

# PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

## **MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
10th JANUARY 2024 at 7pm**



*Present:*

*Pilling Parish Councillors;*

*Neil Cookson, Chairman  
Graham Curwen, Vice Chairman,  
Sarah Collinge,  
Elizabeth Cookson,  
Scott Irvine,  
Judith Judkins,  
Steve Phillipotts,  
John Savage,  
Paul McWhirter,  
Alf Whiteside,  
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council  
Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh*

### **5372. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

PCSO Crieghton sent apologies

### **5373. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillors asked to declare any interests on agenda matters and reminded that any change in interests must be notified to the clerk within 28 days.

Cllr. G. Curwen, Cllr. P. McWhirter and Cllr. J. Savage declared their interests as members of Pilling Village Hall Committee. Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins declared an interest as a member of Pilling Community Action.

### **5374. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

*Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

### **5375. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended to allow residents to speak.*

### **Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh**

The Councillor reported on some progress following complaints from several residents and delivery driver over the flooding on Wheel Lane. The depth of water is dangerous to drivers and those needing to access the road. He has contacted Lancashire County Council. Discussions ensued over the cause of flooding from lack of jetty to private piped drains.

### **Lancashire County Council**

Following enquiries, County's Highway Programme, which decides resurfacing etc., will meet at the end of January. It is hoped Smallwood Hey Road is included. According to Lancashire County Council Highways the average speed cameras on Head Dyke Lane, A588, are not yet live.

*Resolved: The Parish Council meeting and Standing Orders were resumed.*

**5376. CLERK'S REPORT**

*Resolved: The item ANPR will be removed as this is complete.*

**5377. PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

*Resolved: Cllr. Mrs. S. Collinge and Cllr. S. Irvine to meet with the clerk to progress this.*

**5378. PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES**

*Resolved: Councillors reviewed and accepted the Risk Management Register, Risk Assessment, Risk Management Graph and Risk Management Plan.*

**5379. COMMUNITY COMPUTERS**

Cllrs. J. Judkins and S. Collinge submitted funding forms to support a community programme computer use in connection with wildlife, maps and computer savvy training.  
*Resolved: To consider with the Parish Council budget.*

**5380. DEFIBRILLATOR FOR PILLING METHODIST CHAPEL**

Part funding has been secured to provide a defibrillator at Pilling Methodist Chapel through London Hearts. Agreement secured with Pilling Chapel Management Committee for matched funding.

*Resolved: Councillors agreed to adopt the defibrillator carrying out instillation and future maintenance.*

**5381. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Planning Application Granted:**

*22/01005/FULMAJ*

Proposal: Refurbishment, partial conversion and extension of the Golden Ball to create a public house/restaurant, shop, six one-bedroom apartments and associated parking; the erection of two, three-bedroom bungalows, eight, two-storey three bed houses and eight, two-storey two bed houses; the creation of a public park; and highway improvement works  
Location: Golden Ball, School Lane, Pilling

*23/00883/FUL*

Proposal: Retrospective planning permission for change of use of agricultural land to domestic, proposed shed, oil storage tank, screen fence, raised planters, flagged areas, log store, parking area and access track to rear agricultural land  
Location: Shipon Barn, Ridgy Pool Farm, Skitham Lane, Pilling,

**Planning Refusal**

*23/01128/AGR*

Proposal: Prior notification for the extension of an agricultural building  
Location: New Hall Farm Lancaster Road Pilling  
Prior notification is required and refused, not permitted development and planning permission is required.

**Planning Application Withdrawn:**

*23/00874/FUL*

Proposal: Proposed extension of existing industrial building for storage and general industry (Sui Generis), following demolition of existing building  
Location: The Workshops Lancaster Road Pilling

**Planning Applications for comment:**

Amendments received:

**23/01012/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of building for use as private stables and feed storage, with associated parking area and alterations to existing vehicular gated access (resubmission of application no: 23/00669/FUL).

**Location:** Land Off Lancaster Road, Scronkey, Pilling

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

**5382. FINANCE****Budget 2024 – 2025 and Precept**

Pilling Parish Council's budget updated to 31<sup>st</sup> December, precept figure to be submitted to Wyre Council this month. Councillors also considered and agreed to include the Community Wellness Project.

**Resolved:** *Pilling Parish Council precept for work carried out in 2024 – 2025 is £84,000. Wyre Council to be informed.*

**INCOME:**

1. St. John's Church	£ 25.00	Grounds Maintenance
2. Grantscape	£1,000.00	ANPR grant
3. Amenity Grass Cutting	£539.00	Lancashire County Council

*Councillors resolved to pay the following Payments.*

Payee		Reason
S. Raby	£338.96	Wages and expenses
G. Benson	£185.84	Salary and expenses
Towers and Gornall	£ 68.40	Accountant Services
HMRC	£2,418.91	Third quarter tax.
C and C Supplies	£ 92.75	Clamps and ties
London Hearts	£900.00	Defibrillator matched costs - Chapel
Laburnum Nurseries	£240.77	Winter planting
Mrs. J. Judkins	£ 65.00	Pilling Community Action
Bradleys Electrical	£ 36.68	Cable ties, tape and glue
	<b>£4,347.31</b>	

**Standing Orders/Direct Debits**

1. Staff costs for December	£3,840.18	
2. Easy-Web-Sites	£ 27.60	
3. Pilling Village Hall rental	£100.00	
4. S4s Enterprises	£125.00	Workshop rental

**Bank Reconciliation to 30th November 2023**

**Resolved:** *Councillors scrutinised and accepted the bank reconciliation.*

Bank balance £3,947.28    Furness Building Society £101,626.86

**Account Transfer**

**Resolved:** *Permission to transfer £10,000 from Reserve Account to Current Account.*

**5383. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**Chairman’s Report**

Cllr. N. Cookson reported on the achievement of a Pilling resident to reach the age of 100, which was duly marked by the Chairman.

**Report of the representative on Pilling Village Hall**

Cllr. P. McWhirter reported on the very successful and enjoyable event on New Years Eve, despite an unfortunate incident. Community meetings for the Multi Use Games Area and Heritage Centre are imminent.

**Pilling Community Action**

Cllr. Judy Judkins reported ‘Sing-Up’ resumes for a further six sessions starting 17<sup>th</sup> January.

**Our Future Coast**

Recent meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> December by Wyre Council was not met with enthusiasm by the farming community, discussions will impact on local farming methods. The representatives gave a summary of what Wyre Council was expecting, but it was not considered a workable scheme in this area. Working Group to be implemented and meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January.

The Chairman reported a meeting with Ben Wallace MP and Cllr. Metcalf, Out Rawcliffe Parish Council Chairman to discuss drainage.

**Water Matters in Pilling**

Cllr. A. Whiteside reported on 3 visits since Christmas by United Utilities, who were checking sites.

**Personnel Committee**

Cllr. A. Whiteside volunteered for the Personnel Committee.

**Create Homes**

It was reported that Cat Smith MP was talking to Create Homes to complete problems raised by the residents committee.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....