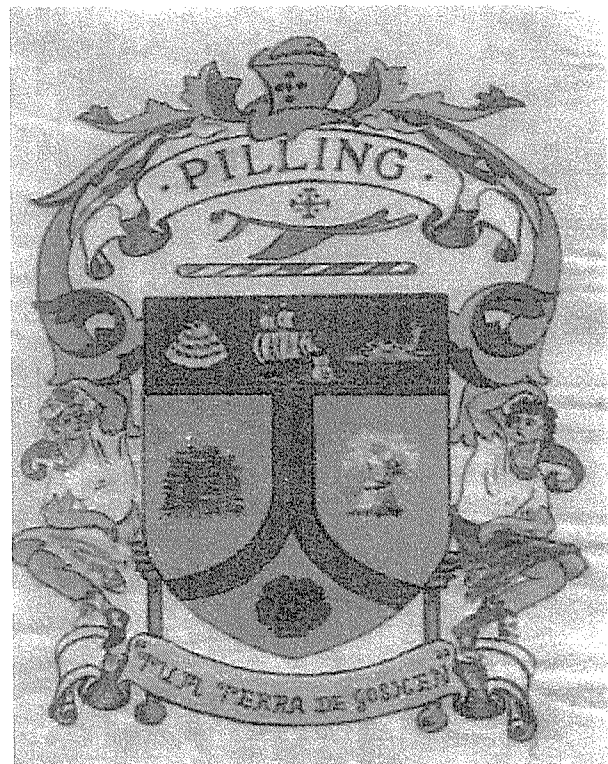


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Introduction



What is it?

The Parish Plan is a document produced by the Parish Community which describes the character that makes Pilling a special place in which to live. It sets out design and design objectives that should be observed by all.

What is it for?

It is a reference offering guidance for anyone planning development in the Parish. It will be useful to an individual householder planning to build an extension or refurbishment as it will be to a developer building new housing, an industrial developer or a landowner planning tree felling, planting and landscaping.

How does it work?

The Parish Plan has been prepared with a view to contributing to the preparation of formal Supplementary Planning Guidance by Wyre Borough Council. The guidance would need to be considered when drawing up plans for development in the Parish.

Why do we need it?

The Plan traces the origins of Pilling, its history, its life and environment.

It is to ensure that any future changes will fit in with what is best in Pilling today.

The Plan advises everyone involved with Pilling of what is important, of value and worthy of retention.



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The Parish of Pilling



Pilling is an extensive mossland parish covering some 3387 hectares situated on the southern corner of Morecambe Bay. A largely agricultural parish, it is a rural community and has a flat, open landscape looking towards the Bowland Fells, the Lake District Mountains and Morecambe Bay. From artifact finds, there is evidence of spasmodic human activity dating back to the Neolithic period.

The seaward side of the Parish is supplemented by salt marsh, much of which has been reclaimed recently by improved sea defences. The mosslands merge with that of neighbouring parishes and in total cover some 9000 acres. These mosslands replaced the forests that covered the area in the early Iron Age.

In the 12th Century much of Pilling came into the possession of the Canons of Cockersands Abbey, resulting in the creating of various farms or 'houses' to supply the Abbey's needs. Many are still in existence today, although obviously not now connected with the ruined Abbey, e.g. Carr House, Pasture House, Fold House, Brick House.

Pilling in the past was, of necessity, a self contained community. At one stage, in the late 19th century it boasted no less than 8 grocers and shopkeepers together with such diversified businesses as a tailor, saddler, wheelwright, blacksmith, butcher and even an oatmeal maker, and of course the Pilling mill.

Even though the monks of Cockersands developed 'houses' they were never high structures. Much of Pilling was, and still is, built on mosslands with the consequent inability to install adequate foundations for high large structures.

The wet undrained mosslands had an influence over the Parish throughout the ages, in that access by road or paths was difficult. Improvements in drainage have helped reclaim land and (although improvements have taken place of late) road access has always been a problem. Peat being extracted for fuel left the roads uneven and vulnerable to the elements.



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Boundaries

Parish

The boundaries follow the courses of streams and dykes, field boundaries and 'Line of Sight'. Sometimes this system can throw up anomalies, such as Fluke Hall, which is only approachable from Pilling via Fluke Hall Lane but is in the adjacent Parish of Preesall.

Borough

The eastern side of the Wyre Borough boundary follows the Pilling Parish Boundary from Wrampool Bridge on the A588 to Crawley Cross before following the Winmarleigh boundary with Cockerham.



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Landscape

'Gods Grace and Pilling Moss are endless' (A History of Pilling - SF Sobee)



The Parish of Pilling covers an area of 3387 hectares. It is the second largest Parish in Lancashire.

The landscape is predominately flat and the majority of the Parish lies at sea level. The sea and shore form the western boundary of the Parish. The sea wall built in 1978 relieves the typically flat sea marsh area. A great deal of the salt marsh area has been reclaimed since the sea wall was built and cultivated into agricultural land. The landscape also benefited by a modest area of reclaimed land being planted with trees (The Amenity Area).

The geological strata of the inland area of the Parish consist of peat, grey estuarine clay and sand containing shells proving the existence of an ancient seabed. The layer of peat was formed from swamp vegetation and forest that covered the area after the ice age. The peat moss is fertile agricultural land.

Glacial erratics, 'drumlins', break the monotony of the flat inland landscape. These hills of sand and gravel left behind by the ice age are in evidence at Eagland Hill, Bone Hill and Black Hill.



