

Chairman's Report.

It has been a relatively quiet Winter for the Parish Council. The main issue has been flooding following the unprecedented high rainfall. To this end an initiative has been started by Cllr. Whiteside and Cllr. Phillpotts, working with local farmers, Lancashire County Council, the Environment Agency and surrounding parishes to improve the flow at the Broadfleet outfall.

Lancashire County Council and United Utilities have carried out work on Wheel Lane regarding road flooding, but more work is needed due to a newly discovered sewer collapse.

It was my privilege on 5th January 2024 to visit Mr. Frank Cummings on the occasion of his 100th birthday. He is a WWII veteran, who flew 36 missions in a Lancaster Bomber as a radio operator.

Denise Creighton our local Police Community Support Officer has attended Parish Council meetings, as have the two newly appointed PCSOs, this has given us the opportunity to highlight concerns regarding criminal activity and anti-social behaviour in the parish to the Constabulary.

It is with regret that I have to report the forthcoming retirement of our esteemed Parish Clerk, Gillian Benson. After 35 years of dedicated service and commitment to our Council Gillian is stepping down. Her contribution to the Council has been colossal, her knowledge of procedure and protocol have helped the council function in a productive, practical and harmonious manner. She has been a huge help to me and my predecessors in this role. On behalf of the council and community I wish Gillian a long and happy retirement.

Cllr. Neil Cookson
Chairman to Pilling Parish Council

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

**DEFIBRILLATOR ON
GARSTANG ROAD**

**WATERCOURSES ON
YOUR LAND**

**AUTOMATIC NUMBER
PLATE RECOGNITION
ON EAGLAND HILL**

**PILLING VILLAGE
HALL**

**DEFIBRILLATOR FOR
PILLING CHAPEL**



We are on Facebook!

Pilling Parish Council are proud to announce we now have a Facebook page. We post parish information including road closures, Parish Council meetings and agendas, Pilling in Bloom and items of interest.

Please give the page a follow.

Pilling Flooding

The Flood Hub has issued information on your responsibilities if you have a watercourse crossing your land.

Further information available at:

<https://thefloodhub.co.uk/landowner/#section-1>

Flood Hub website

<https://thefloodhub.co.uk/>

There is information on protecting your property against flooding.

You can check the latest height of the Broadfleet at:

<https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/station/5110>

The telemetry station is at Mill Bridge and shows height in metres over the past 5 days. Looking further on the site other levels can be viewed.

What is a Riparian Owner?

A riparian owner is somebody who has a watercourse, such as a main river or ordinary watercourse, which runs through, beneath or adjacent to the boundary of their property. This can include a stream, beck or culvert. They are responsible for safely maintaining the bed and banks of the watercourse within their boundary.

Each terraced property below (A) is responsible for the section of culvert that runs beneath their property.

Property B is responsible for the watercourses that run through their property, as well as up to the centre of the watercourse which runs adjacent to the left boundary.

Property C is responsible for the watercourse which runs through their property and the culvert which runs beneath. Property C also owns up to the centre of the watercourse which runs adjacent to the boundary of their property.

Properties D, E and F are responsible for the section of the watercourse that runs adjacent to the rear boundary of their property, up to its centre.

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Riparian Owners of Watercourses

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RIPARIAN OWNERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

As a riparian owner, you are responsible for:

- **Maintaining your section of watercourse.** You must maintain the bed and banks of your section of a watercourse, including trees and shrubs growing on the banks, and clearing anything which could cause an obstruction large enough to increase flood risk. Do not put grass cuttings or garden waste into the channel or on the banks. You must obtain relevant permission for any planned work on or near your watercourse.
 - **Ordinary Watercourses** – Consult with your Lead Local Flood Authority or Internal Drainage Board
 - **Main River** – Consult with the Environment Agency
- **Letting water flow naturally** and not obstructing the flow of a watercourse to the detriment of your neighbours. You may be liable for damages if your actions or lack of maintenance results in flooding someone else's land or property.
- **Not affecting the quantity or quality of the flow in a watercourse.** You cannot discharge water into a watercourse without prior agreement and permission from the relevant risk management authority.
- **Keeping structures clear from obstructions and debris.** You must keep structures that you own or are responsible for, such as culverts, trash screens, weirs and mill gates, clear from obstructions and debris.
- **Obtaining a licence** to carry out any work that could temporarily or permanently change the level or flow of water and so be classed as an impoundment.
- **Complying with all byelaws** relating to the watercourses in your area.
- **Not allowing the watercourse to become polluted.** Refrain from throwing wastewater, chemicals or anything which could cause pollution into or on the banks of a watercourse.
- **Protecting wildlife,** not causing obstructions to migratory fish and preventing invasive species such as Japanese knotweed, Himalayan balsam or giant hogweed from spreading into the wild or onto neighbouring land.
- **Reporting incidents** such as flooding, blockages which could cause flooding, pollution, unusual changes in flow, collapsed or badly damaged banks or any activity on or near a watercourse that does not have permission.

