

## PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER, 2018,  
At 7.00pm  
AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HALL,  
SCHOOL LANE, PILLING



*Present:*                      *Councillors;* *J. Savage, Chairman*  
*G. Curwen, Vice-Chairman*  
*N. Cookson, Vice-Chairman*  
*J. Barton,*  
*Mrs. E. Cookson,*  
*P. McWhirter,*  
*Mrs. D. Schofield,*  
*Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council,*  
*1 Resident*

#### **4691. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr. E. Moorat, Cllr. Mrs. B. Schofield and Cllr. R. Whiteside. Lancashire County Councillor M. Salter and Wyre Council Holden also apologised for this meeting.

#### **4692. 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. Cllr. P. McWhirter and Cllr. G. Curwen declared an interest as members of the Community Hall Committee

#### **4693. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 10th October, 2018 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

#### **4694. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Standing Orders were suspended to allow persons present to speak.

#### **Glasshouses in Pilling**

The appellant for glasshouses attended to meet any residents with queries about new glasshouses off School Lane.

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

Cllr. Salter sent a report about the re-surfacing of School Lane and work undertaken prior on the roadsides up to dyke, although there are a few outstanding issues with gullies and white lining. Rachel Crompton was pleased to have attended the recent water meeting giving her a better understanding of Pilling's problems, but the lack of attendance from the Environment Agency was disappointing. He has mentioned this to Paul Bond, Environment Agency and he is interested in attending.

Standing Orders were reintroduced and the meeting resumed.

**4694. FLOODING SURVEY AND FLOOD ACTION GROUP**

A flooding survey was conducted and those households affected completed a survey. Pilling Flood Action Group has stalled as the chairman is unable to attend. In light of the speech by James Bevan that the severe impact climate change is having on Pilling the Parish Council resolved to create the Pilling Flood Action Group with Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield as the lead councillor, the residents who wished to join the group and John Blundell, Wyre Council.

*Resolved: Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield will contact those identified as willing to take part to create the Pilling Flood Action Group.*

**4695. PILLING VILLAGE POST OFFICE**

Pilling Village Post Office closed on Friday 26th October and the Post Office is investigating options to reinstate this service.

**4696. TRAVEL FOR LIFE PRESENTATION**

*Resolved: The recent Travel for Life presentation was cancelled, but in view of the interest shown, Councillors felt this should be left now.*

**4697. PLANNING APPLICATIONS****Planning permission granted:****18/00251/FUL**

**Proposal:** Removal of condition 02 on application 02/00160/OUT to allow free occupancy of The Brambles (rear of Pointer Grove)

**Location:** Land rear of Pointer Grove, Taylors Lane, Pilling

**18/00560/FUL**

**Proposal:** Conversion of existing stables into living accommodation as an annex to the existing dwelling and single-storey side extension to existing dwelling

**Location:** 2 Bradshaw Lane Cottage Bradshaw Lane Pilling

**Planning appeal granted:****17/01022/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of a replacement dwelling including demolition of existing dwelling

**Location:** Bimsons Cottage, Wheel Lane, Pilling

**Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;****18/00138/REMAJ**

**Proposal:** Reserved matters application for the erection of 40 dwellings following planning permission 16/00317/OUTMAJ (reserved matters appearance, landscaping, layout and scale)

**Location:** Land at Garstang Road, Pilling

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

**18/00996/FUL**

**Proposal:** Variation of condition 2 (plans) on planning permission 15/00529/FUL including a substitution of house types

**Location:** Land at Lancaster Road Pilling

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

**18/01040/COUQ**

**Proposal:** Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse under Class Q (a) stage only of the GDPO

**Location:** Ridgy Pool Farm Skitham Lane Pilling

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

**4698. FINANCE****Budget 2019 – 2020**

Councillors were asked to consider ongoing work for next year and any new projects will need costing to allow consideration for funding. To include defibrillator maintenance and build up some reserves as protection to residents for the future cost shunting from principal authorities and agencies which directly affect Pilling.

**Royal British Legion**

Councillors wish to make a donation to the work of the Royal British Legion and are aware of two other fundraising donations from Pilling so resolved to send £50.00. This year's wreath has already been paid for at £17.50.

**Finance Committee**

Minutes of the meeting were distributed and include a recommendation for transfer of £98.00 to the Reserve Account as per the reserve policy for the second quarter.

