

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY
10th July 2024 at 7pm**



Present:

Pilling Parish Councillors;

*Neil Cookson, Chairman
Graham Curwen, Vice Chairman,
Elizabeth Cookson,
Mrs. J. Judkins,
Steve Phillpotts,
John Savage,
Paul McWhirter,
Alf Whiteside,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
Julia Brewer, Clerk to the Parish Council
Lancashire County Councillor Matthew Salter
Wyre Councillor for Preesall C. Rushforth,
PCSO Hannah Yates
One member of the public*

5455 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. S. Collinge and Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh.

5456 DECLARATION ON INTERESTS

Councillors declared interests on agenda matters and reminded that any change in interests must be notified to the clerk within 28 days.

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

Cllr. J. Judkins declared an interest as member of Pilling in Bloom and Pilling Community Action.

5457. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2024 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5458. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended to allow residents to speak.

Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh

Glenfield 24/00432/FULMAJ – The new application submitted for removal of condition 7 (highway improvement - two bus stops) has been called into committee by me as the conditions imposed should be strictly adhered to. Dog fouling patrol hours for Pilling in the 6 months from October 2023 to April 2024 were very minimal. If councillors wish to pursue patrols in certain areas, please let me know of any locations/times of day/description of dog owner etc. Create Homes – working with Cllr Philpotts, promised works on site have not been done, there seems to be an issue with the contractors, hoping to meet them.

Wyre Local Plan - currently at the issues and options stage which looks at setting out sites for potential development, available at <https://www.wyre.gov.uk/local-plan>. Issues with potholes on Smallwood Hey Road and Fluke Hall Lane have been reported to Cllr Salter.

Wyre Councillor for Preesall

Attending as a resident of Pilling, but also in her capacity as a Wyre Councillor, Cllr Rushworth highlighted the issue regarding the traffic management plan for the Preesall Quarry access and her concerns that this had now been approved and would go ahead and wanted to make Pilling Parish Council aware of this so that they could take any necessary action.

Lancashire County Councillor Mathew Salter

Cllr Salter reported on the issues regarding the traffic management plan and Preesall Quarry access and informed the meeting that as a new Lancashire County Council Head of Highways had just taken over, it would be an expedient time to write to them with their concerns regarding Fold House Corner on Head Dyke Lane. Cllr Salter indicated that he would be happy to forward on any comments/objections from the Parish Council.

PCSO Hannah Yates

PCSO Yates asked if there were any particular issues the Council wished to raise. Apart from some general issues regarding anti-social behaviour, concern was expressed by the Council that there was some low-level drug dealing taking place on the car park at the Elletson Arms and that there was also an issue with drink driving also at the Elletson Arms.

Create Homes

A resident highlighted the issues regarding Create Homes and unfulfilled promises to complete the roads and have them adopted by the Lancashire County Council which had been ongoing for some time. It was explained that a Parish Council has no powers in this respect, it was noted that Parish Councillor Philpotts had agreed to meet with the grounds contractor in order to ascertain what, if anything, was happening.

Resolved: The Parish Council meeting and Standing Orders were resumed.

5459. COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

It was noted that Cllr. S. Irvine has resigned causing a vacancy in the Office of Councillor at Pilling Parish Council. Wyre Council have been informed, and notices regarding the vacancy had been posted. Should the vacancy not be filled by the expiration date the Parish Council will be asked to co-opt as soon as practicable.

Resolved: Parish Council noted the information and letter of thanks to be sent to Cllr Irvine.

5460. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report was received by the meeting, highlighted the issue of the replacement fencing at Lane Ends and informing the meeting that the use of metal fencing as a replacement has been suggested.

Resolved: The Clerk's Report was noted.

5461. PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

It was noted that new Financial Regulations had been issued by National Association of Local Councils which had been circulated to all members of the Parish Council.

Resolved: Councillors reviewed and accepted the new Financial Regulations.

5462. BLEED CABINETS

Noted that Cllr S Collinge had sent her apologies for this meeting and therefore agreed to defer this agenda item to the next meeting.

Resolved: To defer until next meeting.

5463. CHANGE TO ONLINE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

Following endorsement by the Finance Committee it was agreed to purchase the Scribe Finance package at a set-up cost of £449 plus VAT, and monthly subscription of £49 plus VAT.

Resolved: To purchase Scribe Finance package.

5464 PREESALL QUARRY

Information was received in public participation and Councillors discussed further. Lancashire County Council highways have approved the access onto Lancaster Road , Preesall, but the dangerous and narrow bends at Burnt House Lane and Fold House corner on A588 have not been addressed, it was felt a strong response to the approval of the Traffic Management Plan needed to be lodged together with an invitation to Lancashire County Council to visit Pilling and stand at Fold House corner on Head Dyke Lane and experience potential problems.

