offices and extension to workshop to form additional workshop/storage area

Location: Workshop, Lancaster Road, Pilling,

Planning Application for consideration

The Councillors made comment on the following planning applications:

12/00665/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension to form additional classroom

Location: Pilling C of E School, Fluke Hall Lane, Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and requests neighbourhood notification.

3885. FINANCE**Payments received:**

1. Wyre Council	£250.00	August
2. Siromer Tractors, Pilling Industrial Estate	£618.00	Grounds Main. Contract
3. Jubilee Quiz Sheets	£ 13.00	received in June
4. Santander (Christmas Party)	£ 32.00	

Payments approved;

1. Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 87.98	
2. Parish Lengthsman wages and expenses	£ 21.28	
3. Prudential AVC Scheme	£100.00	Clerk's pension
4. Catterall Parish Council	£ 6.75	Telephone invoice
5. Catterall Parish Council	£117.50	Stationery etc.
6. Kirkland Parish Council	£ 78.75	Society Local Council Clerks
7. Catterall Parish Council	£421.45	Parish Lengthsman
8. PAM OH Solutions (Occupational Health)	£ 90.00	
9. Sensory Garden – Mrs. J. Curwen	£ 12.58	
10. Sue White Secretarial Services	£249.90	Newsletter
11. Parish Lengthsman	£369.58	
12. Stewart Morley	£100.00	
13. Furness Building Society	£375.00	Transfer
14. Lancashire Training Partnership	£ 25.00	

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,200.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£504.09
HMRC ~ no payment due this quarter	

3886. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**Report from Pilling in Bloom Committee**

Cllr. W. Whiteside reported that the seed drill and the tubs on Lancaster Road will need relocating soon as work is to start on the field behind.

Senior Citizen's Christmas Party

The meeting on 27th September confirmed most of the entertainment for the evening. In order to raise funds an afternoon Whist and Domino Drive is to be held on 14th November at The Golden Ball at 2.30pm and the committee is looking for suitable prizes.

The Tables for the Christmas Party will be set up on Monday 10th December in the Methodist Hall; this will not interfere with the evenings meeting. Councillors are asked to arrive on the day from 1.30pm to lay out the hall for the party.

Pilling 20 20

The new field has been submitted to the Fields in Trust and if accepted will be named the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, Pilling. The developer and Pilling 20 20 members attended a pre-application planning meeting with Wyre Council. The application for the affordable housing was acceptable and on the whole so was the idea for the new Community Hall and the facilities on the field, however, the size of the new hall and its impact would not meet planning guidelines and it was suggested it was lowered and softened by including a variety of heights. The working party is to meet next week for discussions.

Cllr. E. Moorat prompted the Councillors to be aware that funding is available for projects within the Village and to think of a community enhancing suggestion.

3887. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS**Footway on School Lane**

It was reported that the footway outside Stonewell has subsided badly, made worse by the recent flooding.

Hedge on Carr Lane

Councillors will approach the owner of the hedge on Carr Lane close to the junction with Head Dyke Lane to get it cut back. It is now so wide that traffic is forced into the centre of this narrow road.

Footway on Smallwood Hey Road

The footway from Carr Close to Carr Lane is collapsing; Lancashire County Council will be informed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Chairman

Date