

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2016, at 7.00pm**

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



*Present:*                      *Councillors;* *J. Savage, Chairman,*  
*G. Curwen, Vice-Chairman,*  
*E. Moorat, Vice-Chairman,*  
*J. Barton,*  
*Mrs. E. Cookson*  
*N. Cookson,*  
*Mrs. B. Schofield,*  
*Mrs. D. Schofield,*  
*W. Whiteside*  
*Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council*  
*Five residents*

**4341. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received Cllr. S. Morley and Wyre Cllr. Holden.

**4342. 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.

**4343. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

**4344. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was suspended to allow residents to speak.

**Police Report**

Crimes in February included a break in of a private dwelling under renovation on Union Lane by removing boards from windows and cutting padlocks from a steel storage container before leaving empty handed. Someone used an ashtray left lying around to smash a first floor window at the rear of the Elletsons Arms, activating the alarm and making off undetected. Two people were arrested for possession of cannabis and a male was arrested for verbal abuse, threats and jumping on the bonnet of a victim's car. There was an anti-social behaviour reported of a member of staff at Pilling Nursing Home upsetting residents.

**Incident on Garstang Road**

Residents of Garstang Road informed the Parish Council about recent unpleasant and disturbing incidents, which required Police attendance. The Councillors were appalled with the incident and would not wish the inhabitants of Pilling to be subjected to such behaviour. It was raised that the occupant lived in a Regenda home and they would be contacted to discuss this matter. The occupant appears to be in breach of both their tenancy agreement and the anti-social behaviour policy. There was further concern as the tenant was not from the village nor has local connection and there are Pilling families not getting the opportunity to live in Pilling homes.

Cllr. N. Cookson added that the response team at Lancaster Police Station is to be relocated to Morecambe and Garstang Police Station will become a hybrid station with more staff, but they will be answering radio calls and patrols.

### **Wyre Councillor Graham Holden**

Although ill, Cllr. Holden had sent a report in which he was pleased to see the 89/H bus service through Pilling is to be continued and added that Wyre Council had played their part to sustain this service. Councillors raised the service may have been curtailed as there does not appear to be an evening or Sunday service.

Wyre Council is charging for the emptying of green bins as Lancashire County Council is putting pressure on them. Councillors raised the initial scheme was an enormous cost to Wyre, so why has it been changed and therefore Wyre Council are now charging? He continues to put pressure on Lancashire County Council concerning Back Sands Lane, Smallwood Hey Road and School Lane.

The meeting was resumed.

### **4345. QUEEN ELIZABETH'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

Cllr. E. Moorat has approached St. Johns School, who will be holding a celebration on 16<sup>th</sup> June at St. John's Church. There is to be a musical concert with a street party on the car park. This will be a Jacob's Join with a Red, White and Blue theme. The Parish Council will advertise the event in the Newsletter.

Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield added that Eagland Hill will also be holding celebrations in the hamlet.

*Resolved; That the Parish Council marks the day in line with the wishes of the children.*

### **4346. ASSET REGISTER**

The Asset Register has been updated and now includes the assets of Pilling in Bloom; this information will be provided to the insurers when looking at next year's Council insurance. Councillors reviewed and corrected as necessary then agreed.

*Resolved: The Asset Register was accepted by the Councillors.*

### **4347. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following discharge is accepted.

*15/00001/DIS*

Proposal: Discharge of conditions 5 (Drainage) 6 (landscaping), 7 (tree works), 9 (owl roost box), 10 (desk study), and 12 (materials)

Location: Glen Cottage, New Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

The following planning application is granted:

*15/00973/FUL*

Proposal: Erection of new agricultural building

Location: Workshop, Jim Brown Fabrication, Lancaster Road, Pilling

*15/00977/FUL*

Proposal: Proposed siting of 20 static holiday caravans

Location: Midwood Caravan Park, Head Dyke Lane, Pilling

*15/01017/FUL*

Proposal: Conversion of existing garage to living space including alterations to roof and side wall to create access to rear garden and single storey rear extension

Location: 6 St Johns Avenue, Pilling

Prior approval refused:

*16/00196/HPN*

**Proposal:** Single storey rear extension - the extension would extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling by 4.6 metres, and be no more than 3.0 metres in height, with an eaves height of 3.0 metres.

**Location:** Woodacre House 71A Smallwood Hey Road Pilling.

**To note:**

*16/00097/SECT*

**Proposal:** Modification of a Section 106 agreement to remove obligation to provide any affordable housing on application 03/00953/OUTMAJ

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

*Resolved: The Councillors were concerned that the abolition of the affordable housing on this site was being proposed again. Should this be accepted could it lead to other permissions trying? The Parish Council will comment supporting Wyre Council's Housing Enabler in his comments.*

*16/00190/AGR*

**Proposal:** Erection of agricultural building to house sheep, livestock, hay and straw, with separate midden.

**Location:** Black Hill Farm Bone Hill Lane Winmarleigh

***These decisions were taken between meetings to meet the planning deadline.***

*16/00117/FUL*

**Proposal:** Removal of condition 05 on application 03/01611/FUL to allow permanent residential use

**Location:** The Ducklings Duck Street Pilling

*Resolved: The Parish Council can see no planning objections to this application and seeks neighbourhood notification. Councillors were unhappy that this could be a way of eventually securing a residential dwelling.*

