

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY
8th FEBRUARY 2023 at 7pm



Present:

Pilling Parish Councillors;

*J. Savage, Chairman
Cllr. G. Curwen, Vice Chairman,
N. Cookson, Vice Chairman,
Mrs. E. Cookson,
Mrs. J. Judkins,
P. McWhirter
S. Phillpotts,
A. Whiteside,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
One Resident*

5245. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Wyre Cllr. G. Holden

5246. DECLARATION 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. J. Savage, Cllr. G. Curwen and Cllr. P. McWhirter declared their interests as members of Pilling Village Hall Committee.

5247. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2023 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5248. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended to allow visitors to talk.

A resident wished to inform the Councillors of matters happening with the proposed quarry. A substantial farm track off Green Dicks Lane was created; this is not permitted and is a matter for planning enforcement. The lane is not suitable for HGVs in constant use and the impact on asthmatics.

Resolved: The Parish Council meeting resumed having brought Standing Orders back.

5249. CLERK'S REPORT

Discussions around dyke clearing raised the riparian responsibility and the pressure Wyre Flood Forum is putting on the Environment Agency. Owners have picked up the previous Environment Agency responsibility by contracting firms to clear the dykes. The result is a drop of about a foot in dykes on Wheel Lane. The Environment Agency has walked away from their previous permitted duties to clean main water courses and will only undertake the Broadfleet from Mill Bridge to the embankment outfall. Councillors wish to know, if the

Environment Agency has to bid for funding, what was the reason given for not funding this stretch?

Resolved: To contact the Environment Agency.

Resolved: To remove those matters now completed.

5250. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

Councillors are asked to consider the presented policies.

Resolved: Councillors accepted the Standing Orders, Standing Orders for Annual Parish Meeting, Financial Regulations, Responsible Financial Officer – Duties and Responsibilities and Pilling Parish Council Data Protection.

5251. HERITAGE WORKING GROUP

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins is looking to form a Heritage Working Group to explore suitable walks in Pilling Parish; to include both Councillors and interested parties.

Resolved: Two Councillors volunteered plus appeal in the Pilling Newsletter.

5252. MOBILE COVERAGE

Clerk rang Ofcom, information as to improving your connection, sent to Councillors also contacted MobileUK.

Then contacted Shared Rural Network who replied, whilst I understand that this may be a disappointment to hear, it is important to recognise that the Shared Rural Network is not the only focus for infrastructure investment for mobile connectivity. Mobile network operators independently invest around £2 billion annually in enhancing and improving their networks. In addition to 4G, all operators are now working to roll out 5G networks across the UK. In seeking better connectivity, you would need to engage with individual mobile network operators directly to learn more about their plans for their existing network improvements and any additional support they can provide to improve coverage in the area.

5253. SMALLWOOD HEY ROAD

Lancashire County Councillor approached to set up a site meeting with an engineer. Two contacts have been tried but no result yet. Councillors reiterated how dangerous the road is to cyclists and when carrying items in a trailer many suffer damage.

5254. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications Granted:

22/00795/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of existing car garage to provide 2.No dwelling houses.

Location: Garstang Road Garage Garstang Road Pilling

22/01181/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of roof space to form bedroom accommodation, new dormer to the rear and roof windows to the front and rear

Location: 11 Georges Grove Pilling

Discharge of conditions;

21/01485/DIS

Proposal: Approval of details reserved by conditions: 3 (Materials Schedule), 4 (Boundary Treatment), 5 (Drainage), 7 (Contamination Desk Study), 8 (Landscaping) and 11 (EVCP)

Location: Moss Cottage Farm Longwood Lane Pilling

Planning Application for comment:**22/01071/FUL**

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a replacement detached two-storey dwelling with associated outbuilding and external works.

Location: Westleigh, Carr Lane, Pilling

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

22/01273/FUL

Proposal: Erection of timber stable block for private use

Location: Shaws Farm 3 Shaws Lane Pilling

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

22/01294/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension.

