

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER, 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,
Paul McWhirter,
Mrs. B. Schofield,
Mrs. D. Schofield,
W. Whiteside.
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council

4410. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Wyre Cllr. G. Holden.

4411. 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.

4412. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 10th August, 2016 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4413. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was suspended to allow residents to speak.

Police Report

August Crimes – Offenders entered a garden on Lancaster Road and stole a Blue Suzuki 600 GSX Motorcycle and harassment via personal messaging on Facebook was reported with the victim being advised to block the unwanted contact and secure her personal settings.

August Anti-Social Behaviour – A neighbour had threatened the next door's daughter, a resident was verbally abused in a parking dispute and a vehicle that had been parked outside a property for a week.

A Police incident which saw 7 Police cars and an ambulance on Fishers Row last Tuesday was reported.

Wyre Councillor Holden

Although Cllr. Holden could not attend he sent a report Public Access - new online planning applications the webpage has been recently updated so that there is a direct link so that anyone can look at plans without having to register or provide any personal details, please see: <http://www.wyre.gov.uk/planningsearch> However, if someone

wishes to register so that they can track progress of an application and get updates when changes to the application are made, then we have to have their email address so that they can be notified of the changes. All personal information is kept securely and is confidential.

Market housing scheme - in accordance with the National Planning Practice Guidance, if the scheme is for affordable housing, then the geographical area that needs to be considered under the sequential test is the Pilling Parish Area only, whereas a market housing search area is the whole borough.

The recent market housing scheme (planning application 15/00885) passed the sequential test via undertaking a borough wide search, therefore on this occasion the development for market housing was acceptable. If there were further market housing proposal in Pilling, they would also need to undergo the same test to be acceptable; this would depend on what other comparable sites are available and suitable at the time an application is made.

The fly tipping issue down Green Dicks Lane is still ongoing but I am hopeful it will end with a prosecution.

Low Water Pressure in Eagland Hill – this has been raised with Wyre planning and the United Utilities website to report water pressure was offered, but the residents did this initially with no improvement, which is why it was reported to Wyre.

The meeting was resumed.

4414. CELEBRATE PILLING

Information on possible funding to hold a community event was presented to Councillors; who were asked to suggest ideas as to what form this celebration should take? There were a number of suggestions, but it was decided that in order to involve everyone in Pilling to hold an open evening to receive suggestions and gauge the uptake. Also to advertise the open evening in the Pilling News.

Resolved; To hold an open evening on 9th October at the Golden Ball to receive suggestions for a community event in May/June 2017.

4415. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications are granted.

16/00531/FUL

Proposal: Installation of bi-folding roof light on rear elevation
Location: Churchfield Lodge, School Lane, Pilling

16/00421/FUL

Proposal: Erection of single storey detached building for use as home office
Location: Field House, Field House Lane, Pilling

The following application was refused:

16/00263/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for proposed live-work facility with scale, layout, appearance and access applied for
Location: Land Adjacent To Church Cottages, New Lane, Eagland Hill

To note:**16/00769/LAWE**

Proposal: Lawful development certificate for existing use as a market dwelling not occupied in accordance with condition 3 of planning application 2/6/8799

Location: Moss Nook Lancaster Road Pilling

Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;**16/00707/FUL**

Proposal: Erection of stable block and formation of sand paddock for private equine use

Location: Longwood Barn Longwood Lane Pilling

Resolved: Pilling Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. To stress no burning of manure on site.

16/00749/FUL

Proposal: Change of surface to land adjacent to sand paddock from grass to free draining aggregate topped with sand to form an all-weather surface

Location: Bond House Duck Street Pilling

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

16/00538/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a chicken rearing building (phase 2 of 2)(19m wide, 45.7m long, 5.2m high) (affecting the setting of a Public Right of Way)

Location: Orchard End Farm New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling

16/00539/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a chicken rearing building (phase 1 of 2)(19m wide, 45.7m long, 5.2m high) (affecting the setting of a Public Right of Way)

Location: Orchard End Farm New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling

Resolved: Taken together the Parish Council considers it would be acceptable for the public footpath to follow the track rather than across the field.

4416. FINANCE**Audit 2015 – 2016**

The external auditor, having completed the audit for 2015 – 2016, concluded there were no matters which require the issuing of a separate additional issue arising report.

Resolved: Councillors accepted the external auditors report.

