

# PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY, 2020,

At 7.00pm

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



*Present:*                      *Councillors; J. Savage, Chairman,*  
*J. Barton,*  
*Mrs. E. Cookson,*  
*G. Curwen*  
*Mrs. J. Judkins,*  
*E. Moorat,*  
*P. M<sup>c</sup>Whirter,*  
*S. Phillpotts,*  
*Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council,*  
*Wyre Councillor Holden*  
*Lancashire County Councillor Salter*

### **4847. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr. N. Cookson and Cllr. Mrs. A. Robertson for this meeting.

### **4848. 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. G. Curwen, Cllr. S. Phillpotts, Cllr. E. Moorat, Cllr. P. M<sup>c</sup>Whirter and Cllr. J. Savage declared interests as members of the Community Hall Committee.

### **4849. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 8th January, 2020 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

### **4850. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Standing Orders were suspended to allow residents to speak.

#### **Lancashire County Councillor Matthew Slater**

Cllr. Salter reported on Pilling FLAG meeting and how the parish had a lucky escape with the recent Storm Ciara, but Storm Denis will arrive this weekend. Lancashire County Council is setting their budget for the coming year tomorrow and the council should break even rather than drawing on reserves; which has been necessary since the new regime.

He was concerned with the damage to the bus shelter at the Elletsons Arms. Thanks were extended for the cleaning out of the drainage channels on Fishers Row, there have been no standing water or flooding since despite the rain and wind over the weekend. Parish Councillors visited Create Homes' site to discuss the public footpath through to Moss House Lane. Andrew Wright is endeavouring to open the path as a central road with

street lights by the end of March. The original plan for a boundary path proved unfeasible on the ground. Donations are to be offered to both primary schools and, in time, to the new Community Hall.

### **Wyre Councillor Graham Holden**

A large fly tipping incident last year has led to an arrest, although landowners were left paying for removal costs. A burglary on Fluke Hall Lane was carried out by an organised gang just waiting for the opportunity. He urged any suspicious vehicles must be reported to the Police as soon as possible.

Section 106 moneys paid through the many residential developments in Wyre are held by Wyre Council, primarily to pay for affordable housing in other parts of the borough. Cllr. Holden was asked to investigate some being returned to parishes to provide facilities for these new residents.

### **Parish Lengthsman**

Stan reported the state of a newly erected fence on the residential development at the rear of Bradleys. It is leaning, probably due to insecure foundations, and could slip into Pilling Water. The Environment Agency does not maintain this stretch; only Ridgy Pool. Ownership was raised as the fence is between Pilling Water and the estate road; Wyre Council to be informed for investigation.

### **Pilling Flood Action Group**

Pilling FLAG is to raise funds to carry out flood protection in the parish and need a bank account to hold the money. Pilling Parish Council has agreed to hold the funds.

Standing Orders were reintroduced and the meeting resumed.

### **4851. COASTAL ACCESS DOCUMENT**

Natural England was tasked to form the England Coast Path; the report SDC 5 Glasson Dock to Fluke Hall is out for consultation. Councillors were concerned at the path realignment from Cocker Bridge to Lane Ends Amenity Area, which is to be at the base of the embankment, rather than over the top. Other changes include; Extending the path from the Wheel Lane access to Fluke Hall Lane ramp. Lane Ends to Broadfleet Bridge - open all year and dogs on leads at all times. Broadfleet Bridge to Fluke Hall ramp – 1st April to 31st August and dogs on leads at all times. No public access between 1st September and 31st March; this extends present dates. The Parish Council wishes to see access all year along the top of the embankment; except during shoots, when appropriate signage can be used. The effect on birdlife is nil from walkers, although dogs are a problem on all stretches. Pilling Embankment belongs to the Environment Agency and their decision will be needed.

*Resolved; The Parish Council do not agree with parts of the report and the proposals.*

*Pilling Embankment should be open all year and negotiate with landowners as to when it will be closed. The public expect to see the coast from a Coastal Path!*

Previous meetings with Natural England to be circulated.

