

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th JUNE, 2020
At 7.00pm



Government legislation prohibited public gatherings and restricting council business; this meeting was held virtually

Present:

Pilling Parish Councillors;

*J. Savage, Chairman,
N. Cookson, Vice-Chairman
J. Barton
Mrs. E. Cookson,
G. Curwen
Mrs. J. Judkins,
E. Moorat
S. Phillpotts,
P. McWhirter
Mrs. A. Robertson,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
Lancashire County Councillor M. Salter*

4885. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Wyre Councillor Holden sent apologies.

4886. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors are 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. G. Curwen, Cllr. S. Phillpotts, Cllr. E. Moorat, Cllr. P. McWhirter and Cllr. J. Savage declared interests as members of the Community Hall Committee.

4887. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May, 2020, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4888. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders were suspended to allow guests and residents to speak.

LOAN FROM WYRE COUNCIL TOWARDS BUILDING COSTS OF THE NEW HALL FOR PILLING

Mr. M. O'Loughlin, treasurer to the Community Hall, addressed councillors. The committee asks Pilling Parish Council to seek a loan on the Memorial Hall's behalf to complete the construction work on the new hall. Building progress is beyond expectations; although with Covid 19 there have been unexpected issues with doors and windows not available during lock down and this has added to the cost. At present there is a 'shortfall' of £54,000, O'Neil's, the project managers, are looking at savings to reduce this figure. The building should be completed in August and functional by October, but bills must be met by then hence the loan request at this point.

Wyre's head of Finance has sanctioned 12 month loan at base rate, the committee will review the position after 9 months as to an alteration. Pilling Memorial Hall will pay the interest; the capital repaid through the precept. Gratitude was extended to Mr. O'Loughlin for his detailed documentation allowing the Parish Council to consider this request.

Lancashire County Councillor Matthew Salter

The councillor updated the situation on Bone Hill Lane and Woods Lane; as Covid 19 has caused major delays with no work undertaken in the last two months. Reconstruction work on Bone Hill Lane was due to start and the funding is in place, but engineers are recommending improvements to the full length, which will put back the starting date. Work on Woods Lane is about to go to tender and will hopefully be completed this Summer.

Standing Orders were re-introduced.

4889. LOAN FROM WYRE COUNCIL TOWARDS THE BUILDING COSTS OF THE NEW HALL FOR PILLING

Following the earlier discussions the clerk added that permission from the Secretary of State is needed when Parish Council's apply for a loan. Public consultation was carried out in November, 2019 through Pilling Newsletter.

Resolved: To apply to DCLG for borrowing approval.

Resolved: Pilling Parish Council will apply for a loan on behalf of Pilling Memorial Hall's behalf for £45,000 from Wyre Council.

4890. STAKEPOOL STORES SERVICES

Cllr. S. Phillpotts asked the Councillors to consider formally recognising the hard work and commitment Ken, Anne and all their staff have done and continue to do during this crisis. Ken is delivering orders at no cost and his staff continuing to work despite the obvious risks. Without the shop the village would really struggle. Despite their own family issues they continue to support our community. Councillors recognised the efforts Stakepool Stores.

Resolved: Pilling Parish Council to thank Stakepool Stores on behalf of our community for their outstanding work during the Covid 19 crisis.

4891. LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – LOCAL DELIVERY SCHEME

Resolved: Councillors agreed to the scheme in which the Parish Council receives remuneration for the Parish Lengthsman to clear vegetation from public footpaths.

Cllr. N. Cookson and Cllr. S. Phillpotts are to walk the Public Footpaths identifying problems to report to Lancashire County Council.

4892. THE GOLDEN BALL

The Parish Council is in contact with Thwaites Brewery as to the position of the pub closing and the loss of the bowling green as a community asset. The building is now secured and the grounds fenced, although the School Lane car park is accessible. There were concerns as an empty building will soon deteriorate and become an eyesore. The rear car park is still littered with rubbish, possibly Thwaites don't know what the future of the Golden Ball will be, the Parish Council has asked to meet them on site. Councillors are concerned at the loss of the bowling green as a community asset well used locally.

Concerned residents have approached the Parish Council wanting the opportunity to explore options as to community right to buy and this would be progressed through Wyre Council.

4893. ANPR, GROWING WITH NATURE

Last December Pilling Parish Council agreed to the upgrade of the ANPR and Grantscape have agreed to pay the cost. As this system belongs to the Parish Council for the benefit of the community it is unfair that the householder is paying for the service following the retirement of the business.

Resolved: The Parish Council will pay the broadband connection of the ANPR.

Resolved; To ask the company about fitting a Sim card to hold information rather than using broadband.

