

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY
17th MAY 2023 at 7pm



Present:

Pilling Parish Councillors;

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

Following elections on 4th May 2023, elected Councillors signed Declaration of Office.

5278. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved: Cllr. N. Cookson was elected as Chairman of Pilling Parish Council for one year.

Under the Local Government Act 1972 (83(4)) the Chairman signed the Declaration of Office.

The retiring Chairman was thanked for his long service, stepping into the breach after the sudden death of the Chairman, Cllr. Steve Gaunt in 2008. He was complemented on his reports and steady patience impartially chairing Parish Council meetings.

Cllr. N. Cookson took up the office of Chairman and asked, as Cllr. J. Savage had received the meeting information, he continues as chair for this meeting

5279. ELECTION OF VICE – CHAIRMAN

Resolved: Cllr. G. Curwen was elected as Vice-Chairman of Pilling Parish Council for one year.

5280. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. S. Collinge. Wyre Cllr. Leigh sent apologies.

5281. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillors asked to declare any interests on agenda matters and complete their Register of Interests within 28 days.

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

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins declared an interest in payment for Pilling Community.

Cllr. N. Cookson declared an interest in payment for War Memorial cleaner.

5282. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2023 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5283. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Lancashire County Councillor Matthew Salter

Cllr. Salter was arranging a site visit on Smallwood Hey Road but has been unsuccessful to date. Councillors are disgusted that the road has again missed inclusion in the maintenance programme 2023 – 2024. Cllr. Salter explained that access to different pots of money may be used under the Local Deterioration Fund. Lancashire County Council can access central Government funding through TAMP, this is extra money, brought through rigorous testing rules. Often used to top dress roads, such as the moss roads. Smallwood Hey Road has been closed initially for one week was increased to three weeks due to a collapse caused by sewage pipes.

He raised a community grant scheme by Lancashire County Council for local groups of small amounts. Cllr. Salter was questioned on the average speed cameras recently installed on the A586. Bikers have discovered the cameras can be avoided in Pilling by driving through the village impacting badly on residents. Seemingly the Police are aware of this location.

Moss House Road Resident raised problems on the old Tayban site. Paul Long, Wyre Council has contacted the Commercial Manager, who has promised several improvements. A fence around the open pond is in place. Problems were raised and discussed with progress initiated by Wyre Council. Councillors suggested contact with the Wyre Councillor for further assistance.

Resolved: The Parish Council meeting resumed, and Standing Orders are brought back.

5284. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Councillors were asked to note the following meeting dates of Pilling Parish Council, which will be held at Pilling Village Hall, Taylors Lane, at 7.00pm, unless an agreed change is made:

14th June 2023,	12th July 2023,	9th August 2023,
13 th September 2023,	11 th October 2023,	8 th November 2023,
Christmas Tree switch-on, 4 th December 2023		13 th December 2023
10 th January 2024,	14 th February 2024,	13 th March, 2024,
10 th April 2024, Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council meeting.		
8 th May 2024, Annual Parish Council Meeting		

Resolved: Dates accepted and noted.

5285. Election of Parish Council Representatives

a. Finance Committee

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson, Cllr. S. Phillpotts, Cllr. J. Savage and Cllr. A. Whiteside.

b. Planning Committee

The Chairman will call meetings as necessary

c. Personnel Management Committee

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson, Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins and Cllr. P M^cWhirter.

d. Pilling in Bloom Committee

Cllr. Mrs E. Cookson and Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins

e. Signatories on Bank Mandates

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson, Cllr. N. Cookson, Cllr. G. Curwen and Cllr. S. Irvine. Online access by Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson and Cllr. N. Cookson. The clerk is administrator but will not sign.

b. Signatories on Reserve Account

Gillian Benson and Cllr. G. Curwen

c. Internal Auditor 2022 - 2023

J. Finch

b. Over 60's Afternoon Tea

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson and Cllr. J. Savage.

c. Editor and Sub-Editor to the Parish Newsletter

Cllr. J. Savage and Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins.

d. Tree Warden

Cllr. P. M^cWhirter

e. Representative on the Pilling Community Hall Committee

Cllr. G. Curwen and Cllr. P. M^cWhirter.

f. Representatives on the Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Cllr. N. Cookson, Mrs. J. Judkins, Cllr. S. Irvine and Cllr. S. Phillpotts.

g. Representatives on the Water Meetings

Cllr. N. Cookson, Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson, Cllr. S. Phillpotts and Cllr. A. Whiteside.

Resolved: The above Councillors were elected to these positions.

5286. PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE

The Parish Council reduced the costs by signing up to a 5-year long term agreement. This is the second year.

Resolved: Pilling Parish Council to pay insurance and to include motor insurance for the sit-on mower therefore increasing costs, but less than separate insurances.

5287. REAFFIRMATION FOR GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Councillors are asked to reaffirm eligibility to use the Power of Competence. The two criteria for eligibility¹ stated in the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012

1. Elected Councillors

- Two thirds of Councillors elected at last ordinary elections.

2. Qualified Clerk

- The Clerk must hold Certificate in Local Council Administration 2012² and section 7/ other recognised qualification.

Eligibility must be resolved at a full council meeting, recorded clearly in the Minutes and criteria confirmed at each Annual Parish Council meeting after the ordinary elections.

Resolved: As Pilling Parish Council does fulfil the criteria it will continue with the General Power of Competence

¹ Set by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011, s8

² Clerks who qualified previous to 2012 must pass section 7 of CiLCA 2012

5288. CLERK'S REPORT

Cllr S. Phillpotts will construct Information board mounting on Pilling Embankment.

5289. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

Resolved: Councillors accepted Pilling Parish Council's General Data Protection Regulation email privacy notice, Management of Transferable Data, Document Retention and Disposal and Retention Documents Table.

