

# PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD VIRTUALLY ON WEDNESDAY  
14th OCTOBER, 2020  
At 7.00pm



*Present:*

*Pilling Parish Councillors;*

*J. Savage, Chairman,  
N. Cookson, Vice-Chairman  
G. Curwen, Vice-Chairman  
J. Barton  
Mrs. E. Cookson,  
Mrs. J. Judkins,  
Mrs. A. Robertson,  
E. Moorat  
S. Phillpotts,  
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council  
Lancashire County Councillor M. Salter  
Wyre Councillor G. Holden*

### **4935. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were sent by Cllr. P. McWhirter,

### **4936. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors are 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. S. Phillpotts, Cllr. E. Moorat and Cllr. J. Savage declared interests as members of Pilling Community Hall Committee.

### **4937. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

*Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 9th September, 2020, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

### **4938. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Standing Orders were suspended to allow guests and residents to speak.

There had been no requests to attend the meeting

### **Lancashire County Councillor Matthew Salter**

Cllr. Salter reported on re-surfacing Woods Lane over Eagland Hill, delays are due to Covid and a redesign of the surface restoration, but plans are progressing with a new flexible tarmac surface starting January/February, 2021. The highway team is aware of the surface condition and the impact on residents, but the new surface is to be a good long term restoration.

News from County about Covid 19; Lancashire is in Tier 2, but either all or parts may be placed in Tier 3, based on the on-going situation. The Government is talking to regional leaders for support to these significant restrictions.

Local Government Reform had considered one unitary authority for Lancashire, but talks are on hold at present.

Cllr. Barton raised resurfacing of Bone Hill Lane, which was to take eight weeks, but finished after a few days with only patching at the Ealand Hill stretch. There may be problems with fibre-optic cables at the edge of the lane. Cllr. Salter will investigate.

### **Wyre Councillor Graham Holden**

Cllr. Holden had asked for a response from Wyre Council planning to matters around the Create Homes, but the Parish Council has not received any information from Wyre. David Thow tasked planning to investigate. In the meantime discussions took place with Create Homes, Parish Councillors and residents which settled many of the problems caused by the development. Cllr. S. Phillpotts and Cllr. N. Cookson were thanked for leading discussions with the public footpath to be opened in the next two weeks and a flood plan agreed with Wyre and residents.

A planning application for stables on Fluke Hall Lane was granted despite the land being outside the Wyre Local Plan as the Parish Council understands, organisations asking for refusal due to drainage and flooding and local residents objections. Cllr. Holden asked for decision by planning committee, but this was not carried out and it was an officer decision

Information from the clerk: Wyre Council has altered the call-in process for planning applications; Parish Council can ask any Wyre Councillor to call for an application to be considered by Wyre's Planning Committee. It must still be done within the first 10 days of notification.

Standing Orders were re-introduced.

### **4939. PLANNING LEGISLATION**

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins volunteered to look at the Government consultation on future planning changes. Councillors, having read the draft proposal, did not wish to add further comments and congratulated the Councillor on her excellent investigative work.

*Resolved: To send the Parish Council's comments to Government Planning Consultation*

### **4940. AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES FOR PILLING**

Cllr. S. Phillpotts raised a number of elderly Pilling residents, he had been informed about, suffering from head injuries; waiting two hours for an ambulance. Ambulance response times for a life-threatening call are 7 minutes; NWAS average time is 15 minutes. Urgent response times are 15 minutes; NWAS aim for 45 minutes to attend. Other incidents were discussed with one response as quickly as 18 minutes. There appears to be a wide range in the response times for Pilling; are these recent ones unusual and if so why? There was a suggestion of siting an ambulance at Preesall Fire Station to be nearer to the rural parts of Wyre.

*Resolved: To request response times for Pilling from North West Ambulance Service.*

### **4941. PILLING NEWSLETTER**

With recent Covid legislation it is not advisable to deliver the newsletter; Councillors considered residents need to know what is happening and are to use the Green Magazine for a short report. To include Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, Christmas Tree lights.....

*Resolved: To submit an article to the Green Focus Magazine.*

## **4942. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **Planning permissions granted:**

*20/00653/FUL*

Proposal: Replacement cladding to existing front & rear dormers

Location: 2 Stakepool Drive Pilling

*19/01302/FUL*

Proposal: Change of use of land for equestrian purposes and the erection of stable block and creation of ménage and associated hardstanding and access track for private use only

Location: Land to the South of Fluke Hall Lane Pilling

### **Certificate of Lawfulness granted:**

*20/00660/LAWE*

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for an existing agricultural driveway and vehicular access from Lancaster Road

Location: Land to the North and West of Union Cottages Lancaster Road Pilling

### **Planning refusal:**

*18/01178/TECH*

Proposal: Temporary extension to the construction hours under Section 74B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 from Monday to Friday 08.00-18.00 Saturday 08.00 - 13.00 to Monday - Friday 07.00 - 19.00 Saturday 08.00 -13.00 to be implemented on the 5th October 2020 until the 1st April

Location: Land at Garstang Road Pilling

*20/00321/OUT*

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of one forestry workers dwelling (all matters reserved)

Location: Head Dyke Farm Head Dyke Lane Pilling

### **Discharge of Planning Conditions Applications:**

*20/00597/DIS*

Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (Contaminated land site investigation report) on planning application 20/00597/COUQ

Location: Agricultural Building Rear of Boundary House Head Dyke Lane Pilling

*20/00523/DIS*

Proposal: Approval of details reserved by condition on planning permission

20/00523/DIS, condition 4 (drainage scheme)