The tidal Broadfleet River is situated to the north west of the Parish. The landscape is enhanced with views of the Lakeland Fells to the North and the Trough of Bowland to the East.

Protecting Our Landscapes

The conflicts of interest that arise between different users of the countryside require careful management if they are to be resolved. Many of our landscapes are also our most fragile. The landscapes of our densely populated island need positive management and protection.

Hedgerows are distinctive features of the countryside. They contribute positively to the character of the landscape, at the same time provide shelter for crops, wildlife, and help prevent soil erosion.



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Natural Environment

Biodiversity and Pilling

As part of the National Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), the major conservation groups have set objects for protecting and improving habitats. BAP sees its plans as realistic but “deliberately visionary and unconstrained”. However, implementation and stewardship of the plans has to be in the ownership of the local people. Pilling has the opportunity to be at the forefront of local environmental and wildlife conservation, for a caring, greener and pleasanter future not just for ‘Pillingers’ and Tourists, but also in terms of national and international conservation importance.

Pilling and the surrounding area, although having a ‘moderate wildlife interest’, according to the Nature Conservation Profile drawn up by English Nature, is of international significance for its large numbers of geese, swans, grey heron, skylark and waders which feed and winter on the improved wet grassland. Nationally declining populations of Brown Hares and Bat are common to Pilling and should be protected with pride. *This is a feature that Pilling needs to consider in any future developments likely to affect rare populations: from noise, habitat degradation, urbanisation, too unsympathetic building work.*

Other characteristics important to the area are: -

- Hedgerows which being wildlife corridors need to be managed to encourage the presence of birds, invertebrates, small mammals and amphibians. Many are species poor, being mainly of Hawthorn. Re-introduction of a variety of species would encourage rare bird populations. Nationally important yellow hammer, tree sparrow and many owl species nationally are just about holding on here. Variations in management will depend on hedge location.
- Small ponds, once a feature of the Fylde and Over Wyre plains, provide habitats for some of the rarer species of amphibians and invertebrates. It may be possible to re-establish this habitat in Pilling



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- Tree and woodland planting and management on field margins or set aside land using Stewardship and Woodland Schemes in future land development would enhance the local amenity and visual attractiveness and wildlife conservation.
- The Environment Agency has now provided the treatment works for the sewage disposal and will give help and advice on river corridor projects e.g. water vole re-introduction or possibly more ambitious wetland recovery.

A Broader Look

Recycling in the Parish is now available for paper, glass, clothes and green waste. *Other schemes to reduce the quantity of landfill waste need to be introduced.*

Traffic hazards, noise and pollution were identified in the Parish Appraisal as reducing the quality of life within the Parish. *A reduction in the traffic, a major national social problem, will take a great community effort and an affordable, convenient bus service.*

The beach was also a concern to many. Being a lovely natural amenity for wildlife and human alike having a clean beach is important. It seems people travel from a wide area to access the beach

The current, on-going, problems regarding the beach and access to the beach need to be resolved, preferably to the benefit of the greater community.



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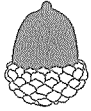
Guidelines on the Natural Environment.

To enhance the quality of our environment and our lives everyone is automatically involved and from the Parish Appraisal people feel very strongly that we need to continue our efforts. The future development of the parish is in our ability to imagine what we would like to see, or indeed what we would not like to see. For environmental issues it becomes a matter of making our immediate world around us the place in which we want to be most and are proud to share with family, friends and our future families.

The Parish environmental development will need a group of people willing to bring the various ideas to fruition. By working with the Wyre Rangers, Lancashire Wildlife Trust, English Nature, local people, the Lengthsman and local landowners it will be possible to put those plans into action.

Where possible Pilling should observe the goals: -

- Retain or restore the full diversity of semi-natural habitat.
- Maintain healthy populations of internationally, nationally and regional important breeding, wintering and passage species of birds occurring within the Natural Area.
- Ensure that tourism does not conflict with wildlife interests.
- That Local people and visitors are aware of the key species of wildlife interests and nature conservation priorities for the area.
- Improve the water quality of rivers and water courses.
- That developments throughout the Parish do not conflict with wildlife interests and natural features.
- Ensure that the habitat creation schemes do not result in loss or degradation of any other key wildlife habitats.



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Community, Leisure and Recreation Facilities and Tourism

Education

The Parish Appraisal highlighted a significant need for adult education classes (68.1%), after school clubs (66.1%) and holiday play club (48.4%). The results from recent Parish Plan workshops strongly endorse these findings.

There are two Primary Schools in the Parish, both church schools, which are well involved in parish and church events.

Community Information

Access to Library Services is provided by weekly visits of a Library Van. There is also a small library at Knott End (5 miles)

The Parish Council produces a Village Newsletter, at quarterly intervals but distribution is currently patchy.

A number of Notice Boards around the Parish provide visible information points.

There is a Parish web site, which requires a great deal more work to make it information functional.

Health and Personal Care

The Pilling GP Surgery was closed in January 2004 as the building in which it was housed (a converted stable) did not comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA). Many parishioners did not use the surgery because of this and its lack of privacy for Patient/Doctor consultations. However the Parish Appraisal indicated that 63.1% of parishioners would prefer a modern surgery in Pilling rather than travelling the 5 miles to the Medical Centre at Preesall



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Pilling Memorial Hall

The 89.3% response gives a clear and unquestionable indication that there is a need for a Community Hall in the Parish and the facilities that are needed. Successive workshops and public meetings also indicated that there was a need for a recreation area for younger children.