### **4852. COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT**

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins has contacted a community artist in Nelson who is interested in organising a 13 week themed project in Pilling with an end display. Various funding sources are being pursued.

**4853. REVIEW OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS AND APM STANDING ORDERS**

*Resolved: The Parish Council reviewed and accepted these documents.*

**4854. CLIMATE CHANGE**

Wyre Council's Climate Change Policy Group asks Parish Councils and residents for ideas and suggestions as to how to tackle climate change.

*Resolved: The Parish Council supports community walking/cycling/public transport to save vehicle journeys. More electric charging points, better housing insulations using air source pumps and that Wyre Council bids for public transport funding from the Government.*

**4855. DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT LIMITED PILOT SCHEME**

District Enforcement is a private company enforcing on Wyre's behalf environmental crimes including: littering, dog fouling in all areas removal and disposal.

*Resolved: Questionnaire completed and will be returned to Wyre Council.*

**4856. ELLETSONS ARMS BUS SHELTER**

Shelter hit on 31st January by the bus. Damage to stanchions roof panel and end panel and removal necessary to repair. Bus Company contacted, made aware of damage and progressing an insurance claim. Councillors considered shortening the roof to take it away from the road, but this will incur added costs. Please note Lancashire County Council is now positive about a raised kerb at this location, but not confirmed.

*Resolved: To shorten the roof on the Elletsons Bus Shelter to 900mm.*

**4857. PLANNING APPLICATIONS****Planning permissions granted:**

*19/01204/FUL*

Proposal: Change of use of first floor rooms to two holiday apartments in association with existing business and the creation of enclosed stairwell on rear elevation for separate access

Location: Elletsons Arms Hotel, Lancaster Road, Pilling

*19/00125/FUL*

Proposal: Replacement dwelling

Location: Head Dyke Farm May Tree Lane Pilling

**Planning Appeal:**

*18/00902/FUL*

Proposal: Erection of three units (use class B/B12) (resubmission of 17/00785/FUL)

Location: Pointers Grove Yard, Taylors Lane, Pilling

To be determined by written representations

**Planning appeal Withdrawn:**

*18/00921/LMAJ*

Proposal: Erection of glasshouses, boiler house and four rainwater collection tanks

Location: Foxfield Nurseries Ox Close Lane off School Lane Pilling

Withdrawn 30th December, 2019

**Planning Application withdrawn:****19/01242/FUL****Proposal:** Erection of a detached building for ancillary residential use (following demolition of existing outbuilding)**Location:** Mayfield House New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling**Planning Applications considered and commented:****19/01302/FUL****Proposal:** Erection of a barn stable with storage of feed and bedding and change of use of land to form sand paddock for private equestrian use**Location:** Land to the South of Fluke Hall Lane, Pilling*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification.***20/00014/FUL****Proposal:** First floor side extension and replacement roof**Location:** Smallwood Hey Farmhouse Smallwood Hey Road Pilling*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections in principle but to keep the thatch as part of Pilling's historical past.***20/00024/FUL****Proposal:** Single storey side and rear extension**Location:** Westbourne House Smallwood Hey Road Pilling*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification.***20/00030/FUL****Proposal:** Proposed erection of two holiday cottages**Location:** Land North Of New Lane and West of Rose Cottage, Eagland Hill, Pilling**20/00031/FUL****Proposal:** Proposed erection of an agricultural storage building following removal Of existing poly tunnels**Location:** Land South Of Moss House Lane Pilling*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification.***19/01261/FUL****Proposal:** Erection of double garage and granny annexe for use in association with Parkfield House**Location:** Parkfield House Horse Park Lane Pilling*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification.***20/00088/LAWE****Proposal:** Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land as a residential caravan park**Location:** Woodlands Country Park Skitham Lane Pilling*Resolved: The Parish Council is strongly concerned at second application, similar to recently refused application; Parish Council reiterating their original concerns. Isolated location, unsustainable, precedence for other holiday caravan parks in Wyre.*

**20/00043/FUL**

**Proposal:** Removal of condition 2 on planning permission 79/01982 to remove the agricultural occupancy tie

**Location:** Oak Dene Farm Head Dyke Lane Pilling

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

**20/00122/FUL**

**Proposal:** Single storey side extension

**Location:** Rougholme Farm, Skitham Lane, Pilling

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

**4858. FINANCE****Finance Committee Meeting**

Met on 5th February to sign off second and third quarter's accounts and recommend a Furness B/S transfer of £196.00 in line with the Reserve Account Policy.