Payments received since the previous meeting:

1. McDermott Homes – hedge cutting	£ 45.00	Auction Mart.
2. Furness Building Society Interest	£472.22	Paid annually in August
3. Lancashire County Council	£397.00	Amenity Grass Cutting

Standing Order credit

1. St. John's Church – Grounds Maintenance	£ 65.00
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Councillors approved the following payments:

1. Clerk's salary adjustments and expenses	£ 68.11	
2. Parish Lengthsman wage and expenses	£ 15.76	
3. Prudential AVC	£250.00	AVC Pension
4. Catterall Parish Council	£ 22.12	Phone and Broadband
5. St. John's Church	£ 20.00	Meeting Room Rental
6. BDO LLP	£396.00	External auditors
7. Mr. P G Whiteside	£525.00	Back Sands dykes
8. Houghton's Filling Station	£ 81.89	
9. The Golden Ball	£120.00	Pilling in Bloom
10. Catterall Parish Council	£ 4.67	New Laptop
11. North West in Bloom	£ 54.00	Pilling in Bloom

Monthly Standing Orders/Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,670.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£685.81
Easy-Web-Sites	£ 24.00
St. John's Church Hall – Access to facilities	£ 80.00

Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement

Resolved: Bank Reconciliation to 30th August, 2016 and the first quarter financial statement were accepted.

Reserve Account Transfer

Resolved: To transfer £5,000 from Reserve Account

4417. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Chairman's Report

Cllr. J. Savage reported on correspondence from the school governors concerning the Christmas Tree switch-on and the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party and the attendance of the pupils. The Ecumenical Group organises the switch on, but the party was discussed. Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson, aware what was happening talked through the possibilities with Cllr. W. Whiteside and the Chairman and suggestions of an earlier start to include the two schools before the tea and allow the pupils to get home earlier were considered. The food will be prepped in the kitchen ready, after tea entertainment is to be confirmed. In the past the entertainment has been home grown, but the Concert party have moved on and a number of avenues are being sought. There was a suggestion to finish with carols to mark the festive season. Cllr. N. Cookson, as a school governor will approach St. John's School and the Chairman will write back to the governors informing them of the re-working of the party timetable.

Pilling in Bloom

Cllr. W. Whiteside reported that the beds are full of chickweed and feared that the compost bought in was not too well rotted. Although the beds are sprayed of each year he suggested that next year they are dug out and replaced with better compost. Major renovations are needed with the beds at the station.

North West in Bloom has sent an invitation to the awards ceremony in Southport in October.

Resolved: Two tickets will be purchased for the committee.

Representative on Pilling Memorial Hall/Pilling 20:20

A Family Treasure Walk will take place this Saturday 17th September at 2pm on the new field. A digger has arrived on site to deal with the ‘depression’ pond, part of the SUDS system on the old Memorial Hall field.

The builders have isolated and hedge and wire fence between the Memorial Hall site and Cherry Tree Close and Laburnum Cottages, despite being told it is part of the site Regenda are stating it is not their responsibility. Cllr. E. Moorat will contact MCI to attempt to sort this out.

An application to the Big Lottery is about to be submitted. The committee has the design for the new hall, the planning permission and the final amendments have been made to the funding bid. The financial aspect has been written by a former bank manager living in the village and members of the committee have favourable contacts with the Lottery staff. It is believed that by delaying the submission it has allowed the time to produce a much better application that is well thought through.

Eagland Hill Schoolroom

Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield reported on funding in Eagland Hill. The Church and School received £1,000 from Moons Trust for a report on the school and this will be considered next month. Grantscape has granted funding for a bird watching camera, staging and a picnic bench at Eagland Hill.

4418. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS

The Environment Agency in Pilling

There was concern at the inactivity of the Environment Agency with the clearing out of the main water courses. Cllr. J. Barton had spent time with officers from the Environment Agency showing them where the pinch points are and still nothing has happened. These pinch points run under power cables and the work will need to be undertaken by hand, but should have been completed before the wet weather sets in. Cllr. N. Cookson will be attending the Flood Forum in Wyre on Thursday.

Incident with Runners

An unpleasant incident was raised by a resident due to runners using the barriers on School Lane as toilets! Councillors will have a word to the organisers and inform them where the toilets are.

Defibrillators

Cllr. E. Moorat reported on the seven defibrillators installed in the village however, there is still £800 outstanding against the costs.

State of Broadfleet Bridge, School Lane and Smallwood Hey Road

Councillors again raised the state of the roads through the Village the potholes continue to get deeper and become more dangerous.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

Chairman

Date