

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2016,**  
**At 7.00pm**

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



*Present:*                      *Councillors; J. Savage, Chairman*  
*G. Curwen, 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*

**4438. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received for this meeting from Cllr E. Moorat and Wyre Cllr. G. Holden

**4439. 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.

**4440. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

**4441. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was suspended to allow residents to speak.

**Including Police Report**

**October Crimes** – A male was assaulted after a verbal altercation at a hotel in Pilling and a male reported that he had caused damage and had a knife in a public place in Pilling.

**Anti-Social Behaviour** – An incident of fly tipping was reported on Garstang Road and a fight reported outside a hotel in Pilling. A Pilling person reported a social worker for breaching data protection when confidential documents were returned and there was a report of a dog being attacked by another dog on Woods Lane, England Hill.

**November Crimes** – A resident of School Lane reported his key had been used to take his car, but these were subsequently returned, both a male and female in Scronkey reported being assaulted by the other in a domestic violence incident and an offender involved in a traffic accident on Head Dyke Lane was found to be in possession of a quantity of drugs. An unknown offender removed a garage door at a Caravan Park, on Head Dyke Lane and took a vehicle.

**Anti-Social Behaviour** – A group of youths were reported causing nuisance outside the Ellison Arms and that lights were on inside the premises, two traveller caravans were reported to have

set up camp on Lane Ends Amenity Site, but moved on later and a female in Pilling reported being the victim of cyber bullying. A cyclist male required hospital treatment after riding his bike into a pothole on Garstang Road.

### **Wyre Councillor Holden**

Cllr. Holden was requested to pursue advice and opinion on the mounting of a traffic mirror at Broadfleet Bridge to assist drivers following the recent accident which knocked the balustrade into the road.

The meeting was resumed.

### **4442. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following application is granted.

*16/00097/SECT*

**Proposal:** Modification of s106 Agreement relating to application 07/01211/REMAJ to replace the affordable housing provision with a requirement to pay a contribution towards off-site affordable housing provision

**Location:** Site Of Former Auction Mart Lancaster Road Pilling

There was great concern over the permission granted as it appears the benefit of affordable homes from this development is to support/provide housing elsewhere in the borough. The Parish Council would wish to ensure the allocation is spent in Pilling.

### **To note:**

*16/00662/DIS*

**Proposal:** Discharge of condition 05 (low permeability gas membrane) on application 16/00662/FUL

**Location:** Acre Nook, Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling

### **4443. FINANCE**

Payments received since the previous meeting:

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| 1. Catterall Parish Council   | £480.87 |
| Work undertaken by the Parish Lengthsman for Catterall Parish Council |         |

### **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      | £ 78.76 |                     |
| 2. Parish Lengthsman wage and expenses          | £ 51.96 |                     |
| 3. Prudential AVC                               | £250.00 | AVC                 |
| 4. Catterall Parish Council                     | £ 21.37 | Phone and Broadband |
| 5. Pilling Reading Room                         | £ 15.00 | Meeting Room Rental |
| 6. Grosvenor Estate                             | £165.00 | 17' Christmas Tree  |
| 7. Catterall Parish Council – Stationery        | £186.60 |                     |
| 8. Cornthwaites Farm Machinery                  | £214.58 |                     |
| 9. St. John's Church – room hire for water mtg. | £ 20.00 |                     |

### **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

**Draft Budget**

The budget remains the same as last meeting as the bank statement has not arrived. Councillors confirmed agreed proposals for work/projects to be carried out next year.

Suggestions to date;

The suggestion for ANPR for the village is on hold until to outcome from the Eagland Hill ANPR is up and running.

Litter bin for the Memorial Hall car park, this has settled within the partnership members.

Noticeboard to be sited at the new Memorial Hall site, £1,600

Leaf Blower £450

Traffic mirror at Broadfleet Bridge £500

**For information:****Reserve Account**

Furness Building Society informs the Parish Council that the type of deposit account has been withdrawn. Funds will be moved into a current deposit account. The interest rate will drop from 0.55% to 0.15%!! Councillors considered other accounts, but didn't know of any offering better rates.

**Payroll Services Contract**

Following the training on Data Protection and Freedom of Information a contract has been set up with the Towers and Gornall Accountants for payroll services. The Parish Council is the Data Controller and the accountants the Data Processor.

**4444. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that Growing with Nature, a local business, was presented with special recognition in the recent Wyre Business Awards, 2016.

**Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson ran through the details needed for the party to take place including the decorations on Sunday, tables on Monday and preparations on Tuesday. Councillors and volunteers will arrive at 1.30 to prepare for the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.

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

Cllr. P. McWhirter reported on an additional yellow barrier to the site to prevent vehicles using the car park at night. Trees are to be planted over the weekend. The Big Lottery bid was returned recently for its final check through prior to submission.

**Water Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Cllr. G. Curwen reported on the frustration expressed at the meeting with lack of progress with promised actions. The pinch points in the dyke systems still hasn't been touched, the new outfall is still too small to ensure movement of the silt on the seaward side and desilting the channel was not carried out during the recent improvements. There was a suggestion from Natural England that the channel is desilted annually, although the license applied for by Hy-Fly for desilting has not been processed. Weekly updates are now sent via the NFU concerning the Environment Agency work in the area.

**4445. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS****Back Sands Lane**

Fly tipping on Back Sands Lane was reported to the Parish Council.

**Christmas Tree**

The Christmas Tree was switched-on on Monday night by the Coffee Feast Queen Isabella Webster and the lights are not set on timer yet. Councillors decided to set 6 – 9 in a morning and 3 – midnight each day.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....