

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th AUGUST, 2014 at 7.00pm

AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING

Present: *Councillors; J. Savage, Chairman,*
G. Curwen,
Mrs. E. Cookson
J. Edmondson,
E. Moorat,
G. Morris,
Mrs. B. Schofield,
W. Whiteside
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
Twelve Residents



4121. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received for this meeting from Cllr. D. Lawrenson and Cllr. S. Morley.

4122. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors were asked to disclose pecuniary or non pecuniary interests in matters to be discussed at this meeting.

Cllrs. G. Curwen, E. Moorat and J. Savage declared an interest in item 4135 as members of Pilling 20 20

4123. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 9th July, 2014, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4124. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow the residents present to speak.

Police Report

PCSO Terry Molloy reported that there were no crimes reported in July 2014 against 6 in the same period last year. Anti-social behaviour incidents included unlawful driving on Pilling Sands, enquiries with the registered owner of the transport vehicle, nuisance phone calls and nuisance messages via Facebook were received in the Smallwood Hey area and nuisance phone calls in the Lancaster Road area. A motor bike was also reported on Pilling Sands from the Thornton area.

Councillors asked for the reason why figures for crime were so low, Pilling seems to be one of the better areas in Over Wyre and suffers from rural crimes on farms such as the discovery of two stolen trailers now under investigation. PCSO Molloy added that the Police have been made aware of problems with the 101 reporting number.

It was raised that with fewer crimes committed resources could be sucked to the greatest need and now that Wyre and Blackpool forces are combined this could potentially be miles away. Residents are encouraged to continue to report crimes and

anti-social behaviour incidents. With the resurfacing of Garstang Road a number of residents were concerned at the bikers on a Sunday night, but Community Speed Watch will be informed. Parking on pavements was raised and it was noted that this IS illegal and sufficient room should be left to fit a double buggy and if not then report as an obstruction.

Planning Applications in Pilling

A resident asked had the Parish Council lobbied Wyre Council and the MP concerning large planning applications in Pilling and their affect on the infrastructure of the village? The chairman, as the planning ambassador replied that he had received training and that Wyre Council was to build 500+ houses every year across the borough in the belief that once the houses are built the infrastructure comes into place behind it. The Parish Council is keeping on top of the flooding, water and sewage issues with their meetings with United Utilities and the Environment Agency.

Planning application on Garstang Road The Demolition

Neighbours of the North West Concrete site have received letters informing them of the building demolition, which is to start in three weeks time. There was great concern that the developers and demolition firm were not aware of the fragile drainage system which takes drainage water from Moss Houses Lane, through the site and settlement tanks and out into Pilling Water and a site meeting was suggested in the interest of good relations. Concern was expressed that the drains are to be capped; which could flood Moss House Lane, all service pipes cross the site and pipes need indentifying.

The Application

Residents were concerned at the high density in a rural location, the shortage of bungalows to cater for an aging population, flooding and the instillation of an attenuated underground water storage system.

Wyresdale Concrete

A resident raised the number of wagons accessing Wyresdale Concrete during the night and that Wyre Council enforcement has been informed and Dave MacArthur in the environmental department is looking at enforcement.

The meeting was resumed.

The next item was moved up the agenda with agreement from Councillors:

4134. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Councillors made comment on the following planning applications:

A public drop-in consultation for the two following applications was held prior to this meeting, as the developer has carried out NO public face to face consultation nor made contact with the Parish Council.

14/00526/FULMAJ

Proposal: Outline planning application for erection of up to 40 dwellings

Location: Land at Garstang Road, Pilling

The Parish Council has no objections in principle to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. There are a number of concerns too many houses for the services and the village, shortage of bungalows in Pilling, number and nature of dwellings, underground storage of water to prevent flooding, impact on the infrastructure and loss of employment land. Scarce public transport, public footpath

should not include cycleway, identification of the service pipes on site, flooding risk on Moss House Lane and access onto Garstang Road. Site meeting to ascertain drains and services under the site to developer, prior to agreement.

14/00580/DEM

Proposal: Prior notification for the demolition of existing buildings

Location: Land at Garstang Road, Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to the safe demolition of the buildings, but seeks neighbourhood notification and protection.

4135. PILLING MEMORIAL HALL / PILLING 20 20

The Councillors had been provided with the report of the Option Agreement signing meeting and asked to ratify the option agreement for the selling the Memorial Hall site, providing planning permission is granted for 26 houses, purchasing the Damside field and relocating Pilling Village Hall and sports field to this site. Councillors support the new hall, but there was concern that the option papers were signed prior to the full council seeing sight of them.

Resolved: The Parish Council will be kept informed of Pilling Memorial Hall's legal papers and these will be discussed by all councillors prior to signing.

It was noted that to date Pilling Parish Council has granted £500 and loaned £2,000 to Pilling 20 20, through Pilling Memorial Hall to float this project. The Chairman added that members are aware of the many set backs which have held up the signing of this option agreement. On the granting of the Memorial Hall's charitable status the Committee became responsible for running the hall and the Parish Council 'holds' the hall in name only for the benefit of the community.

