

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY, 2015 at 7.00pm

AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING

Present: Councillors; G. Curwen, Chairman,
Mrs. E. Cookson,
J. Edmondson,
E. Moorat,
S. Morley,
G. Morris,
Mrs. B. Schofield,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council



4181. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received for this meeting from Cllr. D. Lawrenson, Cllr. J. Savage and Cllr. W. Whiteside. In the absence of the Chairman; Cllr. G. Curwen took the meeting.

4182. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

Cllr. G. Curwen declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 14/00942/OUT as the owner of the access road and did not vote.

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson declared a non pecuniary interest in planning application 14/00946/FUL as a neighbour and did not vote.

4183. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 3rd December, 2014, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4184. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Police Report

One crime was reported in December, 2014 of a 31 year old male issued with an adult caution for committing a minor assault against his partner in Garstang Road and an anti-social behaviour incident relating to a grieving relative who became very abusive towards staff at a care home in Pilling. The Councillors were puzzled that the reports they hear from residents do not match the low numbers of incidents in the Police report and wish to question the reporting system the Police use.

The meeting was resumed.

4185. CESSATION OF PAPER PLANS FROM WYRE COUNCIL

The Parish Council wrote to Garry Payne concerned that the ceasing of provision of paper plans would disadvantage councillors and residents when commenting on applications. David Thow answered stating '*Parish/Town Councils are now the only consultee to which we currently send a full paper copy of applications. There are costs associated with this which we would prefer not to have to bear. This is particularly the case in*

respect of large/major applications of which there are an increasing amount. Whilst i acknowledge that large plans will often need to be printed to be properly viewed and assessed, applications are usually accompanied by other supporting information and documents e.g. Flood Risk Assessments, Design and Access statements, Transport Statements, Ecology Assessments etc. which are primarily intended to be read by technical consultees (e.g. LCC Highways, Environment Agency etc.) which may not need to be looked at but if necessary, can be read on the web site.

I propose, therefore, that, as from 5th January, we will only send paper copies of plans or documents which are specifically requested. We will NOT charge for the copies sent.

I hope you find this arrangement satisfactory.

Councillors discussed that the cessation of paper plans would result in the Parish Council and residents NOT having access to applications in Pilling as it isolates those without internet access. Councillors felt it wasn't right as it undermines the comments of the Parish Council to Wyre Council, however a trial period of two months will be undertaken when each application is requested in paper form and reviewed will follow.
Resolved: To request every planning application in paper form.

4186. DISPLAY OF WYRE COUNCIL'S NOTICES

Wyre Council would like the Parish Council to display the notice for a Polling consultation on the Parish Council's noticeboard. The notice for the new electoral register was displayed recently. This has not been a potential problem to date as clerks did it as part of working together and that Wyre originally gave a contribution to the clerk's salary. However, this rural grant has been withdrawn and Wyre Council is refusing to pass on the Localised Council Tax Grant owed to Parish Councils, which means displaying of notices is now costing the Parish Council. Councillors considered displaying future notices from Wyre Council and concluded this was a cost shunting exercise and Wyre Council should be charged.

Resolved: Wyre Council will be charged for the display of their notices in the Parish Council's noticeboards.

4187. QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL STATUS

A new Local Council Award Scheme was launched on 6th January, 2015 to replace the Quality Parish Council Status. As Pilling Parish Council still carries this status the council has applied for automatic transition to Foundation level, at no cost, this will expire on 31st January, 2016. Councillors Considered if they should be working towards a Quality Gold Award Level, but questioned a lack of benefits from the present status, it is a lot of investment for no cost benefit. The Parish Council will review again against future benefits.

Resolved: The status is on hold until benefits can be assessed.

4188. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Annual Report 2013 – 2014. The councillors were informed of the training courses for this year.

Resolved: Councillors would consider training nearer the dates of the courses.

4189. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were granted:

12/00363/DIS

Proposal: Discharge of conditions 9 (drainage) & 10 (land contamination) relating to planning application 12/00363/FUL

Location: 1 & 2 Tarn Cottages (Former Tarn Farm), New Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

14/00881/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of first floor from storage to residential and addition of external stair and rear balcony

Location: Opposite Seaspray House, 5A Duck Street, Pilling

14/00632/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage and construction of new vehicular access to existing dwelling at Damside Farm

Location: Land at Taylors Lane, Pilling

14/00710/FUL

Proposal: Erection of agricultural livestock building and track

Location: Momens Farm, New Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

14/00744/FUL

Proposal: Variation of condition 01 on application 11/00543/FUL (retrospective application for the erection of an apple storage building) to allow retention of the building for an extended time period

Location: Land To the South East of Ivy Loft, And South of Holme Close, Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling

14/00642/FULMAJ

Proposal: Full planning application for the erection of a new Pilling Memorial Hall with car parking, formation of new pedestrian and vehicular access from Taylor Lane and landscape planting, together with change of use of agricultural land for associated creation of recreational open space to include replacement sports pitch and children's play area.

Location: Land At Taylors Lane, Pilling

The following application has been refused a lawful certificate and therefore a planning application must be made;

14/00826/LAWP

Proposal: Certificate of lawful development for proposed change of use from redundant cattle shed to animal food processing building

Location: Bradshaw Lane Farm, Bradshaw Lane, Pilling

Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;**14/00475/DIS**

Proposal: Discharge of conditions 05 (drainage) on application 14/00475/FUL

Location: Siromer Tractors Taylors Lane Industrial Estate Taylors Lane Pilling

The Parish Council were not consulted as this is a desk study.