Resolved: To lodge a strong response to the reported approval of the Traffic Management Plan, together with a request for Lancashire County Council for a site meeting at Fold House Lane.

5465 WHEEL LANE DIVERSION

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to the proposed road closure and diversion.

5466 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**Agriculture application - Not for comment**

24/00465/AGR

Proposal: Prior notification under Part 6 of the GPDO for the erection of an agricultural storage building

Location: Barn Hill Farm Lancaster Road Pilling

Planning Applications for comment:

24/00430/COUR

Proposal: Prior approval for change of use of existing agricultural building to a flexible commercial use consisting of 3 units for Class E(g) (i) offices (ii) research and development (iii) industrial processes and Class B8 under Class R of Part 3 of Schedule 2 of the GPDO.

Location: Barn Hill Farm Lancaster Road Pilling

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

24/00525/FUL

Proposal: Proposed erection of domestic storage building, following demolition of existing storage building

Location: Mayfield House New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling

Resolved: Pilling Parish Council has no planning objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. But wish to support local residents for submission of a bat/owl survey.

24/00481/PIP

Proposal: Permission in Principle for the change of use of domestic storage, workshop and stables building to one detached dwelling (C3).

Location: Old Bell Farm School Lane Pilling

Resolved: *The Parish Council objects to this application. Development into the open countryside and shared access.*

23/01003/FUL

Proposal: Building with stables for 10 horses and ancillary storage, access track and hardstanding

Location: Land To The West Of Fluke Hall Lane Pilling

Resolved: *The Parish Council objects to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. Concern with size and categorised as private, access to Fluke Hall Lane increasing flooding threat, effluent seepage and integrity of secondary sea wall.*

5467 FINANCE**INCOME:**

1. St. John's Church	£ 25.00	Grounds Maintenance
2. Pilling Village Hall	£ 340.00	Loan instalment

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

Payee		Reason
S. Raby	£ 25.00	Expenses
Mrs J Judkins	£ 40.49	Pilling in Bloom plants
Mrs J Judkins	£ 89.00	Pilling Bloom plants (£459.49)
Mrs J Judkins	£ 330.00	Pilling Community Action – Walks
Harrison Drury Solicitors	£ 7.20	Broadfleet Sensory Garden
Furness Building Society	£ 37.50	Grounds Maintenance Contract
CCLA	£25,000.00	Investment Account
C & C Supplies	£ 2.92	Child's Waistcoat
Laburnum Nurseries	£ 744.52	Pilling Bloom
Cornthwaites Farm Machinery	£ 90.19	Strimmer Lines
Houghtons Filling Station	£ 152.26	June Fuel
Bradleys Electrical Ltd	£ 21.96	Pilling in Bloom
Jeffries Contractors	£ 186.00	Pilling Bloom
G Benson	£ 117.90	Expenses and D-Day Party
	£26,844.94	

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

1. Staff costs for June	£ 3791.95	
2. Easy-Web-Sites	£ 30.36	
3. Pilling Village Hall rental	£100.00	
4. Towers and Gornall	£ 68.40	
5. S2s Enterprises	£150.00	Workshop Rental

Bank Reconciliation and Quarterly Budget Monitoring to 30th June 2024

Resolved: *Councillors accepted bank reconciliation and Budget Monitoring to 30th June 2024*

Administration increases include advert in Focus Magazine, Pilling Newsletter and training.

Following Parish Council decision insurance increase includes van road tax but will be no further payments this year. There is a sharp increase in equipment due to purchase of three defibrillator batteries and electrical installation of the defibrillator on Garstang Road, although this was covered by a grant. Full service and battery replacement for sit-on mower.

Unity Trust Bank £34,113.99
Furness Building Society £119,451.01

Resolved: To update Unity Trust Bank and Furness Building Society with change of Clerk, and change of Councillor’s signatories.

5468 VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Pilling in Bloom

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins reported that the judging panel had visited today, 10 July 2024, and had been very impressed with the displays and the level of community involvement, as well as the range of wildlife, together with the Village Hall.

They had suggested that the Pilling in Bloom should enter an application for the Gardening for Wildlife Award. Cllr Judkins also expressed her thanks to Stan, Parish Lengthsman, for his hard work.

Report of the representative on Pilling Village Hall

Cllr. P. McWhirter reported that the Vintage Weekend had been extremely successful.

Pilling Community Action

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins reported that there was a walk scheduled for the weekend.

Our Future Coast Working Group

Cllr. A. Whiteside and Cllr. S. Phillpotts reported on meeting with ‘Our Future Coast’. A further meeting had been scheduled with all agencies involved to be held on Wednesday 24 July.

5469 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

It was suggested that the following items be included on the agenda for meeting in August:

- Wyre Local Plan (report back from Cllr J Savage)
- Heritage Scheme (Cllr G Curwen)

Resolved: Items to be included on the agenda for next meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Chairman

Date