

**PILLING PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2018,**  
**7.00PM**  
**AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HALL,**  
**SCHOOL LANE, PILLING**



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

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman took the meeting.

**4570. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson and Cllr. E. Moorat.

**4571. 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.

**4572. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

**4573. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was suspended to allow residents to speak.

**Including a Police Report:**

**October Anti-Social Behaviour** – A family dispute was reported and a neighbour dispute.

**November Crimes** – Unknown offenders took lead from the roof of St John's Church, mud and branches had been fly tipped on a drive and a female reported being harassed by her former partner. Offenders made a failed attempt to remove the hitchlock from a horse trailer on Carr Lane causing damage to the A frame and a neighbour of an aggrieved had caused damage to a driveway whilst conducting agricultural work with a digger on Bradshaw Lane.

**Anti-Social Behaviour** – A resident reported a neighbour dispute, youths were reported smoking cannabis on Stakepool Drive and several residents reported flooding on Smallwood Hey and Lancaster Road and the behaviour of drivers making the situation worse.

**December Crimes** – A resident reported a malicious communication being circulated, a resident was assaulted in a domestic violence incident and an unknown offender scratched a vehicle parked on Lancaster Road, removing the wiper blades. A resident was assaulted during an altercation and unknown offenders broke into a shed on Garstang Road and stole fuel.

**Anti-Social Behaviour** – A resident reported concerns over the death of a piglet in fields near Fluke Hall Lane and a noisy party spilt out on to Garstang Road causing anti-social behaviour complaints.

It was noted that the present Sergeant at Garstang is to be replaced and thanks were expressed to Sergeant Freaney for her work under the limited resources it appears the police have to work with.

The meeting was resumed.

#### **4574. PILLING IN BLOOM**

Councillors discussed as to whether Pilling in Bloom is to continue and Cllr. W. Whiteside is to attend the meetings, write a planting design, select the plants and plant up. The first meeting this year is Wednesday 7 February, 7pm and Wednesday 9 May, 7pm in Committee Room 1, Civic Centre, Poulton. Volunteers are to be sought to weed and water the various displays throughout the village by Councillors.

*Resolved: Pilling in Bloom will continue under the leadership of Cllr. W. Whiteside aided by volunteers*

#### **4575. RISK ENGINEERING TRAINING**

Zurich Community Advisory Service is offering Pilling Parish Council risk training.

*Resolved: No one able to attend at this time.*

#### **4576. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were **permitted**:

*17/00662/FUL*

Proposal: Roof lift with front and rear dormers

Location: Amberley Smallwood Hey Road Pilling

*17/01029/FUL*

Proposal: Formation of new hardstandings to create an additional five seasonal pitches and erection of a detached wet room and toilet block (resubmission of

*17/00481/FUL*

Location: North View Skitham Lane Pilling

*17/00943/FUL*

Proposal: Formation of new agricultural access track onto land off Skitham Lane

Location: Land Adjacent Ridgy Pool Farm Skitham Lane Pilling

#### **Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;**

*17/01160/FUL*

**Proposal:** Provision of a 5 metre pole to carry an ANPR camera.

**Location:** Copthorne Farm Woods Lane England Hill, Pilling

*Resolved: Pilling Parish Council has submitted this application and therefore has an interest, but does not wish to object.*

*17/01162/OUT*

**Proposal:** Outline application for a replacement dwelling

**Location:** The Nook Fluke Hall Lane Pilling

*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application.*

**17/01188/LAWE**

**Proposal:** Certificate of lawful development for the retention of the existing, original dwelling

**Location:** Head Dyke Farm, Shaws Lane, Pilling

*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application.*

**4577. FINANCE****Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**

The Christmas Party was held in Pilling Methodists Chapel and this year included the Chapel; as a result the heating needed to be provided in both locations and this will have increased the costs. Councillors consider a donation to Pilling Methodist Chapel for the use of the hall for the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.