Location: Springfield Farm Wheel Lane Pilling

### **Prior Approval Approved:**

*20/00612/COUQ*

**Proposal:** Prior approval for proposed change of use of an agricultural building to 1 larger dwellinghouse under Class Q of the GDPO

**Location:** Village Farm School Lane Pilling Preston

**Planning Applications for consideration and comment:****20/00863/FUL**

**Proposal:** Siting of horizontal CO2 tank to be used in connection with horticulture business

**Location:** Foxfield Nurseries Ox Close Lane off School Lane Pilling

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

**20/00922/FUL**

**Proposal:** Two storey side and single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing single storey rear extension)

**Location:** Ash Grove Garstang Road Pilling

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

**4943. FINANCE****St. Johns Church Hall**

The Parish Council pays for the use of St. John's Church Hall to hold surgeries twice a week, due to the present pandemic this has not been possible since April and the clerk suggested cancelling the standing order to be reviewed once the situation changes. *The matter is deferred until next month as further discussions with St. John's Church will take place.*

Income received since the previous meeting:

1. Bank Interest – September	£ 0.05	
2. Lancashire County Council	£491.00	Amenity Grass Cutting

**Standing Order credit**

1. St. John's Church – Grounds Maintenance	£ 65.00
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**Expenses:**

*Resolved: Councillors agreed the following invoices are paid:*

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Details
2979	S. Raby	£ 108.71	Mileage and expenses
2980	G. Benson	£ 70.09	Mileage and expenses
2981	Catterall Parish Council	£ 17.43	Phone and Broadband
2981	Catterall Parish Council	£ 172.60	Stationery (£190.03)
2982	Turtle Engineering Ltd.	£1,068.00	Defibrillator at Community Hall
2983	Cornthwaite Farm Machinery	£ 35.05	Trimmer line
2984	HMRC	£1,223.93	Income Tax
2985	Wyre Building Supplies	£ 72.00	Compost
2986	Laburnum Nurseries	£ 274.44	Pilling in Bloom
2987	Royal British Legion	£ 18.50	Poppy Wreath
2988	Bradleys Electrical	£ 24.36	Flower seeds and plant food
		£3,085.11	

**Monthly Standing Orders/Direct Debits**

Staff costs for September	£3,180.86
Easy-Web-Sites	£ 27.60
St. John's Church Hall – Access to facilities	£100.00
Easy Web Sites – Web site redesign	£360.00

**Bank Reconciliation and Second Quarter Budget Monitoring to 2nd October, 2020**

*Resolved: Councillors accepted the bank reconciliation to 2nd October, 2020. And Budget monitoring for second quarter, which includes purchase of Defibrillator case for Pilling Memorial Hall and seat for sensory garden, insurance, subscriptions and audit costs are complete for the year and ANPR costs are paid from Grantscape grant.*

**Transfer from Furness Building Society**

*Resolved: To transfer £10,000 to the current account.*

**Preesall Town Council**

The Town Council has no Parish Lengthsman at present, but there are a number of memorial benches to erect and install. The town clerk has asked Councillors to consider allowing our Parish Lengthsman to carry out this work? The Parish Lengthsman is willing to go to Preesall as part of his working week; with Preesall Town Council paying Pilling Parish Council directly for the work done.

*Resolved: Pilling's Parish Lengthsman is to work for Preesall Town Council as a one off event to assist with the instillation of a number of benches along their sea front.*

**4944. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****Chairman's Report**

The Chairman raised the Eucalyptus tree outside the Golden Ball, to investigate a Tree Preservation Order, with the recent sale it may be in danger, should planning applications be made on the site.

**Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson reported this year's entertainer, Eric Lee, has provisionally been rebooked for next year's party.

**Pilling in Bloom**

The Parish Lengthsman has placed urns, manufactured by Tayban, through the village. They are on loan from Stalmine Parish Council as they are unable to use them at present. Stan has cleared most of the summer planting and is working his way round replanting for Winter colour.

**Report of the representative on the Pilling New Community Hall**

Cllr. E. Moorat reported Robinson's the builders should be finished by the end of this month. The sewer connection is on hold until permission to close the road is granted. Levels around the outside of the hall will be built up to the hall. The defibrillator will be fitted shortly at the hall.

**Community Arts Project**

Cllr. Mrs. Judkins reported to start in the New Year and to use the new Community Hall, providing this is possible.

**4945. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS****Remembrance Sunday**

Due to recent restrictions over Covid Remembrance Sunday will be marked differently with church services in each of the churches rather than together. The bugler will be playing alone at the War Memorial with Cllr. N. Cookson lowering the flag at 11.00am. Those wishing to lay poppy wreaths are able throughout the day.

**Stakepool Junction**

Councillors reported persistent problems with the recently aligned junction of Lancaster Road and Garstang Road including double parking outside Stakepool Cottages, parking when visiting the Chip Shop, flooding into private garden drives and the bus shelter. The bus shelter has been hit again recently, although two bollards will be installed shortly. Cllr. M. Salter will arrange a site meeting with County engineer and Parish Councillors to find a solution. It was noted this junction was reconfigured as part of planning conditions for the residential development at the Auction Mart and the Chip Shop was built afterwards.

**Beer Barrels in Pilling Water**

A number of beer barrels from the rear of the Elletsons Arms have been thrown in Pilling Water; the proprietor is to retrieve them.

**New Post Box**

The post box outside St. John’s School has been replaced.

**Covid Notice for information**

The Lancashire Resilience Forum has issued guidance on restrictions around community events for the rest of the year, this information will be posted on the noticeboards.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....