Recreational and Social Facilities

The Parish Appraisal indicates that the provision of social facilities as being poor for children up to the age of 16 and young people up to the age of 25 and only reasonable for those older than 25 years. Overall the general provision has to be considered as unacceptable. This also applies to the sports facilities of which there are none in the Parish.

Police, Crime and Community Safety

The Parish Appraisal indicated that teenage behaviour; vandalism and theft are major concerns of the parishioners and that they do not believe that everyday policing is adequate. This was further supported by findings from Parish Plan workshops, and that Police presence seems to have decreased since the appraisal.



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Guidelines on Community, Leisure and Recreation Facilities and Tourism.

Education.

Life Long Learning needs to be encouraged, across the wide spectrum, to achieve this partnership with the County Education and Cultural Services, Myerscough College and other providers will to be established.

Community Information

Local Councillors at County, Borough and Parish levels need to be more active and ensure that those that they represent are fully aware of what is occurring and develop a dialogue with the electors. The Parish Council has instigated a NewsLetter but the distribution net work needs development, in order for it to reach all doors. All media outlets need to be made use of, including the establishment of a Parish Web Site, to disseminate information. The parishioners need to be encouraged to be more involved and pro-active in local politics.

Health and Personal Care

Successive public meetings and workshop have indicated that a GP Surgery and Clinic facilities should be included in the plans for the new Memorial Hall. This should be fully inclusive of all health care including clinic sessions for Wellman, Wellwoman and Baby and should be linked with Healthcare Education (Life Long Learning).

Pilling Memorial Hall

There is a clear need for the Hall to be re-developed as a Community Centre and the establishment of a recreation field is to proceed with urgency. The provision of a modern Community Centre would be instrumental in alleviating some of the deficiencies highlighted in Recreational and Social Facilities as well as addressing concerns relating to teenage misbehaviour and vandalism.

Recreational and Social Facilities

Prior to the new Community Centre facility being opened, plans need to be put in place to address the deficiencies that should also include the provision of a full sized sports field, at a central location in the Parish.



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Police, Crime and Community Safety

The provision of a 'Roof for the Youth' in the Memorial Hall would go a long way to solving the problems encountered with the young people, as would the development of a Youth Council in the Parish. A partnership with the Police and the Youth and Community Service in the Borough should be investigated. Consideration should be given to revitalising the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and also encourage parishioners to report matters, at once, to the police. It would be beneficial if the Parish Council entered into a partnership with the Police.



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Open Spaces, Commercial and Residential Development.

Open Spaces

With the exception of the Village Green and the Amenity Area most or all of the other open spaces in Pilling are privately owned. These consist of high quality agricultural land used for both arable and livestock farming.



Residential Developments

The Parish has a wide mix of housing types, styles and building materials, ranging from 300 year old thatched cottages to up to date Eco-friendly houses. These are mainly single or two storey, apart from the converted Mill at Damside. The settlements of Pilling, Stakepool and the two hamlets of Scronkey and Eagland Hill are best described as being linear developments with three areas of back land development. Most new housing is confined to in-filling between existing dwellings. The decline of agriculture has resulted in several farm buildings being converted into dwellings. Responses to questions in the Parish Appraisal and further supported by the output from Parish Plan workshops relating to housing indicate (82%) that there is no need for any further provision for housing in Pilling. Those in favour of additional housing prefer it to be low cost/affordable stock restricted to local people. It was strongly felt by [69.6%] that Pilling should remain more or less as it is without any development. Evidence shows that the lack of appropriate housing has resulted in people having to leave Pilling. (See page 3 Parish Appraisal)

Commercial Development

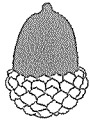
As would be expected in a rural parish, agriculture and horticulture are the main commercial activities. The rest are diverse and are sited in converted redundant agricultural buildings, the old Station yard and the old Auction Mart. In addition there is a modern purpose built industrial estate, in Taylor's Lane, a concrete products manufacturer on Garstang Road, a Country House Hotel and restaurant and three Caravan Parks, mainly owner/occupier holiday caravans. Retail Services available in Pilling are 1 Post Office (part time), 1 Post Office/Grocery Shop, 1 Ladies Hairdresser, 1 Farmers Store, 1 Hardware/Electrical Shop, 1 Newsagents/ 2 General Stores, 2 Public Houses, 2 Garages (one with petrol pumps), 1 Fish and Chip Shop, Pottery, two Cafes and several Journeymen Trades. There is no bank or cash machines; the nearest is 5 miles away.



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Sewerage

The provision of improved sewerage treatment facilities has been most welcome; nonetheless there is a growing concern as to the ability of the existing sewers to cope with the present discharge. Residents throughout Pilling encounter frequent problems associated with an inadequate sewerage system.



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Guidelines on Open Spaces, Commercial and Residential Development.

For Pilling to stay as it is, as clearly expressed in the Parish Appraisal, would inevitably lead to further decline. Nonetheless it is generally agreed that the development of housing of a monotonous, uninteresting and characterless design is unacceptable. To sustain the character and diversity of the Parish each building that goes beside another has to be in tune with its neighbour. The Appraisal does indicate that there is need for constraint and that any further house building should improve the stock of good quality, affordable housing for sale or for rent to meet the needs of local people. The ratio of 'Affordable units' to site capacity needs to be considerably lower in rural parishes.