*16/00118/FUL*

**Proposal:** New horticultural vehicular access to Bradshaw Lane

**Location:** The Northern Liner Company Bradshaw Lane Pilling

*Resolved: The Parish Council objects to this application and seeks neighbourhood notification, in order to achieve the splay it would have to encroach on the property either side.*

*Amendments received t the following planning application:*

*16/00118/FUL*

**Proposal:** New horticultural vehicular access to Bradshaw Lane

**Location:** Domplants Nursery, Bradshaw Lane Pilling

*Resolved: Whilst the Parish Council has no planning objects to the amendments to this planning application there is still great concern over highways.*

**Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;**

*16/00199/FUL*

**Proposal:** Extension to existing front porch

**Location:** 2 St Johns Avenue Pilling

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

**16/00079/OUT**

**Proposal:** Outline application for one dwelling with proposed access from Bradshaw Lane with layout and scale applied for (all matters reserved)

**Location:** Land Adj To 1 Church Cottages New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling

*Resolved: The Parish Council objects to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. Concern as to legitimacy of access onto private road and cess pit access.*

**16/00209/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of detached dwelling

**Location:** Momens Farm New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling

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

**16/00220/FUL**

**Proposal:** Two storey rear extension

**Location:** Glendene Union Lane Out Rawcliffe

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

**16/00222/FUL**

**Proposal:** Removal of condition 04 on application 03/01193 which restricts the use of the property to holiday occupancy only

**Location:** Barnfold Moss House Lane Pilling

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

**16/00239/FUL**

**Proposal:** Single-storey rear extension

**Location:** 1 Myers Cottage School Lane Pilling

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

**4348. FINANCE**

Payments received since the previous meeting:

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| 1. Bank Interest | £ 0.35  |
| 2. Pilling WI    | £ 25.00 |

**Standing Order credit**

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| 1. St. John's Church – Grounds Maintenance | £ 65.00 |
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*Resolved: Councillors accepted the following invoices for payment:*

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| 1. Clerk's salary adjustments and expenses | £ 90.32 |                                   |
| 2. G. Armer wage adjustments and expenses  | £ 29.15 |                                   |
| 3. Prudential AVC                          | £250.00 | Additional Voluntary Contribution |
| 4. Catterall Parish Council                | £ 18.00 | Phone and Broadband               |
| 5. E-On – Christmas Tree electricity       | £ 2.47  |                                   |
| 6. Houghton's Filling Station              | £ 59.68 |                                   |
| 7. St. John's Church                       | £ 20.00 | Room Rental                       |
| 8. Trustees of J C Clarkson                | £ 25.00 |                                   |

**Monthly Standing Orders/Direct Debits**

Staff costs	£1,730.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£707.02
Easy-Web-Sites	£ 24.00
St. John's Church Hall – Room Rental	£ 80.00

**Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement**

*Resolved: Bank reconciliation to 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 and third quarter financial statement were accepted.*

**4349. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****Chairman's Report**

The Chairman updated Councillors on the outcome of Footpath 22; through Field House, in that the planning inspector has dismissed the case and the footpath will not be diverted.

The Chairman attended a planning ambassador meeting in Wyre concerning a rural affordable housing needs survey carried out recently. There was a 16% return and it identified the need for affordable housing, the local connection and engaging with Parish Councils. There are currently two properties available in Pilling with 34 applicants for each! The questionnaire was sent to households, but only one person could answer. Ambassadors raised building on a flood plain, when market houses can't, is affordable housing affordable to all, location of these houses must be where they are needed most and the cutting of bus services to the most vulnerable residents.

**Pilling Defibrillators**

Cllr. E. Moorat reported that although Pilling Nursing Home has closed the site will not be fenced and the electricity supplied maintained to the defibrillator, so there is still 24/7 public access. The case to be erected at Pilling Pottery has arrived and will be located soon. St. John's Church has organised a clothes collection in aid of this defibrillator. He is working towards the final defibrillator at Garstang Road Garage.

**Pilling In Bloom**

Cllr. W. Whiteside had attended the Wyre in Bloom meeting, the theme this year will again be Green Streets. Due to staff cuts there will only be two meetings this year. The Councillor had sourced a Christmas Tree to be planted on the Village Green.

**Report of the representatives on the Pilling Memorial Hall Committee/Pilling 20 20**

The committee has met recently to select the preferred company to work with the construction of the new hall, having revised the original plan and re-orientated the aspect. The concept plan is to be finalised then the details added, this will be submitted for grants. Although nothing has happened on the new field working from the original plans would have been wrong for the site. There is £150,000 in the 4 kitty to seed funding bids. Application to phase one of the Big Lottery was successful and phase two, the application for £500,000, will be submitted shortly, but it may be two years before there is an answer.

The football pitch created by the developer should be ready in July/August, the committee is looking to make a full size football pitch and the play area is to be enlarged to increase the facilities. The car park should be usable by May and Pilling Tennis Club is hoping to move onto the site and a tree planting day will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> April, thought was given to planting a tree or coppice to commemorate the Queens birthday. It was

stressed that the lay out of the field would prevent corners, hiding places to give an open aspect and create a feeling of safety. The attenuation pond is to be reconfigured to include 'plastic crates' and grassed over.

**4350. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS**

**Speed warning sign at Fishers Row**

There was concern over the brightness of the 40 MPH illuminated speed sign at the beginning of Fishers Row and could this be 'turned down'?

**Flooding on Smallwood Hey Road**

Cllr. N. Cookson reported that Lancashire County Council had attended the flooding opposite Bambino and found the drains blocked.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....