

**PILLING PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2016,**  
**At 7.00pm**

**AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL, SCHOOL LANE, PILLING**



*Present:*                      *Councillors; J. Savage, Chairman,*  
*G. Curwen, Vice-Chairman*  
*E. Moorat, Vice-Chairman,*  
*J. Barton,*  
*Mrs. E. Cookson,*  
*N. Cookson,*  
*Paul McWhirter,*  
*Mrs. B. Schofield,*  
*Mrs. D. Schofield,*  
*W. Whiteside.*  
*Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council*  
*Wyre Cllr. G. Holden*  
*One resident*

**4419. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received for this meeting.

**4420. NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors were asked to declare interests in the matters to be discussed and reminded that changes to their Register of Interests must be made within 28 days.

**4421. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

**4422. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was suspended to allow residents to speak.

**Police Report**

**September Crimes** – None

**Anti-Social Behaviour** - A female reported being followed home by a male motorcyclist who banged on her windows after a road incident on Bradshaw Lane.

Councillors commented at the heightened Police presence driving through the village and thought it may be generated from the damage and graffiti at the Elletsons Arms.

The owners should be made aware to secure the site and make it more presentable.

**Wyre Councillor Holden**

The Councillor is working with the Boundary Commission on the reorganisation of MP's constituencies to give 71,000 to 78,000 electoral representations. This will reduce MP numbers. He was asked about the travellers' site in Preesall following the new gate and wall. Wyre is closely monitoring the site and stables and a ménage have been constructed.

The meeting was resumed.

#### **4423. REMOVAL OF BT TELEPHONE KIOSKS IN PILLING**

BT is to remove 5 telephone kiosks in Pilling, these kiosks contain consultation notices, which give the local community the opportunity to adopt a traditional 'heritage' red phone box and make them an asset that local people can enjoy. It was noted that Pilling does not have any red kiosks and Councillors considered adoption inappropriate.

JCN OF SMALLWOODS HEY ROAD ST. JOHNS AVENUE PILLING  
 OUTSIDE OF TELEPHONE EXCHANG TAYLORS LANE PILLING  
 JUNCTION OF LANCASTER ROAD BRADSHAW LANE PILLING  
 OPPOSITE HORSE PARK LANE GARSTANG ROAD PILLING  
 NEAR SCHOOL COTTAGES BRADSHAW LANE EAGLAND HILL  
 This leaves the one outside St. John School.

*Resolved: The Parish Council will not be adopting any of these telephone kiosks.*

#### **4424. YOUTH PROVISION**

Preesall Town Council, aware that the Youth Centre in Preesall will not be funded by Lancashire County Council from April, 2017, is looking at support for the future of the centre. The Councillors are carrying out a survey of local parishes.

The Youth Club had a strong following in the Memorial Hall, but following its demolition, it petered out after meeting in Church Halls. Pilling children are unable or unwilling to travel to Preesall to access youth services, although it was suggested if a minibus could be laid on it may encourage them. Pilling does have the uniformed groups of Cubs, Scouts, brownies and guides and all are well attended, which meets some youth provision. Unfortunately Pilling Parish Council is not in a position to contribute to youth provision outside the parish, but would not rule this out as the Council is interested on hearing Preesall Town Council's propositions. A resident mentioned that St. Aidan's High School has two minibuses that may possibly be provided.

*Resolved: To reply to the survey and wait for Preesall Town Council's propositions for youth services in Over Wyre.*

#### **4425. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following applications are granted.

**16/00662/FUL**

**Proposal:** Addition of front and rear dormers and two single storey extensions  
**Location;** Acre Nook, Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling

#### **Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;**

**16/00777/FUL**

**Proposal:** Retention of building for private equestrian and agricultural use  
**Location;** Longwood Barn, Longwood Lane, Pilling

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

**16/00850/OUT**

**Proposal:** Outline application for the erection of one dwelling (all matters reserved)  
**Location:** Roseberry House Smallwood Hey Road Pilling

*Resolved: The Parish Council objects to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. Create precedence, back land' development, shared access and future rights of access on the site*

**16/00885/FUL**

**Proposal:** Construction of a curtilage building intended for use as Granny Annexe incidental to the main dwelling

**Location:** Croftlands, Moss House Lane, Pilling

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

**To note:****16/00044/TELNOT**

**Proposal:** Installation of a telecommunication cabinet w 1430 h 1300 d 345

**Location:** Side of Springfield Cottages, Wheel Lane, Pilling

**4426. FINANCE****Parish Lengthsman's Workshop Contract**

The Parish Lengthsman upline manager met with Bonds Farm owner and the workshop contract has been agreed and this will include the storage of a container on site. The payment is to be made quarterly by standing order.