When considering any new development the provision of adequate infrastructure is essential. Infrastructure includes health, welfare, education, as well as roads, public transport, water, gas, electricity etc and wastewater management.

It was felt that there are areas suitable for small developments of two or three dwellings and that these areas should be 'dripfed' into development along-side infill norms. This would enable the character of the parish to be kept, whilst managing the expansion of residential development for many years to come. No development to be allowed on the land on the east side of Lancaster Road extending from Bodkin Hall to Laharna, thereby allowing the open agricultural aspect to be retained.

Residential Development

The Wyre Borough Land Study includes the Old Auction Mart at Stakepool (for example) for possible development of up to 40 units. It is felt that this density does not relate to a rural setting and it is recommended that this number should be reduced to reflect more suitably, the rural amenity. Any schemes in the Parish should always be designed with a density that is sympathetic to the area,



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Sewerage

The inability of the existing sewerage system to cope with additional loading needs to be addressed before any further development, residential or commercial is contemplated.

Commercial Development

Planning objectives need to protect the character and heritage of the countryside and at the same time maintain and enhance the quality of life in rural areas. The changes to the agricultural industry in recent years are issues that need to be addressed.

Guidance is given in Wyre Borough policies SP10, EMP 12 and EMP 13 on diversification and conversion of rural buildings.

Development into open countryside is covered by policy SP 13. The policy contains a general presumption against development in the open countryside.

Rural businesses make a valuable and real contribution to rural employment and the rural economy. The expansion/diversification of these businesses on a small scale within existing buildings or curtilages, rather than relocating to larger sites near urban areas, should be encouraged. In doing so consideration must be given to all other relevant issues referred to in this plan.

Shop Fronts and Signs

Shop fronts and their associated signs should be complimentary to the rural amenity.

Internally illuminated signs should generally be considered unacceptable. The level of illumination should not be excessive, bright, flashing and exposed neon tubes considered not acceptable.

Reference should be made to Local Plan S7, which gives general advice



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General Development

All development, whether residential or commercial, must:

- Be in sympathy with the design of surrounding properties.
- Demonstrate a commitment to high quality design that will enhance the quality of life.
- Enable local priorities to be considered in the development process.
- Allow a positive input to be made on the part of the community, enabling them to take the impetus, rather than merely reacting to Local Plan proposals or individual applications.
- Flood prone areas should not be developed but left to fulfil their natural function, thus avoiding the alleviation of problems at a later date.
- New builds and extension's should not exceed the height established in existing neighbouring buildings.
- Energy saving measures should be included in all-new builds and extensions.
- Surface water (Top Water) runoff from any development, irrespective of size, both commercial and residential must be discharged directly to a water course and NOT into the foul sewage system

Conclusion

Rural housing is a key issue for the future of a rural community. Major changes are taking place in population movement, farming and the wider economy. These changes are shaping the social and economic life of the countryside as well as the environment. A thriving, living and working countryside will depend on the building of high quality, well-placed, affordable/ low cost housing. The issue of affordable, good quality housing is important for the people living and working in rural communities, who could not possibly afford high market prices. Affordable housing for sale or for rent must meet the assessed needs of local people and not the desires of the developer. Housing is important and will play a key roll in helping to sustain “balanced communities”



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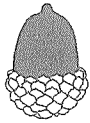
Retention of Existing Architectural Features and Buildings.

Location	Reason
Damside Cottages Damside	Existing façades to be retained. No increase in building height. Only extension to be allowed is to the rear. These properties are amongst the oldest in the Parish.
Pilling Hall Horse Park Lane	Stone façade to be retained
Field House Off Lancaster Road	Crux structure, any redevelopment must include the crux.
Pinfold School Lane	Although re-built in 1997 on the original site
Laurel Cottage Taylor's Lane	Existing façade to be retained, no increase in the present building height. Extensions only to the rear. This property is amongst the oldest in the Parish
Springfield House Wheel Lane	Listed building and should remain protected
The Old Church School Lane	The building to be maintained through funding provided by ecclesiastical sources

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Newers Wood ancient site	All steps should be taken to protect this ancient site of the first church in the Parish.
The Old Ship School Lane	Now a private dwelling. Is amongst the oldest buildings in the Parish and no development or refurbishment should be permitted that will alter its present form.
Beech House. School Lane	The window on the north elevation, no development or refurbishment should be permitted that would mask or remove this window.
The Old Vicarage School Lane	Now a private dwelling, no development or refurbishment should be permitted that will alter its present form.
The Mill Damside	There should be no reduction in the present height and any redevelopment or refurbishment should not alter its present form.

Throughout the Parish there are, what are considered to be, historical or ancient buildings and features, some of which are noted above. Alterations, extensions, change of use of building materials must strictly respect the inherent scale, style and setting of the building or feature. i.e. The insensitive use of masonry paint can easily change the character of a building, making it too dominant in the street/landscape. It is therefore imperative that such buildings and features be preserved, at all costs. To achieve this the Parish Council and the planners must place preservation/retention high on the list, developments that change the form of a building or feature will also remove it from its place in history, this must not be allowed.



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Footpaths and Bridle Paths

The Parish is well served by footpaths, there being 52 officially approved rights of way, but only one bridle path is available. The state of the footpaths is reasonable. The bridle path is a continuation of one starting in the neighbouring parish of Preesall and finishes at the sea wall near Fluke Hall.



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Public Transport

Car dependency is high as would be expected for an area inadequately served by public transport facilities. The appraisal indicated that only 7% of the people rely on public transport.

