

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER, 2013 AT
7.00pm

AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING



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

3995. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were sent for Cllr. G. Morris and the reason accepted.

3996. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors disclosed pecuniary or non pecuniary interests in matters to be discussed at this meeting.

Cllr. D. Lawrenson declared a personal interest as a member of Wyre Council's planning committee.

Cllr. G. Curwen declared a personal interest as a neighbour to planning application 13/00637/FUL

Cllr. Mrs E. Cookson declared a personal interest as sister to a neighbour of the affordable housing site in Lancaster Road.

3997. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 14th August, 2013, having been circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3998. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Police Report

PCOS Terry Molloy was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report stating that August was a quiet month for Crime and anti-social behaviour in the Pilling area. The only report of anti-social behaviour were motorbikes on the Amenity area but no one was found there when the patrol attended. There was only one crime reported in August which was the theft of a vehicle from Stakepool Stores which was recovered and males arrested. No further reports of horse incidents in the area.

Planning Application for Wyresdale Concrete

Residents wished to bring to the attention of the Councillors the continued noise and

vibration on site and the impact on local residents. This has been reported to Wyre Council with the enforcement officer believing the problems had stopped as he had heard nothing recently. With the planning conditions and inspectors breaches still occurring Wyre Council will again visit the site on Monday. The Councillors also shared the resident's frustrations about lack of action and noted that the MP had been involved 12 months ago during the appeal. The planning inspector had reported on the problems, which should have authorised Wyre Council to carry out action, but nothing has happened.

It is believed that the noisy block-making machine is situated nearest to the houses and the vibrations are impacting on residents on a daily basis. David M^acArthur, Wyre Council has carried out noise tests and admits there is a problem, but has taken no action. The Councillors advised waiting for the outcome of Monday's meeting, informing the MP and requesting a site visit and that the Wyre Councillor will investigate in Wyre.

The meeting was resumed.

3999. NOTICEBOARDS FOR THE VILLAGE

The Councillors considered the quotes for hard wood and 'plastic wood' noticeboards with price and durability.

Resolved: The Parish Council will order two 'plastic wood' noticeboards. One for England Hill and one for outside Pilling Reading Room.

4000. PILLING COFFEE FEAST

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson wished to discuss offering help towards training the marshals for Coffee Feast. There was general support for the Coffee Feast, but rather than specifying the assistance; to wait to see what the committee most needs. Since the MP was able to reinstate Lancaster Road into the route the number of marshals required has risen to 19 and there was a call for the Police to resume traffic management during village events. There was a feeling that this withdrawal by the Police is undermining village activities.

Resolved: To ask Lancashire Association of Local Councils about training courses.

4001. INTERNAL DRAINAGE OF DYKES IN PILLING

Cllr. G. Curwen wished to discuss the problems with lack of drainage of the dykes in Pilling. There is a mixed system of dealing with dykes in Pilling with some maintained by the Environment Agency and others privately, many of which are in need of clearing to allow the water to run and therefore drain the area. Specific areas which need attention were discussed and as winter approaches this will add to flooding problems. These problem dykes need identifying and the Parish Lengthsman has made a start on the ones he has seen.

Resolved: To report back to the next meeting any problem blockages.

4002. SEATS ON THE SEA WALL

Following an enquiry to Lancashire County Council from a Preesall resident concerning the lack of seats on the sea wall from Knott End to Pilling, Lancashire County Council, who have no budget for public seats, are raising this with the Parish Councils. Councillors considered the installation of seat/s at point/s along the sea wall in Pilling.

Resolved: The Parish Council will not be providing seats on the sea wall in Pilling, noting there are a number of seats provided at Lane Ends Amenity Area.

4003. CUCKOO WOOD WIND FARM

Councillors are invited to attend a public information event for the proposed Cuckoo Wood Wind Farm on Saturday 28th September at St. Michael's Village Hall between 10.00am and 3.00pm.

Resolved: The Councillors noted the date and time.

4004. LINES TO BE PAINTED OUTSIDE ST. JOHNS AND ST. WILLIAMS

Lancashire County Council is consulting on the painting of yellow zig zags outside the two schools; illustrations were shown to the Councillors. This is to allow the legal instillation of the lines outside schools in Wyre.

Resolved: That the Parish Council supports the legal instillation of the yellow zig zags outside St. John's and St. William's Primary Schools.

4005. PROPOSED BUS STOP CLEARWAY ORDER AND BUS SHELTERS

Lancashire County Council is consulting on the location and erection of two bus shelters, to be paid for by a section 106 from the Blue Bell Farm development, one to replace the shelter in the centre of the Village and one at the junction of Smallwood Hey Road and Carr Lane. Councillors considered that locating one at the Elletsons Arms would be preferable.

Resolved: To ask Lancashire County Council to consider locating one at the Elletsons Arms on Lancaster Road to assist residents from Garstang Road.

4006. PILLING NEWS

The next edition is due and Councillors are asked to submit articles to be included.

Resolved: To include dyke cleaning for owners, Senior Citizens' Christmas Party and the Whist and Domino Drive to raise funds for the party.

