

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER, 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,
 Mrs. B. Schofield
 W. Whiteside,
 Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
 Three residents



3865. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Lawrenson, Cllr. S. Morley and Cllr. G. Morris and the reasons accepted.

3866. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

3867. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 8th August, 2012, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3868. 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 crimes recorded for Pilling in August; one at Fold house Caravan Park which has been detected and one at Pilling Nursing home which unfortunately will never get detected.

This compares to one crime reported last August which was theft of a vehicle from Head Dyke Lane.

There were two anti social behaviour reports one is a longstanding neighbour dispute on Head Dyke Lane and one is a report of kids messing around in the grounds of Jigsaw Nursery. This compares to two last year, both of which were youth nuisance. Other incidents in the 19 reports, including the ones mentioned above, are mainly highway disruption and lost/found property, which compares to 22 reports last year.

The meeting was resumed.

3869. REPLY FROM THE AUDIT COMMISSION

Councillors considered the reply from the Audit Commission concerning the way Pilling Parish Council was treated by the auditors in answering queries. Whilst the reply was more informative it seemed to still miss the point and did not answer when

the introduction of the proposed 10 electors per query would be introduced in an effort to prevent vexatious queries.

Resolved: To ask the Audit Commission about the proposal and point out that the Parish Council should know the precise content of any queries sent against them.

3870. PAYMENTS BY PARISH AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS AND CHARTER TRUSTEES

Councillors considered the consultation Paper from Communities and Local Government concerning the abolishment of two signatures on cheques issued by Parish Councils. The Councillors felt that the present system worked well and protected the spending of public money in a transparent and safeguarded way and this should continue.

Resolved: That the present system of two signatures on issuing cheques is not changed.

3871. LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Mike Otter invites representatives from Catterall Parish Council to attend the above conference on 10th November at County Hall between 9.30 and 1.00pm. Please note that the AGM of Lancashire Association of Local Councils takes place in the afternoon.

Resolved: That no one was able to attend this year.

3872. PILLING IN BLOOM

Pilling in Bloom has won an award/certificate in Wyre in Bloom and the awards ceremony will be held on 25th October in Southport at 10.30am. The cost is £25 for each representative and will include coffee on arrival, exhibition, lunch and the awards ceremony. Councillors considered this request.

Resolved: That Cllr. W. Whiteside and Mrs. Judith Curwen attend the award ceremony in Southport.

3873. WYRE COUNCIL'S GAMBLING ACT LICENSING POLICY

Resolved: The Councillors discussed the proposed changes in Wyre's Licensing Policy and did not wish to make comment.

3874. FRACKING

Preesall Town Council is arranging a presentation on fracking with Mike Hill as Councillors at the Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils asked for more information before writing to authorities. Mr Hill is to extend the meeting to Lancashire County Council, Wyre Council and Fylde Council and a date and time will be set soon.

Resolved: Dependent on the time and date a number of Councillors wished to attend the meeting and Preesall Town Council will be informed.

3875. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application has been granted:

12/00380/FUL

Proposal: Extension to existing rear dormer

Location: 21 Stakepool Drive, Pilling

12/00430/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of former agricultural building into one dwelling (re-submission 12/00270/FUL)

Location: Carr House Farm, Green Dicks Lane, Pilling

12/00493/FUL

Proposal: Single storey side extension
Location: 10 St Johns Avenue, Pilling

12/00492/FUL

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension
Location: Scronkey Farm (Carter), Lancaster Road, Pilling

Planning Application for consideration

The Councillors made comment on the following planning applications:

12/00557/FUL

Proposal: Erection of external chimney stack to west side of property and two pitched roof front dormers

Location: Amarillo, School Lane, Pilling

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

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

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

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

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

12/00514/FUL

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

Location: Workshop, Lancaster Road, Pilling

Please note that the Parish Council wishes to declare an interest in this application as owner of the storage container illustrated on the plan and commented as a resident of Pilling.

