

Pilling Parish Council

Spring, 2019

From the Chairman

As we move towards the end of January, the snow is beginning to fall, creating a picturesque landscape. So far the winter has been mild with relatively few weather related problems being reported. But we are diligent, as a parish council we note the state of the roads and the waterways both of which can and do have an effect on the wellbeing and the livelihoods of parishioners.

The Christmas period saw the usual variety of celebrations which mark Pilling out as a place where people of all ages are valued and involved. As the year goes on we expect to see the commencement of work building a new village community centre; somewhere for people to meet together for a range of activities. Indeed we hope that there will be much to look forward to in 2019.

John Savage
Chairman of Pilling Parish Council



Pilling in Bloom

Pilling in Bloom is under new management this year with the Parish Lengthsman Stan Raby organising planting in the village this year and would like to hear from you if you are able to plant, care for, weed or water any of the floral displays, barrels etc. Please contact him directly or through the clerk on 01995 600689.

Thanks in anticipation

Reporting potholes

Lancashire County resurfaced School Lane last year after much work by the Parish Council however, the Council is well aware of the state of Smallwood Hey Road and is still pushing for its re-surfacing too.

Should residents wish to report potholes, street lighting or other highway problems please use: <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/fault-search.aspx>

Look how far Pilling 20-20 has come!

Village audit, surveys, public consultations, & meetings and Parish Plan from 2000 shaped aims of Pilling 20 20 Project launched in 2010 with following aims which are now achieved or nearing achievement:

1. Demolish existing hall to build new Community Centre – *demolished 2015*
2. Acquire new site – *adjacent 17.5 acre field off Taylors Lane bought – 2014*
3. Provide affordable housing for local people – *26 houses built 2015 at Memorial Rd. and occupied*
4. Footpath provided along Taylors Lane. – *created 2016*
5. 3 Football Pitches created and let weekly to teams – *in use since 2016*
6. 3,000+ trees planted along with flower bulbs to create 8 acre country park – *on-going since 2015*
7. 1200metres of all-weather, wheel chair friendly pathways laid through country park – *completed 2018*
8. Trim Trail established along 1200 metre pathway – *completed 2017*
9. First Fun Run June 2018 using new pathways and trim trail and over 200 participants
10. Children's Play area built & extended to cater for older children – *2015 & 2017*
11. Car park area created and extended – *2015 & 2017*
12. Insect hotel created on site
13. Facebook page created 2017
14. Field fenced -*2015*
15. Over 300 attended Treasure Hunt featuring Pilling Pigs which creates widespread interest – *Sept 2018 resulting in "Pigs on Tour"*.
16. River fenced-off and appropriately signed for public safety – *expected early 2019*
17. Volunteer group of residents formed to maintain and supervise site - *2015*
18. National Lottery funding of £500, 000 and further £330,000 secured towards hall build – *Dec 2018. Additional funding to be sought in 2019*
19. Winners of Wyre Sports Awards 2018
20. Winners of Lancashire Sports Awards 2018
21. Installation of Sports Changing room – *expected March 2019*
22. Build of new community hall – *expected build date Summer 2019*
23. Opening of community Hall –*expected early 2020*
24. Plans for MUGA, final element of Pilling 20 20 project, currently being prepared.
25. Growing Wild project currently being planned and implemented – *2018/2019*

Thank you and keep helping

And here are our plans for the coming year

A Village Hall is the lifeblood of a rural community

1. Accept tenders and appoint contractors and build new community hall.
2. Install Sports Changing Rooms

Our year of wild flowers

3. **GROWING WILD** – lots of opportunities for our community to be involved:
 - a. Preparing a wild flower bank by removing grass and creating some new paths.
 - b. Growing and transplanting plug plants of a variety of wild flowers and planting a willow ark on banking or on “higher” ground.
 - c. Wide variety of art & craft activities relating to wild flowers.
 - d. Installing a wayside library on field and public benches.
4. Annual Fun Run in June
5. Walking Treasure Hunt in September “Walk on the Wild Side” linked to our year of wildflowers and featuring the painting of wellies and walking boots.
6. Creation of a Dog lead-free area.



**Your continued help and involvement is vital to the success of our
Pilling 20 20 Project**

Thank you all for your support
Keep fit by a weekly walk or jog along our trim trail

Pilling Flood Action Group



On Monday 14th January a small group of Pilling residents got together for the first meeting of the recently formed Pilling Flood Action Group. This group is open to all Pilling residents who would either like to take an active part in the group or just keep themselves informed via email of the activities of this group as it moves forward.

For further information or to be put on the mailing list please contact Pilling Parish Councillor Debra Schofield at debralikezebra@gmail.com or phone [07896 223606](tel:07896223606)

Christmas Tree

Christmas may seem a long time ago now, when Pilling came together in early December to celebrate the start of Advent and switch-on our Christmas lights. Pilling Coffee Feast Queen Miss Twiga Pritchard was our regal celebrity for the evening and pressed the red button amidst a roaring count down.



The Ecumenical Committee organised a series of carols and blessings with the children from both village schools presenting their own interpretation of the Christmas story. This was all accompanied by Pilling jubilee Silver Band under floodlights on the village green.