14/00942/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of a single dwelling (siting and access as a reserved matter)

Location: Land at Libby Lane Pilling

Due to his pecuniary interest the Chairman did not preside over this matter and Cllr. E. Moorat took over.

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

14/00946/FUL**Proposal:** Extension to existing storage/hobby building**Location:** Westfield Lancaster Road Pilling*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification.***14/01009/FUL****Proposal:** Single storey rear/side extension**Location:** Southfield Skitham Lane Pilling*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification.***4190. FINANCE****Donation**

Pilling Jubilee Silver Band played at the switch-on of the Christmas Tree lights and the Parish Council normally sends a donation. Councillors considered a donation, noting that 2012 was the last donation.

*Resolved: To donate £35 and an apology for 2013 and £40 for 2014.***Defibrillator Appeal**

Appeal letters have been composed and will be delivered to businesses and organisations within Pilling. Posters will be on the noticeboards and an article was submitted in the Green Magazine.

Clerk's Pension

The clerk set up an AVC to add to her pension pot, but it is the full amount of that deducted which is paid in. Therefore £250 and not £200 is to be paid and back dated as in the information supplied. This means that there is a deficit of £1,100 to be paid this month.

Resolved: Councillors understood and agreed to pay the deficit.

Payments received since the previous meeting:

1. Bank Interest to 28 th November, 2014	£ 0.27
2. Cash donations from Christmas Party	£ 35.00
3. J. Wakefield – Defibrillator	£ 20.00
4. Siromer Tractors – Grounds Maintenance	£690.00
5. Cash donations received for Christmas Party	£ 30.00
6. Kirkland Parish Council	£ 27.95

Work carried out by the Parish Lengthsman in Churchtown.

Resolved: Councillors accepted the following invoices for payment:

1. The Golden Ball – Christmas Party	£340.00	
2. Stakepool Stores – Christmas Party	£ 74.44	
3. Clerk's salary adjustments and expenses	£133.57	
4. Parish Lengthsman wage and expenses	£112.86	
5. Prudential AVC	£250.00	Additional Voluntary Contribution
6. Prudential AVC deficit	£1,100.00	
7. Catterall Parish Council	£ 21.30	phone and broadband
8. Catterall Parish Council – Stationery	£157.96	
9. Catterall Parish Council - Stationery	£ 33.28	
10. Chairman's Allowance – G. Benson	£ 61.25	
11. Chairman's Allowance – J. Savage	£ 25.00	

12. Pilling Jubilee Silver Band	£ 75.00
13. G. Armer – Van insurance	£303.62
14. Houghtons Filling Station	£200.00
15. Bradleys Electrical	£ 13.61
16. Cornthwaites	£ 77.62
17. Chairman's Allowance – G. Benson	£ 25.00
18. HMRC – third quarter	£934.45

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,670.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£716.57
Transfer	
Transfer from Reserve Account	£5,000.00

Thanks

Katherine Bell thanks the Parish Council for their donation towards her voluntary work in Zambia; she has raised £1,288 to date.

Budget 2015 – 2016

Councillors were presented with the state of the accounts to 31st December, 2014 with the proposed budget for the next financial year.

Resolved: To accept the budget for 2015 - 2016

Precept 2015 - 2016

The Parish Council has received the precept notification from Wyre Council requesting the precept amount by 23rd January for inclusion in the Council Tax bill.

Resolved: To precept £48,000 for work to be carried out in Pilling Parish, 2015 – 2016.

4191. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**Senior Citizen's Christmas Party**

The Parish Council has received three thank you cards and donations in appreciation of the well attended village event. The Chairman presented Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson with great thanks for all her hard work and dedication to managing the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party with such efficiency.

Report of the representatives on the Pilling Memorial Hall Committee

Cllr. E. Moorat reported that the three planning applications needed for the relocation have been granted, there is just some further work with Regenda, the developers and Wyre Council to detail the type of affordable housing to be built. Conveyances will now take place, all submissions are full permissions.

At their meeting on Monday night Pilling 20 20 has finalised their business plan and a consultant is looking for funding streams. Three architect quotations are needed and these will be sought this week. Pilling 20 20 has got the go ahead to relocate a Community Hall and should be rightly proud of the work carried out with the many set backs that were encountered. The Chairman added that without the dedication of Cllr. E. Moorat, his hard work and guidance over the past three years, the group would not be where they are and he should be congratulated, he is to continue with the group to steer further developments. (Applause).

Minutes of the Water Meeting Working Group

The Chairman reported on the working group consisting of local farmer, the Environment Agency, Natural England, the NFU, the MP and the Parish Council working together in the short term to alleviate flooding problems in Pilling. On a long term basis they are heading to set up an Internal Drainage Board. It was noted that the MP told of the status of the MMO in coastal/water regulations. Significant progress has been made.

Minutes of the meeting with the MP and Regenda concerning the allocation of affordable housing in Pilling

The Chairman reported how Regenda allocate properties and this informed the MP, who was unaware of the process. The rented properties in Poppyfield Way have been allocated and Regenda are to hold an Open Day to raise their profile in the Village showing how to apply and a tour of the properties.

4192. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS

89H bus being cut

Cllr. J. Edmondson reported on a newspaper article stating that the 89H bus service through Pilling was to be cut. Further investigations will be needed to assess what is happening.

Kissing Gate at Damside

The gate has been smashed, although there are many rotten parts; it has been reported to Lancashire County Council.

Windturbines at Eagland Hill

Cllr. E. Moorat reported on grants from Grantscape, who have £16,000 available per year for projects in local communities, he is waiting for the initial meeting to find out further information, but will be looking for funding towards defibrillators and Pilling 20 20.

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

Chairman

Date