5290. INVITE TO CATTERALL GALA

Catterall Gala committee invites a Pilling Parish Council representative and their guest to walk in this year's Catterall Gala.

Resolved: Chairman unable to attend this year.

5291. REQUEST FOR LITTER BINS

The Parish Lengthsman asks Councillors to consider purchasing two litter bins to be located at the junction of Carr Lane and Smallwood Hey Road and on Eagland Hill.

Resolved: To purchase two litter bins.

5269. PILLING COFFEE FEAST

The Coffee Feast is looking to purchase a set of six Walkie Talkies to help with marshalling and keep those attending and taking part safe along the route. The cost will be £136, to be the responsibility of Pilling Village Hall and safely kept in the hall.

Resolved: Councillors resolved to donate £44.00 to Pilling Village Hall, as one third of the cost.

5292. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**Planning Applications Refused:**

23/00095/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a stable block and hardstanding

Location: Land North Of Libby Lane, Pilling

Planning Applications Granted:

22/01273/FUL

Proposal: Erection of timber stable block for private use

Location: Shaws Farm, 3 Shaws Lane, Pilling

Planning Application for comment:

23/00345/FUL

Proposal: Change of use and extension of existing building to form private stable block, including creation of a sand paddock and new access track

Location: Bankfield Lancaster Road Pilling

Resubmission:

23/00345/FUL

Proposal: Proposed replacement chicken shed alongside change of use and extension of existing building to form private stable block. Including the creation of a sand paddock and new access track

Location: Bankfield Lancaster Road Pilling

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

23/00383/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 2.No dwelling houses, following demolition of existing buildings

Location: Garstang Road Garage Garstang Road Pilling

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

23/00428/COUQ

Proposal: Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1 dwelling house (C3) with building operations under Class Q of the GDPO

Location: Barn At Village Farm School Lane

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

5293. FINANCE**Income:**

1. St. John's Church	£ 25.00	Grounds Maintenance
2. G. Benson	£ 29.99	Repayment due to tax changes
3. Lancashire County Council	£491.21	Amenity Grass Cutting
4. Mr. K. Dickinson	£630.00	Donation to Pilling in Bloom

Councillors resolved the following Payments.

Payee		Reason
S. Raby	£242.89	Wages and expenses
G. Benson	£225.34	Expenses
Towers and Gornall	£ 14.40	Accountant Services
Towers and Gornall	£ 68.40	Accountant Services £82.80
Hampshire Flag Company Ltd.	£149.21	Union Flag, rope and toggle, antifrayer
Parish Magazine Printing	£377.00	Pilling Newsletter
Zurich Municipal	£1,083.04	Parish Council Insurance
Zurich Municipal	£ 54.43	Motor Insurance £1,137.47
Wyre Building Supplies	£ 63.60	Wood and Treatment
C and C Supplies	£ 63.33	Nails for Sensory Garden PiB
Whitesides Ltd.	£1,807.92	Wood for Sensory Garden PiB
Stakepool Stores	£ 19.67	Coronation Afternoon Tea
Freeamd	£ 13.71	Coronation Afternoon Tea
Houghtons Filling Station	£127.92	Fuel
Mrs. J. Judkins	£175.00	Pilling Community Action
Jan Finch	£200.00	Internal Auditor
British Recyclables	£754.26	Pilling in Bloom Bench
Mr. N. Cookson	£ 25.95	War Memorial cleaner
Pilling Village Hall	£ 44.00	Donation to PVH Walkie Talkies
Lancashire Association of Local Councils	£ 35.00	Training Session
	£5,545.07	

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

1. Staff costs for April	£6,244.55
2. Easy-Web-Sites	£ 27.60
3. Pilling Village Hall rental	£100.00

Bank Reconciliation to 30th April 2023

Resolved: Councillors scrutinised and accepted the document.

5294. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**Coronation Afternoon Tea**

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson reported on the success of the event for the 85 guests attending. Guests were asked about holding this event at Christmas rather than Summer two thirds agreed they enjoyed the Summer event. There will be no decision as yet, costs will need to be considered with further consultations in the wider community.

Pilling In Bloom

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins reported on the refurbishment of the Broadfleet Sensory Garden, Stan was assisted by Denis, all visitors have appreciated the results. Donation of new bench to replace the concrete bench on School Lane. Two large planters were installed outside the Treatment Works on Back Sands. Planting will be fruit bushes and perennials. Pilling in Bloom has sent all information for entering the Best Kept Village Competition.

Report of the representative on Pilling Village Hall

Cllr. P. McWhirter reported on fund sourcing to provide improved play facilities. The grassed area by the overflow car park has been seeded as part of Best Kept Village Competition.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Cllr. N. Cookson reported on the recent meeting when only five attended. They met Rebecca Huddleston, Chief Executive Officer at Wyre Council. Several ongoing planning problems were raised. Including the apparent lack of a voice when Parish Council comment on planning applications. Wyre Council has received a Government Prosperity Fund amounting to £3.9m and a further £400K in Rural Funding.

Pilling Community Action

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins reported on the Flying Colours Project into schools.

War Memorial

Cllr. N. Cookson and Cllr. S. Phillpotts have cleaned the War Memorial to enhance the names from WWI and WWII.

Pilling Drainage Project - Our Future Coast – 22nd May Cllr. N. Cookson and Cllr. S. Phillpotts will attend.

Garstang Walking Festival

A Pilling Walking Day was organised and those attending were impressed with the gates on the public footpaths, Stan installed these.

Elletsons Arms

Problems were reported to the Parish Council, Police and Wyre Licensing Officer as to problems. The Police have visited and encourage further incidents to be reported to Crimestoppers. There are no issues unless reported!

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Chairman

Date