You can report incidents to the Environment Agency 24 incident hotline on 0800 80 70 60. Reports can be made anonymously. The Environment Agency will attend incidents with a high risk of flood or environmental risk.

Local Flooding Issues

Pilling Parish Council with local farmers representatives met with Lancashire County Council lead flood officer in late February to investigate drainage issues in the Broadfleet catchment area.

The Broadfleet receives water from as far afield as St. Michaels, Nateby and Out Rawcliffe. Whilst the water rushes down to Pilling it collects behind the Pilling Embankment stopped by the penstocks, which close against the tide. The Environment Agency is aware that the penstocks do not close properly and allow salt water back up to Stakepool as pollution issues were logged by officials.

Closed gates and times of high rainfall water backs up along the full length of the system as is seen at present when driving on Kilcrash Lane, Black Lane and Winmarleigh. Fields are standing in flood water for months preventing crop planting and stock grazing, costing our farmers tens of thousands every year.

The Parish Council is working with the Environment Agency and Lancashire County Council to address the setting up of an Internal Drainage Board. Winmarleigh and Pilling Internal Drainage Board was disbanded in the 1960s.

PILLING COMMUNITY ACTION



More information on our Facebook page [pilling community action](#) and in the Village Hall. Or contact Judy 07517396313

Pilling Community Action

This is a community led project which has brought free creative and healthy activities to people in Pilling. We've enjoyed a range of social events including crafts, nature walks and singing. We've made new friends and learnt new skills; the feedback has been very positive.

The project which was funded by a grant from the National Lottery is now coming to an end but that's not the end of Pilling Community Action!

We are planning some new events beginning with a series of monthly digital drop-in sessions at the Village Hall. These will be free sessions to support people to use a computer, connect to the internet, digital form filling, keeping safe and how to avoid scamming. The Parish Council have agreed to cover the cost of two new computers.

There'll also be some guided walks along Public Right of Ways. Our very enjoyable 'Sing Up' group will continue with Lindsay on Thursday afternoons at 1.30 in the village hall and we're always happy to welcome new people to the group.

Christmas Sing Up at Pilling Nursing Home



Over 60's D-Day Tea

Pilling Parish Council is holding a D-Day Tea to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Normandy Landings on
Wednesday 5th June 2024



D-DAY
1944-2024

Councillors invite all residents who are 60 years old or older to attend our D-Day Afternoon Tea to be held in

**Pilling Village Hall on Wednesday
5th June 2024**

Arrival at 3pm for Tea at 4.30pm

Megan and Connor will entertain us before the Tea, with the Pilling Sing-Up Group to complete the afternoon.

We are holding a raffle too.

Thanks to the Village Hall Committee, the bar will be open.

Celebrate a pleasant few hours on the Parish Council
There are no formal invitations so please treat this announcement as your ticket.

A vibrant poster for 'Spring Fling Volume 2' featuring 'the disco jackers'. The background is a colorful, multi-colored light show with beams of light in shades of blue, purple, pink, red, orange, and green. The text is overlaid on this background.

INTRODUCING...

**SPRING
FLING**
VOLUME 2

FEATURING: **the disco
jackers**

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 7.30PM-12.30
TICKETS £10 PER PERSON

18+

All proceeds to Pilling Coffee Feast

Parish Donations to Organisations

Applying for a donation from Pilling Parish Council

The Parish Council budgets to allow for small donations for events, projects or activities which will benefit Pilling residents. The organisation requesting a donation must be a non-profit making local voluntary organisation where membership is open to all residents. Individuals may apply if the purpose of the request will directly benefit Pilling residents.