There was a surprise visitor
always welcome at this time of
year bearing gifts for young and
those young at heart x x x



Pilling Parish Council

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in St. John's Church Hall, School Lane, at 7.00pm and residents are more than welcome to attend. If you wish to raise matters between meetings the clerk holds Residents Surgeries in St. John's Church Hall on Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings, or you can contact a Pilling Councillor below;

Pilling Parish Councillors

Mr. John C. Savage (Chairman)

Rivendell, Taylors Lane,
Tel. 790707

Mrs. Elizabeth Cookson

Wyndale, Lancaster Road
Tel. 790537

Mr. Graham C. Curwen,

Carr Holm, Fluke Hall Lane
Tel. 790502

Mr. Paul McWhirter

Arndale, Wheel Lane
Tel. 790995

Mrs. Debra Schofield,

Bradshaw Lane Nurseries, Bradshaw Lane
Tel. 790046

Mr. John Barton,

Bone Hill Farm, Bone Hill Lane
Tel. 790657

Mr. Neil Cookson,

Copper Garth, Smallwood Hey Road
Tel. 790875

Mr. Edward Moorat

1, Stakepool Drive
Tel. 790464

Mrs. Brenda Schofield

Shawlands, Shaws Lane
Tel. 790747

Mr. William Whiteside

The Golden Ball, School Lane
Tel. 790212

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th March. Meetings start at 7.00pm in St. John's Church Hall, School Lane and all residents are welcome to attend.

Wyre Borough Councillor for Pilling and Winmarleigh

Mr. Graham Holden

Hy-Fly Game Hatcheries, Pilling Lane, Preesall FY6 0HH

Tel: 810307

County Councillor for Wyre Rural Central

Matthew Salter,

29, Woburn Way, Claughton-On-Brock, Garstang PR3 0QF

Tel: 07803 723 958

Member of Parliament for Lancaster and Fleetwood

Cat Smith

47 Scotforth Road, Lancaster. LA1 4SA

Tel: 01524 566 551 or 01253 490 440

Pilling Parish Precept

Each year a sum of money called the parish precept is collected through your council tax. In simple terms this is calculated by subtracting what the Parish Council will receive in income: from the amount it needs to spend in the Parish. This money is invested back into your neighbourhood by the Parish Council to improve facilities and services for you and your neighbours. Pilling Parish Council also applies for grants to fund many projects in the Parish.

The itemised precept for the year 2019 - 2020 is;

Estimated Income	2019 – 2020		Estimated Payments
Estimated Income	£1,250.00	£43,202.46	Employment Costs
For 2019 - 2020		£2,150.00	Audit/Insurance/Subscriptions
		£2,500.00	Administration
		£3,000.00	Equipment and Parish Maintenance
		£200.00	Training
		£1,100.00	Donations/Section 137
		£500.00	Parish Newsletter
		£60.00	Advertising
		£1,500.00	Welfare facilities at St. John's Church Hall
		£200.00	Christmas Tree
		£6,000.00	Capital Equipment, part for pump
		£5,000.00	Future Reserves for Pilling Residents
		£3,020.62	Contingencies
	£1,250.00	£68,433.08	

Estimated Income £ 1,250.00

Estimated Payments £68,433.08

Precept -£67,183.08 (Rounded down to £67,000.00)

Your Council Tax Bill: Parish Precept

Band D household should pay £83.09, which amounts to £1.59 per week.

This is an increase of £13.43 or 25 pence per week on this year's.

The Parish Precept reflects the added protection Councillors feel the village needs by building up reserves to eventually cover the cost of a pump to take Broadfleet water over the sea wall. Despite many efforts by the Environment Agency the silt on the seaward side continues to build up to such a height that soon the outfall doors will be unable to open. As the Environment Agency is pulling back from funding or maintaining pumps it will be up to parishioners to provide their own solutions. The Parish Council consider this to be an excellent use of public money as it will protect all our residents.

As the Government continues to have a strangle-hold on County and Borough Councils they are unable to provide or maintain the services which were once expected to this end Pilling Parish Council is to start building reserves to assist residents when these services are withdrawn.

Annual Parish Meeting
10th April, 2019 at 7pm
St. John's Church Hall, School Lane, Pilling
All residents welcome

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party 2018



Pilling's Christmas Party, held in the Methodist Hall was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended. A hearty tea was served followed by gifts. The guests were entertained by St. Williams and St. Johns Primary Schools and Eric Lee who rounded the evening with a carol sing-a-long.

The Parish Council has received thanks from a resident saying 'it was truly great food, service, entertainment and presents. Already this is another traditional village activity which makes Pilling one of the finest places to live in the Kingdom.'

The Councillors look forward to this year's Christmas Party and hopes that more residents will take advantage of the get together at this festive time of the year to meet old friends and make new ones.



St. William's RC Primary School



St. John's C of E Primary School

Gritting teams urge everyone to park carefully

Lancashire's highway teams are urging people to park carefully to make sure the gritters can do their job during the coming cold snap. They're warning that parts of some gritting routes often go untreated because drivers don't leave enough room for vehicles to get past.



The Met Office has issued a general outlook showing the prospect of further wintry weather. Dwayne Lowe, Lancashire County Council highways manager, said: "Our drivers have real problems trying to get through on parts of some gritting routes because people are badly parked, some roads which should be gritted could become icy over time if the gritters can't get through. When snow is forecast County often put down a lot of grit to try to prevent the snow from sticking, and that is not possible in some places if people are parked in the way." Parking

on corners is a particular problem as it means the gritters don't have room to turn.

On top of the 1,800 miles of priority roads which are gritted whenever a freeze is forecast, the county council has identified the second most important roads which are treated during periods of continuous ice and snow, but only during daylight hours and after the higher priority roads have been cleared.