Three different types of public transport currently serve the Parish.

Service 89 provides a two hourly service between the hours 0740hrs and 2320hrs between Knott End and Lancaster daily

The Garstang Super 8 service is government funded and is operated by Preston Community Transport in partnership with Lancashire County Council. The vehicle is a low floor, easy access minibus that can accommodate most types of wheelchairs. It provides a service to Garstang and return on weekdays only, except Tuesday. Wednesday is half day closing and Thursday is the Market day, with no return bus in the afternoon. The route taken is circular and is time tabled to run either clockwise, a 25 minute journey or anti clockwise a 1hour 15 minute journey. Time of arrival in Garstang, on any day, is 1100hrs which is considered to be too late if one wishes to travel further. The late arrival in Garstang, 1100hrs, and the onward arrival in Preston, 1220hrs, means the accessing of other transport services to destinations like Manchester, Southport and Liverpool pointless. Arrival times at these locations would allow little if any free time in the area, if a return journey was to be undertaken, even a straight turn-around would require tight timing to arrive back in Garstang to catch the 1600hrs service to Pilling on days of operation. Residents of Pilling have mixed views about this service, however the general consensus is that the late arrival in Garstang which precludes any onward journey and the 1hour 15minute or the 25minute journey is too long for what is a 15 minute journey by car.

Wyldefyre 1 is an innovative rural transport service that enables people living in the Wyre and Fylde rural area to gain access to NHS Health Care services. It is driven by a strong partnership, including Blackpool Fylde and Wyre Hospital Trusts, Wyre Primary Care NHS Trust, Lancashire County Council, Countryside Agency through North Lancashire Rural Transport Partnership.



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Wyldefyre 1 continued

Lune Valley Transport provides line management, payroll and generally oversees the operation of the service. The service has been in operation for over a year and to date has made over 1800 passenger journeys.

General comments from those who have used the service;

"We are both over 80 years old; we find it very difficult to get to the surgery, especially when the weather is bad. The Wyldefyre 1 service is much appreciated and the drivers are most kind and thoughtful. We hope the service will continue in the future."

"Without the Wyldefyre 1 service we would not be able to get to our doctors in Great Eccleston as often as we have to, as we have no local bus service. Long may the service continue!"

"I cannot drive anymore and before the Wyldefyre 1 service began, I had to find some one to take me to the surgery to see the doctor. The Wyldefyre makes it so much easier and gives me a chance to accept appointments I couldn't take before".

"Wyldefyre 1 takes us to our doctor's appointments and brings us back home again. You can have a good chat and get all the news off other passengers". Please keep up the good work.



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Guidelines on Highway, Traffic, Transport, Footpaths, Bridle Paths.

Highways and Traffic.



The A588, Head Dyke Lane, this road has seen no improvements between Green Dicks Lane and Lane Ends for over seventy years, in spite of an increase in HGV and other vehicular traffic. At present the road is de-restricted up to Fold House corner, with 40mph speed limit from there to the end of Fishers Row, which was introduced in the 1980's. This limit is felt to be too high for the type of residential area it covers. It leads into blind corners at Fold House, an almost blind corner at the junction with Bradshaw Lane, a blind 'chicane' at the junction with Garstang Road, and another at Bodkin Hall. The on street parking along Fishers Row causes a 50% reduction in the road width, with traffic forced onto the wrong side of the road facing oncoming vehicles which are unsighted because of a bend in the road. It is felt that these facts alone show a need for the present 40mph limit to be reduced to 30mph. Cyclists, horse riders and occasionally pedestrians use the A588 between Green Dicks Lane and Fold House; it is felt that a 50mph speed limit would be applicable over this stretch of road, together with signs warning of pedestrians, cyclists and horses, upgrading of this section of the A588 needs to be given urgent consideration, especially the width. At the junction of the A588 with Lambs Lane and Carr Lane it is felt that problems that motorists have regarding line of sight would be somewhat alleviated by raising the height of the lanes to match that of the A588 at their junctions.

Unclassified Roads in the Parish

Pedestrians on Garstang Road and Smallwood Hey Road are 'short changed' when it comes to pavements to protect them from the traffic. On Garstang Road, despite residential development from the Post Office to Jarvis Carr Farm, there are no pavements. It is suggested that either the pavement be extended from its present point to Jarvis Carr Farm, or that stretch of the road from its junction with the A588 to Jarvis Carr Farm is covered by a 20mph speed limit.

On Smallwood Hey Road, the pavement ceases at a point opposite Smallwood Hey Farm although residential development stretches westward to Wheel Lane. It is apparent that the siting of a pavement on the north side of Smallwood Hey Road was envisaged in the fifties or sixties as the dwellings built during that period have their front boundaries set back.



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A constant width is not maintained throughout its length, varying from 6.3 metres to 4.7 metres, causing difficulties in passing oncoming traffic. Although a minor road it is much used by HGV's milk tankers, buses, coaches, other forms of vehicular transport and pedestrians. A number of young families with young children live along its length. It is suggested that if the extension of the pavement cannot be undertaken, then a 20mph speed limit be imposed along its full length.

