

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th JANUARY, 2016, at 7.00pm

AT PILLING READING ROOMS, SCHOOL LANE, PILLING



Present: *Councillors; G. Curwen, Chairman,*
J. Barton,
N. Cookson,
S. Morley,
Mrs. B. Schofield,
Mrs. D. Schofield,
W. Whiteside
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council

4316. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received for this meeting from Cllr. J. Savage, Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson and Cllr. E. Moorat,

4317. 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.

4318. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December, 2015 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4319. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was suspended to allow residents to speak.

Police Report

Crimes in December included an assaulted woman attacked by her partner in a domestic violence, a male arrested for drink driving and causing an affray after crashing his vehicle on Head Dyke Lane. Anti-social behaviour includes female in Carr Lane, reported that a former partner had accessed her email, changed her password and preventing her from accessing her emails and a man reported a relative banging on his door wanting access to his house. A newsletter article was suggested concerning methods of reporting suspicious incidents to the Police.

Wyre Councillor Graham Holden

Councillors were disappointed at the lack of the Wyre Councillors' presence again; as without regular dialogue he will not know what's happening in Pilling and be able to help the community.

The meeting was resumed.

4320. PILLING NEWSLETTER

Councillors were asked to submit articles for the Pilling Newsletter to be distributed in February.

Resolved: Suggestions include Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, Christmas Tree switch on, clothes collection, Pilling in Bloom and Police contacts. Articles from both schools would be included in a future edition.

4321. ROAD FLOODING IN PILLING

Councillors believe that the water meetings held have helped put Pilling on the map and saved them from the worst of the recent torrential rain. Reports of sandbags restricting the flow in the channel, this has been reported to the Environment Agency but not removed to date. On Boxing Day the following roads were flooded with some being impassable and Lancashire County Council should be aware of these problems in Pilling:

Back Sands Lane, numerous residents and the local bus service have suffered damaged tyres.

Fishers Row – opposite side to the houses,

Carr Lane – in three places,

Smallwood Hey Road – opposite Bambino up to 1 foot deep,

Wheel Lane – in front of Lantern House and at the junction with Duck Street,

Lancaster Road, Scronkey between New Hall Farm and Bankfield

Damside has been impassable for weeks.

Councillors were asked to report any further flooding and these will be passed to the County Councillor for action?

4322. ANPR CAMERA

The clerk got quotes for ANPR cameras in the village, after getting the quotes from the Eagland Hill system, Nortech in Little Eccleston was also approached and they supplied a quote and possible problems. Councillors considered that all the ANPR must be linked to the Police. Councillors added that the private road from Bone Hill Lane through to Eagland Hill is closed due to a land slip and this has closed the public footpath.

Resolved: To contact the Police as to their involvement in the ANPR system.

Resolved: To report public footpath number 42 for investigation.

4323. HR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RATIFICATION

The HR Committee meeting discussed the Parish Lengthsman working hours and jobs in the parish and recommend his hours are reduced to 35 hours per week on a seasonal flexible basis. Councillors were given the Job description and the minutes of the meeting.

Resolved: Councillors agreed to a reduction in hours for the Parish Lengthsman and to recruit residents to help out with Pilling in Bloom jobs.

4324. PILLING IN BLOOM HALF BARRELS

During Autumn the Parish Lengthsman cleaned out the half barrels in the village and has noted that four are past their best. Councillors consider their replacement with concern that Pilling in Bloom may fold.

Resolved: To order four barrels to replace the rotten ones.

4325. LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED BUDGET OPTIONS

Lancashire County Council is consulting on the cabinet's proposed budget options. Comments can only be made on-line and Councillors were asked to formulate their comments.

Resolved: The Parish Council would wish to highlight budget cuts concerning Knott End library, bus subsidies and Knott End Ferry and ask Lancashire County Council to reconsider these proposals as it could leave Pilling isolated or car dependant.

4326. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following lawful certificate has been granted:

15/00563/FUL

Proposal: Erection of stable building and ancillary annexe for living accommodation
Location: Newlands, Duck Street, Pilling

15/00593/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of existing outbuilding to form granny annexe
Location: Eagland Hill Farm, New Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

15/00776/FUL

Proposal: Erection of front dormer, front porch, two storey side extension, and single storey rear extension.
Location: Westbury, Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling,

Councillors made comment on the following planning application;

15/00973/FUL

Proposal: Erection of new agricultural building
Location: Workshop Jim Brown Fabrication Lancaster Road

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

15/00977/FUL

Proposal: Proposed siting of 20 static holiday caravans
Location: Midwood Caravan Park Head Dyke Lane Pilling

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

15/01009/FUL

Proposal: Erection of domestic storage building including garage and hobby room (part-retrospective). Re-submission of 15/00773/FUL.