*Resolved: The standing order was signed.*

Payments received since the previous meeting:

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| 1. St. John's Church – Clothes collection                | £160.40 |
| Towards the cost of the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party |         |

**Standing Order credit**

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| 1. St. John's Church – Grounds Maintenance | £ 65.00 |
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Councillors considered and approved payment for the following accounts;

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| 1. Clerk's salary adjustments and expenses | £ 67.48   |                         |
| 2. Parish Lengthsman wage and expenses     | £ 22.36   |                         |
| 3. Prudential AVC                          | £250.00   | AVC                     |
| 4. Catterall Parish Council                | £ 20.93   | Phone and Broadband     |
| 5. St. John's Church                       | £ 20.00   | Meeting Room Rental     |
| 6. HM Revenue and Customs                  | £1,017.77 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter |
| 7. Kirkland Parish Council                 | £ 94.50   | S L C C Subs            |
| 8. Sue White Secretarial Services          | £293.35   | Newsletter/Laminating   |
| 9. Houghtons Filling Station               | £177.80   |                         |
| 10. Cornthwaites Farm Machinery            | £ 44.34   |                         |
| 11. C and C Supplies                       | £ 33.09   |                         |

**Monthly Standing Orders/Direct Debits**

Staff costs	£1,670.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£685.81
Easy-Web-Sites	£ 24.00
St. John's Church Hall – Access to facilities	£ 80.00

**Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement**

*Resolved: Bank Reconciliation to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 and the second quarter financial statement were accepted.*

**Vehicle Tax due for sit on mower**

The sit on mower has been taxed for one year, as it is used on the side of the highway, there is no cost.

## **Draft Budget**

The draft budget was presented to Councillors as this is used to determine the precept for next year. The information shows the position of the Parish Council's finances to first half of year. Councillors were asked to put forward proposals for work/projects to be carried out next year, with costings, to allow the Council to fully consider any ideas. Suggestions included ANPR camera/s and sand and sandbags for filling in case of flooding. It was raised that the Government may be looking to cap Parish Councils as with principal authorities, but many Parish Councils are forced to provide what the principal authorities are now unable to, due to Government cuts in their budgets. Parish Councils should be building up reserves gradually to allow consideration in undertaking other services which are expected in the parish.

## **4427. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

### **Chairman's Report**

Cllr. J. Savage reported on a meeting concerning the Wyre Local Plan, Councillors were asked to respond to the presented information.

### **Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson reported on the meat bingo on 31<sup>st</sup> October arranged at the Golden Ball to raise funds for the party. The timetable for the party has been re-arranged to start at 4pm with the two schools. Tea will be served at 5pm followed by the raffle and entertainment has been secured from a local group to play music from the 50's and 60's and carols.

The clergy from the three churches will be invited to say a few words at 6pm.

### **Representative on Pilling Memorial Hall/Pilling 20:20**

Cllr. E. Moorat reported that the affordable housing on the old Memorial Hall site is complete and the developer has moved off site. The commitments on the new field are also completed, the depression is fenced and drainage cutting made good. The roadside fencing will be installed this Friday, with help from the Parish Lengthsman. The field is regularly mowed and the two football pitches managed for playing on; other facilities are well along. The Lottery funding document for the new hall is in its final draft.

### **Wyre's Flood Forum**

Cllr. N. Cookson attended the forum, which was dominated by Churchtown and St. Michaels, as they were again flooding in August. If flooding occurs again Wyre does not have the capacity to cope and the outlying areas will be left to fend for themselves. They are suggesting parishes should have local resources for sandbags, to be considered in the budget. Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield added that during the pipe replacement in the sea wall the water was held back and although farmers have cleared the dykes the water is not getting away. Cllr. J. Barton agreed and added that many of the farmers are complaining of waterlogged fields.

The pinch points in the water course system, although identified, still have not been cleared by the Environment Agency. Councillors asked for an update on progress as work on the seawall is holding back water from draining the system.

### **Celebrate Pilling**

A meeting was organised for last Monday to discuss possible events in the village to bring together the community. Funding for up to £10,000 is available to support events and a submission of £8,580 has been made from Pilling Parish Council. The fund is to

support community cohesion and it was considered that the Parish Council was the correct body in the parish to apply for the funding.

Events taking place during 1<sup>st</sup> May to 8<sup>th</sup> June will be encompassed and supported with an all-comers celebration on the new Memorial Hall field on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May. If the funding is successful, known January/February, 2017, then details will need arranging.

**4428. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS**

**Traffic Accidents on Head Dyke Lane**

Cllr. N. Cookson raised three accidents on the same stretch of Head Dyke Lane over the past week, was there something in common with them all which needs rectifying? Councillors would like to meet a representative to discuss this matter; in the meantime both the Police and Lancashire County Council will be contacted.

**Faded white lines at Bradshaw Lane and Lancaster Road South**

The faded lines at the junction of Bradshaw Lane and Lancaster Road are making the junction dangerous as to right of way on this bad bend. Lancashire County Council will be informed.

**Collapse on Stakepool Drive**

It is now four weeks since the dustbin wagon ‘dropped’ into Stakepool Drive causing the road to collapse and besides barriers; no further remedial work has been carried out.

**St. John’s School**

The school is considered as good by Ofsted, the same rating as St. William’s School.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....