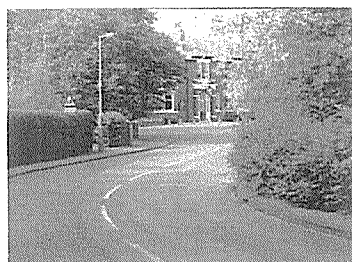


Taylor's Lane

At present the limit on the section of this road from the Memorial Hall to its junction at the Mill Bridge is 40mph. This is considered to be inappropriate for the following reasons;

- ◆ The narrowing bend at Damside corner.
- ◆ The change from 30mph to 40mph and back to 30mph over a very short distance.
- ◆ The number of dwellings accessing the road at Damside.
- ◆ It's varying width.
- ◆ Its usage by all forms of vehicular transport and pedestrians

It is suggested that the speed limit be reduced to 30mph along Taylor's Lane/Damside



Speeding and Parking

The Appraisal clearly indicated that speeding and dangerous driving were a major concern.

It is suggested that all roads through residential areas be restricted to 20mph. Parking in various areas was also highlighted as an area of concern in the appraisal. On road parking has a dual effect; it narrows the width of the road and in doing so acts as a speed control. Nonetheless when new service outlets and social centres are being considered the requirement of additional off-road parking must be a required element of the Parish Plan.

Whatever limits are imposed, they need to be effectively policed. Otherwise the speed limits become meaningless. The installing of Speed Humps, Chicanes and cameras in the Village should be resisted at all costs.



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Footpaths and Bridlepaths

The re-designation of Footpath No. 5 from Green Dicks Lane to its junction with Neds Lane to a bridlepath would be an advantage, by taking horse riders off the A588 between Green Dicks Lane and Lambs Lane.

Public Transport

The restraints on public transport, to venues and work are very limited. Young people also find it hard to access educational, sporting and social activities. The problems that face people travelling out in Pilling also apply to potential tourists. The results of the Appraisal clearly indicate that due to infrequent time consuming and costly public transport, the car is the overriding choice of the parishioners.

Planners of public transport services must consult the users and potential users, (not plan solely to suit the purse.)

Cycling Strategy

The car, has over the years, replaced the cycle as a means of everyday transport. Increased traffic has led to problems of noise, pollution, congestion and the reduction in road safety. 1996 saw the arrival of the Governments National Cycling Strategy. This was followed in 1998 by a White Paper ' A New Deal for Transport' which required local authorities to establish a local strategy for cycling as part of their transport plan. (Lancashire County Councils 'Local Transport Plan 2001 - 2006, strategy 2.7 and Wyre Borough Councils Local Plan, Policy TR9 refers.

In addition Wyre Borough Council produced a 'Cycling Strategy for Wyre' A Ten Year Plan, 2001 - 2011, in which it proposes the development of a cycle route along the sea wall, Knott End to Fluke Hall. Further development from Fluke Hall to Cockerham should also be included in the overall plan.



Something from the Pilling Youth Council

How do we perceive Pilling to be in 10/20 years time?

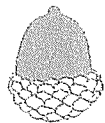
We hope that Pilling has expanded but not to the extent that it becomes a purely sub-urban place to live. We enjoy living in the countryside and would not wish to see the natural beauty of our surroundings totally disappear, albeit that we would like changes to occur in the village. We realise that in order for us to gain more amenities in the Parish, expansion is inevitable but it must be managed and a balance kept between building and the retention of the countryside.

When asked what would we like to see in the village, many thought that a library with computers would be a good idea. People could use the library, to do school work, research, borrow books without having to leave the Parish. A bank to be re-opened in the village was a popular idea, creation of jobs also the provision of services for the residents of Pilling, a dentist, opticians, a better takeaway, improvement in footpaths, an internet café, a hotel.

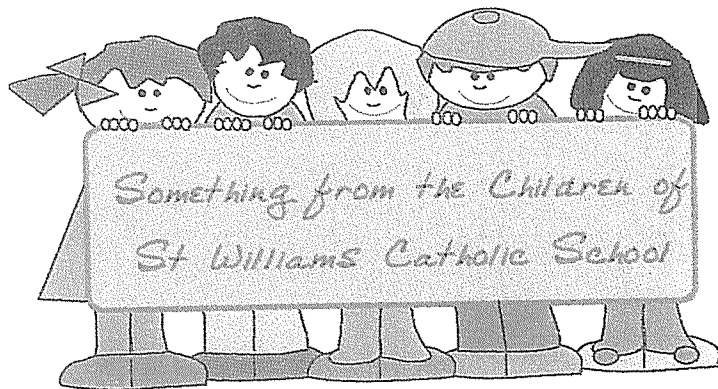
Transport is a major issue, the majority would wish to see more buses pass through the Parish, going to various other locations, also a few more buses to existing locations. The roads currently cope with traffic but as population increases the roads will need alterations to cope with the increase in traffic. We would like to see improvements to existing road surfaces, for example Union Lane leading to Hambleton.

We would hope to see for future generations of young people a play area with swings etc for all ages, a climbing frame, and a sports field with a cricket strip. For the older children in Pilling the establishment of a Youth Group with a place of their own for their use.

To bring wealth back into the Parish we think tourist attractions will be needed. The Pilling Heritage Centre will be open; this will attract tourists into the village this needs building on but like domestic development it needs to be managed.