The Parish Council may also make a donation to one national organisation each year without the organisation making a request.
All donations will be at the discretion of the Council.

Criteria

Pilling Parish Council will consider applications for donations in situations:

- * Where there is no other way of obtaining the relevant funds;
- * The funds will enable the relevant local group or local organisation to access or "unlock" funds or assistance from third parties; and
- * Monies have been donated or raised but these are insufficient and funds are needed to bridge the resulting gap.

Applications

All applications for donations need to be made in writing to the Clerk to the Council who will arrange for those applications which meet the Council's criteria to be considered at the next meeting of the Council. Successful applicants will be notified in writing and asked to provide details to whom payment should be made. Successful applicants will be required to acknowledge receipt of the payment in writing and asked to provide a short written report on their activities to the parish council in cases where there is no parish council representation on the group or organisation.

Spot On Festival, Poulton-Le-Fylde 14-16th June 2024

Immerse yourself in a weekend of outstanding theatre, music and dance from local, national and international artists. The line up promises to captivate and inspire, ensuring a memorable experience for the whole family. There are ticketed performances in venues across Poulton and free shows, activities and markets in the town square as well as a Community Stage.

For more details visit spotonlancashire.co.uk

ANPR, Eagland Hill



Pilling Parish Council was successful recently in gaining funding from Grantscape to update the ANPR cameras over Eagland Hill.

The Police use ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) technology to help detect, deter and disrupt criminal activity at a local, force, regional and national level. This includes travelling criminals (those using the road network to avoid being caught), organised crime groups and terrorists.

National guidelines state that, to install ANPR cameras, an assessment demonstrates a clear need, taking account of factors:

- * local crime
- * community confidence and reassurance
- * crime prevention and reduction.



The Parish Council consulted the local community and organisations with a reasonable interest in Eagland Hill, a Data Privacy Impact Assessment was carried out.

Only the Police have access to download the images on the cameras, allowing them to take action.

Please report incidents directly to the Police, who can access the cameras to identify possible suspects.

Previous suspects have been caught on camera.

Garstang Walking Festival 2024

Thursday 9th May all starting at Pilling Village Hall

Pilling Short Walk 2pm–3pm FREE

A circular walk along the lanes, tracks and across fields. Possibly using stiles. Graded moderate, 2 miles. No need to book.

Pilling Village and Coast 10am–1.30pm £4

Walk from Pilling to the coast returning to village centre, Dogs on leads welcome

In Search of Spring Wildlife 10am–11.30am FREE

Pilling area graded moderate, 1 mile. Explore the Village Hall fields, picnic area and tracks around Pilling in search of Spring wildlife. Families welcome

Pilling Churches 1pm–3.30pm £4 Graded moderate, 2 miles.

Countryside walk through pastures and along lanes in all four Pilling churches Refreshments available at extra cost at Pilling Village Hall

Over Wyre Heritage Group

The Over Wyre Heritage group began in November. As a small group of people we are interested in preserving, promoting and celebrating the local heritage that reflect the unique identity of our local community.

Since our first meeting, we have organised several "Heritage Saturdays" in order to engage local interest and grow our group. We displayed artefacts and documents linked to our local heritage. We have had some very interesting conversations and great feedback about these early events. We aim to hold further events in the future and hope to increase our numbers.

If you are interested in joining the group, please get in touch with Katrina Bell (katrinambell@hotmail.com) for more information.



HERITAGE SATURDAYS

EXHIBITION DATES

17TH FEB 12-2
16TH MARCH 10-1PM
20TH APRIL 10-1PM
18TH MAY 10-1PM

f IF YOU HAVE ANY ARTEFACTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXHIBIT CONTACT katrinambell@hotmail.com

EXHIBITIONS WILL BE HELD AT PILLING VILLAGE HALL
TAYLORS LANE, PILLING, PR3 6AB

Defibrillators in Pilling



Pilling Parish Council was successful in gaining a grant from Grantscape to re-locate a defibrillator on Garstang Road

Defibrillators are devices that apply an electric charge or current to the heart to restore a normal heartbeat. If the heart rhythm stops due to cardiac arrest, also known as sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), a defibrillator may help it start beating again.