4007. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Pilling is in a zone 3 flood area, which is a high risk and as such Wyre Council planning is taking a sequential approach and will be refusing planning applications in Pilling, unless for affordable homes, whilst looking at better sites, that being applications in Zone 1.

The following planning applications have been granted:

13/00450/FUL

Proposal: Erection of ancillary granny annexe

Location: 4 Eskham Cottages, Skitham Lane, Pilling

13/00452/FUL

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural livestock building

Location: Longwood House, Longwood Lane, Pilling

Planning Applications for consideration

The Councillors made comment on the following planning applications:

13/00434/FULMAJ

Proposal: Application for variation of condition 11 on previously approved application 11/00243/FULMAJ to allow amended site layout and to provide an additional 11 holiday caravans taking the total number of caravans on site to 170

Location: Glenfield Farm Caravan Site, 1, Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council objects to this planning application and requests neighbourhood notification. Assurances needed the conditions of last planning permission have been carried out before these new ones are considered, chalet over a public footpath, proposed trees would impede with the cleaning of drainage dyke and also a storm water drain proposed to empty into the open dyke.

13/00514/REMAJ

Proposal: Reserved matters application for the erection of 15 affordable dwellings

Location: Land rear of Blue Bell Cottages, Blue Bell Close, Pilling

The planning officer is re-consulting on environment issues.

Resolved: The Parish Council is concerned at the information in the environmental document, not least that unless you work in this field the specialist knowledge needed to understand the implications are beyond the Councillors. We will rely on suitable experts within Wyre Council understanding and then relaying their concerns to the planning officer. There were a number of concerns highlighted from the document.

13/00627/FUL

Proposal: Extension to existing packing area

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

Resolved: The Parish Council feels unable to comment on any further plans submitted by this applicant due to:

1. *The inability of the applicant to comply with planning conditions laid down in past planning permissions and a planning inspector's report following an appeal.*
2. *The unwillingness of the enforcement officers from Wyre Council to follow up and act upon complaints received from residents.*

13/00637/FUL

Proposal: Part single storey, part two storey rear extensions with balconies

Location: Ladies Hill Cottage, Fluke Hall Lane, Pilling

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

Planning Consultation

Land between Bradley's Electrical and the newly relocated Stakepool Post Office. MCI Developments have submitted a pre-application request for 12 affordable houses. The Parish Council is to be included in the discussions with Wyre Council, Lancashire County Council, Environment Agency, United Utilities and Regenda at a date to be set. This follows the Affordable Housing Protocol. Whilst the Parish Council is unable to comment yet, they will be taken to the informal discussions. Councillors were most concerned with the access onto Lancaster Road between the Post Office, Ridgy Pool and Bradley's Shop. Traffic parks to visit the shops and uses the footpath which obstructs traffic on Lancaster Road, the junction with Bradshaw Lane is a 90⁰ bend and the speed limit is 40MPH although it is often exceeded. Site meeting imperative to judge access problems.

4008. FINANCE

The following payment has been made to the Parish Council:

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| 1. HMRC (overpayments for last year) | £1,163.14 |
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Resolved: Councillors accepted the following invoices for payment:

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| 1. Clerk's salary and expenses | £127.11 | |
| 2. Parish Lengthsman wages and expenses | £ 14.82 | |
| 3. Prudential AVC Scheme | £100.00 | Clerk's pension AVC |
| 4. Catterall Parish Council | £ 18.68 | Telephone and internet access |
| 5. Wyre Council for North West in Bloom | £ 75.00 | |
| 6. Transfer to Reserve Account | £254.00 | |
| 7. Houghtons Filling Station | £141.02 | |

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,600.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£634.15

Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement

Councillors accepted the bank reconciliation to 30th August, 2013

4009. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**Wyre Councillor's Report**

Wyre has published its medium term financial plan which shows that cemeteries are breaking even, saved £3.4million in staff reductions and the Marine Hall cost £391,000 last year. Wyre is to implement a tax freeze for the next two years so that the Government will pay them 10% extra. However, the money from central Government is dropping by 14%. The Councillor added thanks to the treasurer at Wyre who explains what is happening to Councillors.

Pilling in Bloom

Cllr. W. Whiteside will be attending the Awards Ceremony in Southport at a cost of £25. In recognition of both the Pilling Schools receiving an award in North West in Bloom the Parish Council has resolved to pay for a place for each school to go with the two free places each school has been given. North West in Bloom recognises six schools in Lancashire to award and the Pilling schools have won two of these awards.

Wyre Area Road Safety Committee

Lancashire County Council has no funding for resurfacing and will continue to fill in potholes as and when they are reported, providing they meet the criteria! The work at Lane Ends has started with the chevron's relocation, which was blocking the sight line.

4010. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS**Broadfleet Bridge**

The stone knocked a few months ago still has not been repaired.

Parish Lengthsman mowers

Cllr. Mrs E. Cookson raised the state of the Parish Lengthsman push and sit-on mower and asked the Councillors to be aware that replacements were needed.

Speeding traffic on Garstang Road

Speeding traffic after Horse Park Lane towards Jarvis Carr on Garstang Road was reported. To see if it's possible to get the Community Road Watch Team to check speeds. Also raised were motorbikes roaring late at night from the Elletsons Arms down Garstang Road.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

Chairman

Date