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a youth club for teenagers

a better park with provision for the under tens

A fountain for the centre of Pilling

Better picnic benches with plenty of bins to put rubbish in

a football pitch

A museum of Pilling

**BETTER
TRANSPORT
WITH MORE
BUS STOPS**

A Pilling Art Gallery

More activities going on at the Memorial Hall - dance/drama, art and crafts

Rowing boats

AN INTERNET CAFE

Better entertainments - a theatre and cinema and a night club

More flowers

Leisure facilities
a swimming pool
a gym
a skate park

on
the Amenity
Area

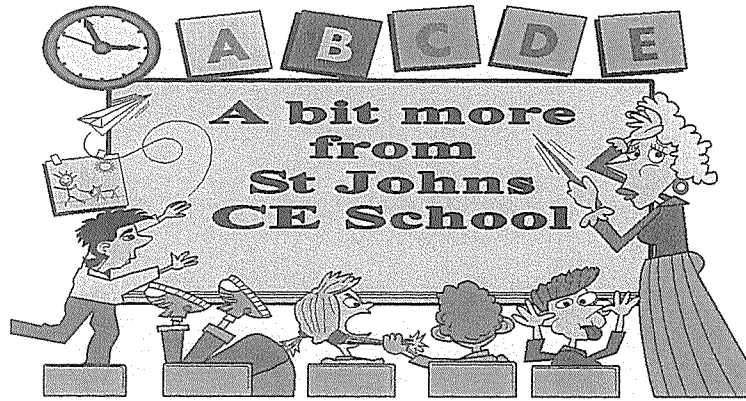
A supermarket, shopping centre, toy shop
sports shop, games room workshop.



Nature walk, pony trekking, butterfly house,
petting zoo where you can touch the animals



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I would like to see the school get bigger and turn into a college

A supermarket in Pilling to save travelling

An area for Fishing at the Amenity Area



A Swimming Pool

Shooting restricted

Lower speed limits through the village

Less vehicle noise quieter roads



make Pilling Sands cleaner and safer with Wind Turbines off shore

A cinema in Pilling

Instead of cars and bikes Hover Craft and Hover Bikes

Recycling - a better area set aside for Glass, Paper, Clothes Shoes, Cans Plastic Bottles, Books The Area kept Clean

Decent Tennis Courts



No Motorways



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THE PARISH ACTION PLAN



ISSUE	RELEVANT AGENCIES	TIME SCALE	ACTION	MONITORING BY WHOM	OUTCOME
<u>Environment</u>					
i) A Parish Lengthsman	Parish Council	Immediate	❖ Parish Council to employ a full time Parish Lengthsman.	Parish Council	Achieved
2) Maintenance of Roadside Verges, Hedgerows and Trees	Parish Council	Immediate	❖ To be included in the Lengthsman's remit	Parish Council	Achieved
3) Noise Pollution	Parish Council Borough Council Police.	On Going	❖ A national problem, needs to be addressed and a partnership established with the Police and the Borough	Parish Council	
4) Parish Walks	Parish Council Borough Council	On Going	❖ A Parish Walk has been agreed with the Parish Council and the Wyre Borough, which should be implemented soon.	Parish Council	Imminent
5) Areas of localised flooding	Parish Council County Council Environment Agency Borough Council	On Going	❖ Some areas have been identified and corrective action taken.	Parish Council Parishioners	Watching Brief
6) Recycling	Borough Council Charitable Schemes Parish Council	On Going	❖ A bulk recycling area is located in the Parish; it is limited to Glass and Paper. ❖ Ideally the aim should be to have curbside collection at every door for ALL recyclable materials	Parish Council	
7) Energy Saving	Borough Council Memorial Hall	On Going	❖ Public Awareness of grants available. ❖ New builds must include the latest energy saving measures ❖ Investigate the possibility of the new Community Centre being Eco-Friendly.	Parish Council Memorial Hall	
<u>Crime, Vandalism, Police and</u>					

<u>Community Safety.</u>					
1) Crime and Vandalism and Community Safety	Police Parish Council Youth and Community Service	On Going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Parishioners to be security conscious and report ALL incidents at the time of occurring. ❖ Investigate the possibility of reinstating the Neighbourhood Scheme ❖ Investigate the Farm Watch Scheme ❖ Parish Council, the Police consider working in partnership with the Youth and Community Service regarding the provision of services in the Parish 	Parish Council Parishioners	
2) Police	Police	On Going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Reinstatement of a residential Policeman in the Parish. ❖ Better Police response times ❖ An increased Police presence in the Parish 	Parish Council	

<u>Leisure, Recreation Facilities, Tourism and Community.</u>					
1) Leisure and Recreation	Memorial Hall	On Going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Replacement of the existing hall with a ALL inclusive Community Centre ❖ Bring the Recreation Area into use 	Parish Council Memorial Hall	Partial use achieved completed by July 05
	Parish Council Borough Council		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Provision of A sports field Requires active involvement at both Parish and Borough levels 	Parish Council 1	
2) Life Long Learning	Memorial Hall Education & Cultural Services Training Providers	On Going	<p>Facilities to be provided in the new Community Centre are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Employment Service ❖ Business Support ❖ Education Training Suite/Meeting Room ❖ ICT Suite ❖ Access to Local and Government Information Line ❖ Local Broad Band Service ❖ Pre Play School 	Parish Council Memorial Hall	

3) Health and Personal Care	Primary Care Group Memorial Hall Over Wyre Practice	On Going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Facilities to be provided in the new Community Centre are: - ❖ Doctors' Surgery ❖ Wrap Round Child Care ❖ Well-woman Clinic ❖ Wellman Clinic ❖ Baby Clinic ❖ Chiropody Service ❖ Child Care Clinic ❖ Dieticians ❖ Occupational Therapists ❖ Counsellors ❖ Fitness Room 	Memorial Hall Parish Council	Early stages of planning
4) Community	Parish Council Memorial Hall Youth Services Youth Council	On Going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Increased services for the elderly ❖ Roof for the Youth ❖ Parish Office ❖ Postal Services 	Parish Council	Watching Brief