**If you suspect someone is having a heart attack
RING 999 AND GET THE AMBULANCE ON THE ROAD**

When you give your location the North West Ambulance Service will tell you if a defibrillator is available and the cabinet number.

All our defibrillators are registered with The Circuit and the North West Ambulance Service so the operator can instruct the person ringing.



Following closure of Garstang Road Garage the Parish Council needed to re-locate the defibrillator preferably on Garstang Road to cover this part of the Parish. There are no business premises here and looked at the site of the old telephone kiosk at the junction with Horse Park Lane.

BUT after much negotiating with E-On, our local electric supplier and Electricity North West the viability outweighed any positive effect this would be to Pilling. At the eleventh hour, just as the grant was to expire, a local couple agreed to allow the installation on their roadside garden wall.

New Defibrillator at Pilling Methodist Chapel



Thanks to a successful grant from London Hearts Pilling Chapel jumped at the chance to get a defibrillator for half price. Their unit is a Mindray Defibrillator and external heated cabinet with key pad lock.

This increases the coverage in Pilling for those who may need it in an emergency. The next one being at Pilling Nursing Home.

This defibrillator will be added to North West Ambulance's list available to those who ring 999 when someone is suffering a heart attack



Pilling Village Hall



HIRE CHARGES

PLEASE NOTE: All bookings **must** include set-up and clear-up time.

CHARGE PERIOD	MAIN HALL	MEETING ROOM	COMMENTS
Session Rate	£65	£35	Sessions are morning, afternoon or evening with actual times agreed when a booking is made.
Kitchen	Shared use	Shared Use	Use of the Kitchen is subject to agreement and included in the Hire Charge.
Bar	£30		

Our aim to be as accommodating as possible to provide a great venue
For hirers of Pilling Village Hall.

Please phone 790649 to discuss your requirements, particularly, if your you are planning a special event, party or looking for a regular block booking.
E-mail info@pillingvillagehall.co.uk giving contact details and nature of event

Pilling Village Hall continues to be a vibrant hub of activity, hosting numerous successful events that have brought our community together. Our calendar has been filled with events such as the Halloween Party, New Years Eve celebration and Christmas Market, catering to the diverse interests of our members.

We have invested in new equipment to enhance the facilities of Pilling Village Hall, including new microphones, a projector and enhanced CCTV. These investments have contributed to the overall improvement of our venue. I am also pleased to report that Pilling Village Hall is in very good condition. Our Volunteers maintain the quality of our facilities, ensuring a safe and comfortable environment for all who visit.

The popularity of Pilling Village Hall continues to grow, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our committee members, volunteers, and staff.

Pilling Village Hall

We have a good reputation as a great venue for community gatherings and celebrations. It is heartening to see the positive impact that our venue has had on the lives of our community members.

We are able to offer a venue for local charities to continue their fundraising efforts and also to support activities such as dance and senior exercise.

We continue to develop the outdoor facilities and are currently looking at playground improvements and developing a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). For this we need your help.

Please show your support for the development of the MUGA by filling in a questionnaire, which you will find at <https://www.pillingvillagehall.co.uk/outdoor-facilities>.

The more support we have, the more chance we have of obtaining funding. Please return your completed surveys to Pilling Village Hall. With your support, we can continue to improve our facilities for our village.

Paul McWhirter, Chairman Pilling Village Hall

PILLING VILLAGE HALL PRESENTS:

VINTAGE

WEEKEND

CARS • VANS • TRACTORS • MOTORBIKES
STATIONARY VEHICLES • CRAFT FAIR • LIVE MUSIC

6TH & 7TH JULY
9:30am till 5pm

LIVE MUSIC ON SATURDAY EVENING:
THE BONE IDOLS

 **PILLING VILLAGE HALL**
TAYLORS LANE, PILLING, PRESTON PR3 6AB

Pilling in Bloom

Pilling in Bloom (PiB) and our Green spaces

Britain in Bloom is a year-round competition organised by the Royal Horticultural Society. Pilling competes on a regional level with Wyre Borough Council.

In Pilling we have taken part for many years and the amazing work that has been done by Stan and some hard-working residents has played a big part in improving our green spaces in the village.