Location: Church Barn Eagland Hill Farm New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling

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

15/01017/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of existing garage to living space including alterations to roof and side wall to create access to rear garden and single storey rear extension

Location: 6 St Johns Avenue Pilling

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

16/00019/FUL

Proposal: Replacement dwelling and garage (following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings)

Location: Bimsons Cottage Wheel Lane Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council objects to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. Proposed dwelling out of character and too high in the open countryside, demolition of an old Pilling house so ask the conservation officer first and shared access.

For information:

Application for heavy goods vehicle operator's licences

OC1142064 SN

M and L Cooper Ltd

Directors: Michael Cooper and Leanne Cooper, Poulton

Operating centre: Boundary House, Head Dyke Lane, Pilling

1, vehicle and 3, trailers

Transport Manager: William Danson

4327. FINANCE**Budget / Precept 2016 – 2017**

Councillors considered the updated budget to 31st December, 201, including any further projects including costs which are to be undertaken in the next financial year. Wyre have calculated the tax base for Pilling to be 776.58 and will be deducting £107.70 for election expenses prior to paying over the precept. Councillors voted on the precept amount.

Resolved: To accept the budget for 2016 – 2017

Resolved: To inform Wyre Council Pilling Parish Council precept is £51,000 to carry out work for 2016 - 2017

Additional Christmas Costs

Thank you letters have been sent to those who donated their time and dedication to the Christmas Tree switch-on and the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, but there are a number of costs following these events to resolve:

Pilling Jubilee Silver Band, this must also include donations for the past two years, as the cheque was not cashed and Pilling Methodist Chapel, invoice for £75 received.

Resolved: The donation for Pilling Jubilee Silver Band is made up of £35 + £40 + £40 for the past three years.

Resolved: To pay the invoice for Pilling Methodist Hall.

There was a suggestion of a real 'Christmas' tree planted on the village green to use each year, the correct variety for the location will be sought.

Payments received since the previous meeting:

1. Senior Citizens' Christmas Party - Cash	£ 25.00
2. Bank Interest	£ 0.23
3. Kirkland Parish Council	£122.16
Parish Lengthsman working in Churchtown	
4. Senior Citizens' Christmas Party - Cash	£ 10.00

Standing Order credit

1. St. John's Church – Grounds Maintenance	£ 65.00
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Resolved: Councillors accepted the following invoices for payment:

1. Golden Ball Hotel	£390.00	Senior Citizen's
2. Stakepool Stores	£ 60.95	Christmas Party
3. Clerk's salary adjustments and expenses	£134.98	
4. Parish Lengthsman wage and expenses	£ 61.16	
5. G. Armer	£308.65	van insurance
6. Prudential AVC	£250.00	Additional Voluntary Contribution
7. Catterall Parish Council	£ 15.94	Phone and Broadband
8. Turtle Engineering Ltd	£666.00	Defibrillator case
9. C A Traffic	£ 97.20	SpID charger
10. Cornthwaite Farm Machinery	£ 39.01	
11. Catterall Parish Council	£127.98	stationery
12. Pilling Jubilee Silver Band	£115.00	incl. £75 outstanding
13. Pilling Methodist Hall	£ 75.00	
14. G. Benson	£ 53.12	Chairman's Allowance
15. J. Savage	£ 25.00	Chairman's Allowance
16. HM Revenue and Customs	£1,304.12	3 rd Quarter
17. Houghton's Filling Station	£318.13	For 3 months
18. Pilling Reading Room	£ 15.00	Room Hire

Monthly Standing Orders/Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,730.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£707.02
Easy-Web-Sites	£ 24.00
St. John's Church Hall – Room Rental	£ 80.00

Reserve Account

Transfer of £15,000 to the current account.

Bank Reconciliations

Bank reconciliations to 30th November and 31st December, 2016

4328. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Report of the representatives on the Pilling Memorial Hall Committee/Pilling 20 20

The committee is progressing as to what is affordable at present, by Easter both the play area and a football pitch should be open, but they will need a car park in advance of opening. A presentation has been arranged for the play area equipment at St. John's School. The next meeting on Tuesday is to discuss and finalise the plans for the hall.

4329. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS

Sewers at Stakepool

It was reported that the sewers had backed up and were spilling into Ridgy Pool.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm.

Chairman

Date