Location: Smallwood Hey Farmhouse Smallwood Hey Road Pilling

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

23/00011/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of land at Summerdale Caravan Park to allow the siting of 6 caravans as holiday accommodation and erection of a site office/club house, access track and parking

Location: Summerdale Head Dyke Lane Pilling

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

23/00099/FUL

Proposal: Proposed first floor rear balcony

Location: Middle Birks Bradshaw Lane Pilling

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

5255. FINANCE**Finance Committee**

Committee met of 25th January to scrutinise the third quarter accounts and recommends transfer of £38.00 to Reserve Account in line with Pilling Parish Council's Reserve Policy.

Resolved: To comply with policy and complete the transfer of £38.00.

Income:

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| 1. St. John's Church | £ 25.00 | Grounds Maintenance |
| 2. G. Benson | £ 28.09 | Against standing order payment |

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

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| 1. Staff costs for January | £3,584.77 |
| 2. Easy-Web-Sites | £ 27.60 |
| 3. Pilling Village Hall rental | £100.00 |

Bank Reconciliation to 31st January 2023

Resolved: Councillors scrutinised and accepted the document.

Councillors are resolved to pay the following **Payments**.

| Payee | | Reason |
|---------------------------|----------------|--|
| S. Raby | £242.69 | Wages and expenses |
| G. Benson | -£28.09 | Wages and expenses Due to tax changes |
| Towers and Gornall | £ 64.80 | Accountant Services |
| Furness B/S | £ 38.00 | Transfer to Reserve Account |
| C and C Supplies | £ 27.96 | PPE and litter picker |
| Houghtons Filling Station | £ 62.00 | Fuel |
| | £407.36 | |

Reserve Account

Permission to transfer £10,000 from Furness Building Society to Unity Trust Bank.

Resolved: To transfer from Furness Building Society to Unity Trust Bank.

Furness Building Society is to raise the interest rate to 2% from 1st February 2023

5256. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Chairman's Report

The Chairman suggested recent speed reduction measures, funded by central Government, is included in the Pilling Newsletter for general information. Average Speed Cameras are being installed from Pointer roundabout in Lancaster to Skippool and a 50MPH limit. To inform Grantscape of Cllr. E. Moorat's death.

Pilling in Bloom

The Bloom committee will be entering Pilling in North West in Bloom sponsored by the Royal Horticultural Society and Best Kept Village. It was raised two trees were removed at the Elletsons, they were infested by beetles and Wyre's tree warden gave permission.

Report of the representative on Pilling Village Hall

Cllr. P. McWhirter reported the committee is looking to add all inclusive play equipment and a Multi-Use Games Area, they are sources prices and surveying the field for the best locations. The Heritage extension initially submitted by Eddie Moorat will be continued by Graham Curwen.

A Masquerade Party is to be held next Friday. The social committee is arranging Coronation celebrations.

Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Wyre Council – Wyre Local Plan update – Fiona Riley and Steve Smith. Review setting out planning and infrastructure for the next five years. Consultation on Green Infrastructure data base 3rd February to 17th March looking at green open spaces. Starting review with travellers with Blackpool and Fylde councils. Wyre has two planning enforcement officers, which, according to Government policy, is not a necessity, but Wyre Council puts funding aside to employ them.

Wyre is looking at the Climate Crisis to increase efficiency on new builds, but this will need a change in building regulations. They are identifying the green infrastructure, such as green open spaces. New Chief Executive Rebecca Huddleston, Cost of Living Support Scheme and Rural Prosperity Fund will hopefully attract £400K in Government funding under the levelling up money.

The two Police officers asked representatives to encourage reports from residents on any incidents, suspicious behaviour etc.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils, following a change in staff, training courses are improved and offer more and varied subjects.

Pilling Community Action

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins reported the nesting boxes made recently at a building session will be mounted in the village.

Wyre Council Flood Forum

Cllr. N. Cookson reported at County level the Making Space for Water mentioned problems with Wheel Lane, Pilling.

Create Homes Site

Create Homes organised a site meeting with Paul Long, Wyre Council and Pilling Parish Councillors, but failed to turn up! The defibrillator is still waiting to be installed, but should happen when the streetlighting goes in.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Chairman

Date