4894. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**Planning permissions granted:**

20/00248/FUL

Proposal: Single storey replacement rear extension, front porch alterations to roof, internal alterations to suit scheme.

Location: Mallyan House Horse Park Lane Pilling

Planning Applications Refused:

19/00796/FUL

Proposal: Change of domestic outbuildings to private workshop including raising of the roof and re-cladding

Location: The Crossing Cottage Lambs Lane Pilling

Prior approval not required:

20/00358/AGR

Proposal: Prior notification for the creation of a rainwater reservoir

Location: Foxfield Nurseries Ox Close Lane Off School Lane Pilling

Planning Applications for consideration and comment:

20/00416/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of buildings to B8 (storage and distribution)

Location: Garden Centre Plants Ltd., Lancaster Road South, Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council objects to this planning application through lack of detailed information as to storage contents, converting glasshouse, sewage disposal and no opening hours.

4895. FINANCE

Payments received since the previous meeting:

1. Moons Trust*	£1,000.00	Towards defibrillator at new hall
2. Catterall Parish Council	£ 93.60	Lengthsman working in Catterall
3. Bank Interest – May	£ 9.08	

*This is less than applied for and would not cover the full cost of a defibrillator and outdoor case, making it accessible 24/7, other funds will be needed.

To bring back to bank;

The cheque 002913 to North West in Bloom was destroyed as Wyre Council pay this entry fee. The cheque was destroyed therefore it should be brought back into the accounts.

Resolved: Councillors accepted to bring the cheque back to bank.

Standing Order credit

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
2938	S. Raby	£387.17	Parish Lengthsman's expenses Incl. van insurance
2939	G. Benson	£ 44.03	Clerk's expenses
2940	Catterall Parish Council	£ 27.21	Phone and Broadband
2941	Houghtons Filling Station	£ 60.01	February, 2020
2941	Houghtons Filling Station	£ 63.31	March, 2020
2941	Houghtons Filling Station	£157.51	(£280.83) April, 2020
2942	Miss K. Whiteside	£160.00	PIB – barrels
2943	Wyre Building Supplies	£ 26.03	Pilling in Bloom
2943	Wyre Building Supplies	£ 27.65	Sand, screws and cement (£53.68)
2944	Spindrift Sprayers	£ 63.90	Pilling in Bloom
2944	Spindrift Sprayers	£164.24	Hoses and trigger (£228.14)
		£899.24	

Data Protection Act

Data protection renewal is due on 29th June - £35.00

Monthly Standing Orders/Direct Debits

Staff costs for May	£3,044.93
Easy-Web-Sites	£ 27.60
St. John's Church Hall – Access to facilities	£100.00

Bank Reconciliation to 2nd June, 2020

Resolved: Councillors accepted the bank Reconciliation to 2nd June, 2020.

4896. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson reported confirmation of Eric Lees to entertain at the party. There were discussions on a re-vamp and inviting other residents; proposals will be discussed next month. As the party is wholly funded through fundraising, but the bingo night will probably not go ahead and other sources will need to be found.

Pilling in Bloom

Park Lane Farm, Stalmine has donated a water tank which Stan has mounted on the recently purchased trailer. He's also refurbished the seed drill and some of the planters at Mill Bridge. The four large half barrels bought from the Golden Ball were re-stained and are now planted along with all the other planters in the village.

Report of the representative on the Pilling New Community Hall

Cllr. P. McWhirter reported the scaffolding will be down next week as the roof is finished and the underfloor heating. Funding is secured to provide a third football pitch and work has started to lay the playing surface.

Pilling Flood Action Group/Wyre Flood Forum/ Water Meeting

Cllr. J. Barton raised the increased silt at the sea wall outfall. No flushing has been possible with the recent lack of water.

Community Arts Project

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins informed members about the art project; which is for Lancashire and run for 8 weeks in July/August, using a different medium each week; work submitted will be posted on ZK Arts web site and information will be available on Pilling’s community website. Unfortunately most present funding sources are to ease the impact of Covid 19, but she is to try Tesco’s community fund.

Legal requirements for Council websites

In January both the clerk and website company attended Society of Local Council Clerks training on website accessibility; this is to open websites to everyone. The Parish Council’s website needs an overall to set up this accessibility; the process will take a couple of days, will be rewritten and will look slightly different, giving the clerk access to control more of the pages.

4897. ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Pilling Newsletter

The next Newsletter will, hopefully, be published in September and will include social distancing recommendations on pavements.

Lane Ends Pilling Parish Council Sign



Many of the Councillors were unaware of this sign, which used to stand on Lane Ends Amenity Area looking out on Morecambe Bay. It was erected when the seawall was built and should not be lost. Costings will be sought and the route out across the marsh confirmed with local landowners.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

Chairman

Date