Cllr. W. Whiteside was most concerned as to the financial side of the project seeing no fundraising had been undertaken. Cllr. E. Moorat allayed his fears explaining that the scope of finance needed for a new hall and facilities is beyond that; that community fundraising could generate and therefore funding streams have been identified, some of which offer 100% grants for various aspects of the project, such as the sporting facilities. The trustees are confident that funds will be available at the right time to fulfil the aspirations of the community, once the planning permission is granted. Although it must be understood a number of attempts may be required to secure funds; a good scheme will eventually get grants. The alternative, to stay in the present hall, would require large investments as it does not comply with present day standards on some aspects and the site is too small to provide facilities for the village.

The meeting was suspended to allow residents to speak.

Pilling Parish Plan 2004 states the Parish Council was looking for a sports field and combining facilities with the replacement of the Memorial Hall on this new site is an opportunity not to be missed. The trustees have spent time and effort ensuring public money is not squandered.

The meeting was resumed.

Resolved: The option agreement report and history of Pilling Memorial Hall was accepted and recorded:

Cost of the Damside Field £288,000

Sale of the Memorial Hall £440,000

Therefore - Funding pot £152,000

4136. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application has been granted:

14/00336/FUL

Proposal: Retention of existing building for use as self-catering holiday accommodation

Location: Herdman House Farm, Peahall Lane, Pilling

Tree Preservation Order**007/2014/TPO**

Land adjacent to Primrose Villa, School Lane, Pilling – one Oak Tree

Wyre Council has received no objections to the Order and on 16th July, 2014 the Order was confirmed (made permanent) without modification.

4137. FINANCE

The following was received by the Parish Council:

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| 1. Bank Interest | £ 2.35 | |
| 2. Lancashire County Council PROW | £ 20.00 | Stile repair |

Resolved: Councillors accepted the following invoices for payment:

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| 1. Ashlea Cottage Nurseries | £1,057.50 | Pilling in Bloom |
| 2. Clerk's salary and expenses | £ 42.37 | |
| 3. Parish Lengthsman wages and expenses | £ 73.69 | |
| 4. Prudential AVC (July) | £200.00 | Voluntary Pension Contribution |
| 5. Catterall Parish Council | £ 20.01 | phone and broadband |
| 6. Rural Insurance - Sit on Mower | £177.13 | |
| 7. Cornthwaites | £355.76 | Water pump and hoses |
| 8. Houghton's Filling Station | £221.01 | |

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£2,160.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£852.57

Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement for first quarter to 30th June, 2014 and Bank Reconciliation to 31st July

Resolved: The members accepted the reconciliations and statement.

Transfer from Reserve Account

A transfer of £10,000 from the Reserve Account into the current account was agreed.

4138. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reminded Councillors that private information concerning Parish Council employees was not to be disclosed and all enquiries must be channelled through the Clerk.

Pilling In Bloom

Results will not be disclosed until October in Southport at the presentation, favourable comments have been heard from residents and we stand a good chance.

Pilling Memorial Hall

Planning applications are to be made to Wyre Council for affordable housing on the Memorial Hall site, a new community hall and sporting facilities on the new field and access to properties off Taylors Lane. It was noted that application has been made to the Land Registry by a holding company on the Memorial Hall site to register an interest in the land as potential owners.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

Confirmation of the fundraising Whist and Domino Drive on 12th November at 2pm was made. This will be publicised in the next edition of Pilling News.

Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils

A letter has been sent to Peter Gibson, as leader of Wyre Council, on behalf of Garstang and surrounding Parish Councils enormously concerned with the number and size of recent planning applications and the apparent lack of cohesion or a local plan to work to.

Pilling Coffee Feast

The Coffee Feast went well with the traffic management being assisted with the radios purchased by the Parish Council and the team was swelled by qualified marshals living in the village. The new sound system meant that the crowning ceremony could be easily heard and Wyre Council lent out barriers and signs used in the village

Pilling News

It was resolved that no commercial advertising was to be printed in future, but village organisations would be approached by Councillors to provide articles to be included. Photos and write up from the Coffee Feast, Holiday Club and the commemoration of the outbreak of WWI at the Memorial Hall and the candlelight vigil would be in this next edition.

4139. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS**Kissing Gate behind the Elletsons Arms**

The dilapidated state of the kissing gate at the rear of the Elletsons Arms was reported and Lancashire County Council will be informed.

Resurfacing of Garstang Road

Councillors wished to thank Lancashire County Council for the work carried out resurfacing Garstang Road and would now raise the state of Mill Bridge.

Water in the Broadfleet

It had been noted that the level of water in the Broadfleet, given the lack of much rain, had remained high for the past three weeks with no movement or flow toward the sea wall.

Route 89/89H Bus through Pilling

Now that the timetable has been in operation for some time a number of problems have arisen. The early bus on a week day morning is too early for both school children and those who work in Lancaster causing concern to parents as to where their children are in town. The last bus now leaves Lancaster so early that anyone at the cinema has to leave before the end of the film!

Historic Map

The Parish Council has been gifted a map from Walter Lawrenson showing Pilling in 1884, this will be archived at Preston once it has been checked against some the Church holds.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

Chairman

Date