*Resolved: To donate £130.00 to Pilling Methodist Chapel as the location of the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.*

Payments received since the previous meeting:

1. Pilling Women's Institute	£ 25.00	Christmas Party Donation
2. Bank Interest – December	£ 0.53	
3. Cash donation	£ 56.00	Christmas Party
Two cheques have been brought back to the account as out of date.		£50.00

**Standing Order credit**

1. St. John's Church – Grounds Maintenance	£ 65.00
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Councillors considered and approved payment for the following accounts;

Please note cheques for Ealand Hill ANPR are from Grantscape and not the Parish Council, who is administering these funds.

1. Clerk's expenses- Christmas Tree and PIB	£136.20	
2. Clerk's Expenses	£ 30.24	Maps for ANPR
3. Golden Ball – Party	£343.00	
4. Stakepool Stores – Party	£ 50.00	
5. Fylde Ukulele Network – Party	£ 75.00	
6. Clerk's salary adjustments and expenses	£ 90.33	
7. Parish Lengthsman wage and expenses	£401.72	Incl. Van Insurance
8. Catterall Parish Council	£ 22.57	Phone and Broadband
9. St. Johns Church Hall – Room Hire	£ 20.00	
10. H M Revenue and Customs	£1,055.49	Third Quarter
11. Houghtons Filling Station	£201.52	
12. Mr. J. Savage – Chairman's Allowance	£ 30.00	
13. Cardiac Science – adult pads	£ 32.34	
14. Pilling Methodist Chapel	£130.00	Party
15. C and C Supplies	£ 38.28	

**Monthly Standing Orders/Direct Debits**

Staff costs	£1,660.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£794.88
Prudential AVC	£350.00.
Easy-Web-Sites	£ 24.00
St. John's Church Hall – Access to facilities	£100.00

**Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement**

*Resolved: Councillors accepted Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017.*

**Budget 2018 – 2019 and Precept 2018 – 2019**

The budget was presented to Councillors with suggested precept calculations. It was raised that future essential services are envisaged to be dropped by principal authorities and therefore Parish Councils may be needed to supply them. A vote was taken and the majority resolved to increase the precept by £2,000.

*Resolved: That Pilling Parish Council will set the precept at £56,000 and inform Wyre Council.*

**4578. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****Report of the representative on the Pilling Memorial Hall Committee/Pilling 20:20**

Cllr. P. McWhirter reported the Committee has acknowledged receipt of the Lottery offer and are working towards appointing an architect and professional design team with the advance of £48,000. Funds from other sources to make up the shortfall have been submitted and funding for a changing room also submitted. The weather has been against the completion of the trim trail and there are numerous trees to plant in the next few months. The Chairman mentioned the invaluable assistance from Rosie Green at Wyre for submissions and the continued support from Garry Payne, the Chief Executive.

**Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**

The Chairman thanked everyone who helped at the party and thank you cards were read out. A donation was received during the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party and this will be used towards next year's party.

**Halite Community Panel**

Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield reported on the road to be laid between Knott End and Nateby to join to the main gas pipeline. The panel members are insisting that reports of the work are kept updated.

**4579. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS****On Road Parking**

The number of parked vehicles on Pilling's roads was raised as many of the properties have clear drives.

**Furness Building Society**

Increase in interest rates on £5,000 and above to 0.4% from 0.15%

Christmas cards from the Mayor of Wyre and Cat Smith MP

**HMRC VAT Claims**

The method and forms used by Parish Council when claiming VAT are to change in order to update certain older IT systems. HMRC will write again early this year for further guidance.

**Flooding on School Lane and Damside**

The Parish Lengthsman has investigated the flooding in gardens on School Lane and reported it to the School House management for action.

Flooding on Damside was partly caused as water could not get away as the Broadfleet was so high. On 3<sup>rd</sup> January the Environment Agency was informed water was travelling upstream into Pilling Water, but a message from the Environment Agency the

day after said everything was working fine and it was the size of the tide causing problems.

**Flood Action Group**

Next month John Blundell, Wyre Council will be attending to discuss the setting up of a Flood Action Group in Pilling and residents who are interested will be most welcome to attend and sign up.

**Santa Claus**

The suit Father Christmas used for the Christmas Tree switch-on is from Pilling and this has been privately purchased and donated to the Parish Council to keep safe.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....