*Resolved: Councillors agreed to a transfer of £98.00.*

Payments received since the previous meeting:

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| 1. Bank Interest                    | £ 2.40  |
| 2. Senior Citizens' Christmas Party | £248.20 |

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

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Details
2699	Environment Agency	£105.00	Waste Carrier's Licence
2700	Physio control	£ 89.28	Defibrillator battery
2701	S. Raby	£1,139.54	Wages
2702	Royal British Legion	£ 17.50	Poppy Wreath
2703	G. Benson	£243.18	Salary £181.37 Expenses £61.81
2704	Void	0.00	
2705	St. Johns Church	£ 20.00	Room rental
2706	C and C Supplies	£ 15.00	Post mix
2707	Jay Salisbury Equipment Ser.	£1,194.00	Leaf Vacuum
2708	G. Parr	£163.80	Equipment replacement parts
2709	Myerscough College	£ 87.00	First Aid at Work training
2710	MSB Engineering Ltd.	£ 69.12	trailer repair
2711	Cardiac Science	£ 62.34	defibrillator adult pads x 2pairs
2712	Came and Company	£ 11.72	Mower insurance
2713	S. Raby	£ 36.40	Expenses
2714	Furness Building Society	£ 98.00	Transfer to Reserve Account
2715	Royal British Legion	£ 50.00	Donation
2716	Catterall Parish Council	£ 14.50	Broadband and Telephone
	Total	£3,416.38	

**Standing Order credit**

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| 1. St. John's Church – Grounds Maintenance | £ 65.00 |
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**Monthly Standing Orders/Direct Debits**

Staff costs	£350.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£802.70
Prudential AVC	£400.00
Easy-Web-Sites	£ 27.60
St. John's Church Hall – Access to facilities	£100.00

**Bank Reconciliation**

*Resolved: The bank reconciliation to 31st October, 2018 was accepted.*

**4699. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**

The fundraising Bingo held at the Golden Ball raised £248.20, the meat is ordered as are eggs and milk and cream sorted. There will be about 80 school children from St. Johns and St. Williams and the Methodist Hall will be set up for 90. Decorations on the Sunday, Tables on Monday and 2.00pm start on party day. Eric Lee is entertaining and councillors are able to provide transport for those who need it.

**Pilling in Bloom**

Pilling won silver in the recent North West in Bloom awards and Fold House Caravan Park won gold.

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

Cllr. P. McWhirter reported the submission for the next stage of the Big Lottery was made on 12th November, although there may be a shortfall to the money needed. Tenders are due for publication in January, 2019. The committee met with Debbie Gold, Sport England, on the field and she appeared impressed with progress so far and agreed that separate changing rooms would be advisable. Further funding from Sport England will provide suitable publicity.

**Water Group**

Councillors reported on the recent meeting which was attended by Cat Smith MP and Lancashire County Council. The Environment Agency, Natural England, NFU all sent apologies. The MP is to contact the agencies chief executives i.e. those who can take action, to attend a high level meeting with her before Christmas. Rachel Crompton and County Cllr. Salter are able to help Pilling. The best solution to the high water levels is a pump to take the water over the sea wall, but would it be mobile or permanent and run by wind power? Parishioners would have to bear the brunt of the costs, but this would directly benefit them.

Cllr. Barton had contacted the Environment Agency about Pilling Water at the rear of Wyresdale Concrete as the water is slowing down; it was to be cleared by hand, but after being deemed too steep was left. Seemingly the Environment Agency is pulling out of land maintenance of water courses and will only consider the seaward side of the sea wall.

Problems with septic tanks used by householders in the countryside were raised; with the high water levels they are feeding back into the dykes potentially causing public health problems.

**Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils**

Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield reported on the presentation by John Blundell, Wyre’s Emergency Planning Officer as flooding has moved up Wyre’s agenda. He was informed of the vast numbers of households in rural areas on septic tanks and the health problems caused by flooding and high water tables. The Flood Hub has just been launched online.

Wyre Council has employed a private company for 1 year to catch and find litter droppers at £80 a time.

**Eagland Hill ANPR**

Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield updated the Parish Council; Copthorne is waiting for the post and camera delivery and due to unforeseen circumstances a new electrician from the village has been secured to carry out the connections.

**Halite**

No further meetings recently, but the company has been taken over by NPL and Cheshire company with connections to ICI and therefore the gas power station to be built in Fleetwood.

**4700. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS**

**Christmas Tree Switch-on**

On 3rd December at 7.00pm at the Village Green. Invites going this week, ecumenical group to set the service/blessing and schools presentation. Queen Twiga to switch-on lights.

**Road problems**

Lambs Lane – grass verge sunken

Garstang Road – verge still not filled near Calcaldis Farm

Bradshaw Lane – gully tops cleared by Parish Lengthsman

School Lane – resurfacing done, but white lines not finished and gullies need jetting.

Smallwood Hey Road – tree roots need clearing from the road drains.

**WWI Commemoration**

Councillors are asked to suggest ways the Parish Council might mark 100 years since the end of WWI in the parish.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....