<u>Open Spaces, Commercial and Residential Development</u>					
1) Development	Parish Council Borough Council County Council	Immediate & On Going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Establish a Partnership with the Planning Authorities, which includes a mechanism that allows the Parish Council a greater input in the decision making ❖ Place a greater degree of Development Management at Parish level. ❖ Tighter restrictions on building without prior planning permission. ❖ Infrastructure provision to be part of ALL applications, fully inclusive for one building or more. ❖ Provision of affordable/low cost housing to be based on the proven local needs. 	Parish Council	
2) Sewerage and Waste Water Management	Parish Council Borough Council United Utilities	On Going & Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A greater degree of urgency to be placed on the replacement of the existing Sewerage System. ❖ Improved Top Water Management 	Parish Council	New Treatment Plant operative Watching Brief
<u>Local Government</u>					
1) Parish Council	Parish Council	On Going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Produce a quarterly News Bulletin ❖ Encourage Public attendance at meetings ❖ Greater contact with Local News Papers ❖ Establish a Parish Web Site ❖ Establish a Youth Council 	Parish Council Parishioners	Achieved Active Established

<u>Highways, Traffic, Public Transport, Footpath and Bridlepaths</u>					
1) Traffic & Roads	Parish Council County Council Police	Immediate & On Going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Implement a 50MPH and upgrading on the A588 from Green Dicks Lane to Fold House and 30MPH onwards to junction with Horse Park Lane. ❖ Garstang Road, Smallwood Hey Road and Roads through the Village reduced to 20MPH ❖ The whole of Taylor's Lane and Damside to be 30MPH ❖ Policing of speeding and dangerous driving needs to be effective. ❖ Lambs and Carr Lane junctions with the A588 to be raised to level of A588 providing better line of sight at junctions. 	Parish Council	
2) Footpaths and Bridlepaths	Parish Council County Council	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Upgrade Footpath no: 5, Green Dicks Lane to Neds Lane to Bridlepath. 	Parish Council	
3) Cycling Strategy	Borough Council		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Actively support Borough Council's plan to develop a cycle route from Knott End to Cockerham 		Plan Adopted
4) Public Transport	Parish Council County Council P.T.W.G	On Going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Continue to press for the re-scheduling of timetables to suit the users, not the purse also the reinstatement of the original Garstang Service. ❖ Greater consultation with users ❖ Better use made of the numerous buses traversing the roads empty 	Parish Council	

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ISSUE	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
<p>Environment.</p>	<p>A Parish lengthsman is employed. His remit includes the maintenance of hedgerows, verges and trees.</p> <p>With regard to noise pollution and flooding, these are areas where the parish council has to act in partnership with the borough and county councils, the police and the environment agency. Their priorities are not always ours.</p> <p>We are still waiting for the parish walk to be implemented. The route etc. has been agreed.</p> <p>There is now a kerbside collection for all recyclable materials. There are concerns that this is not available to all residents of Pilling. There are also concerns about the frequency of collections, the state the road is left in after the collection, the returning of bins and the time taken to sort materials.</p> <p>Plans for the new community centre are based on an eco-friendly build. When we consider plans for new buildings are we aware of energy saving measures used in the construction?</p>
<p>Crime, Vandalism, Police and Community Safety.</p>	<p>Parishioners are encouraged to report all incidents to the police and receive a log number.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch and Farm Watch schemes have not as yet been developed.</p> <p>Parishioners are concerned about police response times. It appears that they have their own ideas of what issues to prioritise. While there has been an increased police presence through the use of PCSO's this is still not at the level</p>

Leisure, Recreation Facilities, Tourism and Community.

that many would like to see. It is possible that at some point the parish council may look into employing a village policeman. The attitude of the police towards keeping councillors aware of incidents is poor.

The field behind the Memorial Hall is now in full use and has proved a boon for events such as the Coffee Feast. The council is still working to provide a sports field. Finding a location with safe access is a major concern.

The development of facilities for life long learning, health and personal care and the community are dependant on the provision of a new community hall.

Open Spaces, Commercial and Residential Development.

The Parish Council continues to make comments about building applications. Whether or not these are given much credence is another matter. Planning Authorities are still not always looking at the infrastructure when considering applications.

The Parish Council has made some progress in enabling parishioners to be given a higher profile in applications for low cost housing.

The 'newly ' built sewage station is already operating at full capacity. This is worrying given the rate of new builds in the village.

New pumping stations have been promised , but we are still awaiting their establishment.

For all planning applications that come before the council there is a request that top water be separated from the foul water system.

Local Government

The Parish Council produces a quarterly newsletter, encourages public attendance at meetings and has increased contact with local newspapers.

There is a Parish website and a Youth Council. Provision of a Youth Club is still the major concern for young people. There is a possibility that we may be able to 'buy in' to a youth worker based at St Aidans.

There is a twice weekly surgery where residents can view planning applications and discuss matters with the clerk.

**Highways, Traffic, Public Transport,
Footpaths and Bridlepaths.**

Attempts to implement speed restrictions and raise some road surfaces is dependent on outside bodies and their priorities. The Parish Council has been able to access 'smiley faces' which will be appearing in the streets of Pilling shortly.

Footpath number 5 has been upgraded to a bridlepath.

Public transport to Lancaster is reasonable. Getting to Preston, Blackpool and places further away is more difficult.