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

3876. FINANCE

Audit 2011 – 2012

BDO, the external auditors have returned the documents having completed the audit of Pilling Parish Council books and found 'there were no matters which came to our attention which required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report.'

Resolved; To pay the invoice of £342.00

Payments received:

1. Interest from Reserve Account	£324.21	
2. VAT Refund	£960.68	
3. Pilling in Bloom	£746.50	Wyre Council grant

Payments approved;

1. Lancs County Training Partnership	£ 70.00	LALC Conference
2. Parish Lengthsman	£276.04	
3. Parish Lengthsman	£275.84	
4. Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 95.03	
5. Prudential AVC Scheme	£100.00	Clerk's pension
6. Catterall Parish Council	£ 6.75	Telephone invoice
7. BDO LLP Auditors	£342.00	
8. Bradleys Ltd.	£ 10.46	
9. Houghton's Filling Station	£ 97.01	
10. Stewart Morley Ltd.	£690.00	Grounds Maintenance
11. Farmer Parrs	£152.40	
12. Wyre Council (Wyre in Bloom)	£ 25.00	

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£660.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£436.61

Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: The Councillors accepted the bank reconciliation to 30th July and to 31st August, 2012.

External Auditors

The Audit Commission has appointed BDO LLP as external auditor to audit the annual return of Pilling Parish Council for five years from 2012- 2013.

Precept and Grant Notification 2013 – 2014

Wyre Council is notifying Pilling Parish Council that the agreed precept must be sent to Wyre by Friday 18th January, 2013. There is no increase in the rural grant, which is based on the clerk's pay award, as no increase has been awarded this year.

3877. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**Report from the Chairman**

The Chairman reported on his continued efforts to get Santander to refund the excessive bank charges for the Christmas Party Account.

Report from Pilling in Bloom Committee

Cllr. W. Whiteside reported on a meeting in Wyre he attended last week. Wyre is to close Ashdell Nurseries, who supply the ready planted tubs and barrels to many of the larger sites in Wyre. The nursery is to be relocated on Copse Road, but will only store the tubs and barrels, there will not be any plants therefore in order to plant up next year Wyre is looking for alternative suppliers, which will cost more.

Senior Citizen's Christmas Party

An initial meeting for this year's party was arranged for Thursday 27th September. It was noted that individual tickets would not be printed this year, but a general invite would be in the Pilling News. The matter of funding was considered and a most generous donation was given by one of the Councillors with another offering to collect

and weigh in a clothing collection for October. The entertainment was discussed and a number of artists have been approached with other suggestions of local residents.

Pilling 20 20

The developer and the Pilling 20 20 Committee are seeking planning permission and meeting with Wyre Council next week. Following this there will be an open day for public consultation.

Results of the 200 Club Draw;

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

First prize – Mr Timothy Hoyles £100.00

Second prize – Mr Donald Lawrenson £ 50.00

Third prize – Ms. Gillian Benson £ 25.00

Report from Wyre Area Road Safety Committee

Further details are to be sent concerning the junction at Lane Ends. It was noted that the corner opposite the Amenity Area has wooden poles for protection of traffic against the culvert. To press again for a warning sign indicating Gulf Lane on the A588.

3878. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS

Wind Farm Proposals off Walney Island

Councillors were made aware that the proposals to increase the wind farm into the Irish Sea could affect the shipping lanes, especially between the Isle of Man and Heysham.

Fly tipping on Horse Park Lane

The fly tipping on Horse Park Lane between Morley Lane and Pilling Hall will be reported to Wyre Council.

Repairs on School Lane

Councillors were informed that a broken gully would be attended to, jetting of the gullies has taken place and the footway on Smallwood Hey Road would be dealt with by the end of September. The hole and subsequent cavern underneath the road outside Blue Bell Farm will to be referred to United Utilities for action.

Road Closure

Lancashire County Council is to close Black Lane, Nateby on 4th and 5th December to resurface the carriageway. Diversion is via Forton/Cockerham.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Chairman

Date