**Best Kept Village Competition**

The Pilling in Bloom Committee wish to enter Pilling, this was not done last year, due to short timing. The cost is £30.00, Stan is willing to attend the meetings at Samlesbury Hall first one is Monday 24th February. The Parish Council fully support this initiative and will pay the entry fee.

Payments received since the previous meeting:

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| 1. Bank Interest – January   | £ 1.70  |                       |
| 2. Lancashire County Council | £491.00 | Amenity Grass Cutting |

**Standing Order credit**

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| 1. St. John's Church – Grounds Maintenance | £ 65.00 |
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*Resolved: Councillors agreed the following invoices are paid:*

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Details
2894	G. Benson	£ 52.56	Incl. training costs
2895	Catterall Parish Council	£ 17.22	Phone and Broadband
2896	St. John's Church Hall	£ 20.00	Room rent
2898	Houghtons Filling Station	£ 60.00	Fuel
2900	Cardiac Science	£891.00	Batteries and pads
2901	S. Raby	£ 8.03	Parish Lengthsman expenses
2902	Houghtons Filling Station	£ 60.04	Fuel
2903	Wyre Building Supplies	£ 47.04	
2904	Furness Building Society	£196.00	Transfer – Finance Committee
2905	Best Kept Village Competition	£ 30.00	Entry Fee
2906	S. Raby	£160.00	Pilling in Bloom Artefacts
		£1,541.89	

**Standing Orders/Direct Debits**

Staff costs for December	£3,092.06
Easy-Web-Sites	£ 27.60
St. John's Church Hall – Access to facilities	£100.00

**Bank Reconciliation to 2nd February, 2020**

*Resolved: The bank reconciliation to 2nd February, 2020 was accepted by Councillors.*

**4858. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****Chairman's Report**

Cllr. J. Savage signed the Lottery documentation for grant on Community Hall, as the Parish Council is Custodial Trustees, in agreement with Councillors.

**Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson is looking at the entertainment for this year's party.

**Pilling in Bloom**

Historical machinery, 2 root pulpers, have been purchased to refurbish and use as planters in the floral displays this year. Stan also raised the increased amount of dog poo he sees on grass verges, which he catches during strimming, potentially making a serious environmental impact.

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

Cllr. P. McWhirter reported the foundation rafts are in place and drying. The steel frame is on order and should arrive in the next two weeks. Fundraising events in the village continue.

**Water Problems in Pilling**

Cllr. Barton reported on the recent NFU meeting with CLA, Lancashire County Council and the Environment Agency. About 30+ farmers attended to discuss flooding solutions. Outcome; regular de-silting beyond the sea wall and build up the banks; Natural England to be asked to move their designation 12 metres back into the estuary.

**VE Day Celebrations in Pilling**

An invitation to all local organisations for input meeting to be held 24th February. Pilling celebrations will follow the national framework with a 'street party' in Pilling Methodist Chapel.

**Update on Pilling Community Hall Loan request**

Support 25

Against 11, as at 30th January, 2020

**4859. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS****Overhanging hedge on Bradshaw Lane**

The rear hedge of Garden Centre Plants Ltd, Lancaster Road, has been cut back of the road and former Cllr. J. Jenkinson was kind enough to clear the road of debris left behind and Stan tidied up after that.

**Bone Hill Lane**

Lancashire County Council was to walk away from responsibility of the lane at the Eagland Hill entrance, but landowners are not willing to take on this responsibility and County will continue.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....