We are managing these spaces differently now in response to the changes in the climate and to address the loss of many of our native plants and to support the habitats for our insects and pollinators to thrive.

Here's what you can do to help:

Join our PiB environmental group. More information on this soon!

Don't mow your lawn until May. Why? A healthy lawn with some long grass and wildflowers benefits wildlife, tackles pollution and can even lock away carbon below ground.

Try planting some native wildflowers such as; Bird's-foot trefoil, Yarrow, Red and White clover, Ox eye Daisies, Meadowsweet, AVOID planting invasive non native plants such as wild garlic and cow parsley which thrive on fertile soil and spread easily.



Grow, flower, seed, mow. Plants need to complete their full life cycle each year.

Remove the cuttings to keep nutrient levels low and ensure plenty of bare ground for plants to regenerate from seed.

Contact Judy on 01253 790919 for more information

Pilling Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh

I'm Adam Leigh and I've been your ward councillor since May 2023. It's been a very busy 10 months and I wish to provide an update of some of the things I've been doing in our community.

First, I've lobbied the Environment Agency to ensure that the frequency of the grass cutting at Lane Ends Amenity Area is increased. This has been agreed in conjunction with Wyre Rangers.

Pilling is such a wonderful place to live, taking pride in our village is so important.

I also feel strongly about having an increased police presence, particularly regarding speed enforcement. Checks have already been undertaken on Smallwood Hey Road with further checks requested for School Lane and Taylor's Lane. If there are any other roads that you feel require an increased presence, please let me know.

On a different note, I have liaised with Lancashire County Council to report the ongoing flooding situation on Wheel Lane. This is adversely affecting residents and we need a timely resolution. Works have been programmed and should be completed by the end of March 2024.

Planning issues are a common theme on the doorstep. I have therefore taken a tough approach to inappropriate planning applications that impact on Pilling and will always do so ensuring my views are heard by Wyre Council. I've strongly objected to the Preesall Quarry. Put simply, this application will have a negative impact on Pilling and our wider Over Wyre community. However, I'm proud to support our farming industry. Their concerns must be heard at a borough, county and national level.

If there's anything you would like to bring to my attention, please don't hesitate to get in contact on the details below.

07475950471

Adam.Leigh@wyre.gov.uk



Reporting Problems

Dog Fouling

Report directly to Wyre Council

<https://www.wyre.gov.uk/dogs/dog-fouling/1>



Reporting potholes, street lighting, gullies etc.

QR code to download and use on the go.

Pilling Parish Council

Reporting problems with Watercourses

Environment Agency hotline: 088 80 70 60 goes to division to act on.

United Utilities Leakline

0800 33 00 33

United Utilities Floodline

When sewers are overtopping 0345 6723 723

Parish Clerk:
Gillian Benson

RESIDENTS SURGERIES IN
PILLING
Pilling Village Hall
All day
Monday and Wednesday

Report speeding complaints directly to the Police

www.lancsroadsafety.co.uk where you then simply need to follow directions from the 'Contacts' link.

Phone: 07477472526
E-mail:
clerk@pillingparish.org.uk

OUR Lancashire

Our Lancashire is the Lancashire wide initiative to bring groups and communities together to make Lancashire a greater place to live work and play.

Supported by public services and organisations across Lancashire this is the one stop shop for groups and events.

Lancashire Police are using this site to network with groups and communities. This includes promoting our In The Know messaging service.

More info at www.ourlancashire.org.uk

Please park safely and show you care.

If you do park on the pavement then pedestrians, those with mobility issues, persons with children, pushchairs or dogs, can't get by.

Already an offence in Scotland, the Government are looking at implementing the same offence in England and Wales.



Pilling Pickers

Pilling Litter Pickers

We already have an enthusiastic group of **Pilling Litter Pickers** who keep our village litter free and at our **Community Action** get together on February 17th another 6 enthusiastic pickers joined our group. Thanks to Bernie, Christine, Noah, Scarlett and Lexi, and Barry. Pilling Scouts and Cubs have also offered to do a Village Litter pick on 20th March.



If you see them out and about, please encourage them and thank them for their work.

There are many benefits to litter picking for you and the environment. It's a good way to boost mental and physical health.

Any litter removed helps wildlife and creates a better space for humans too! If people see litter in their environment, they are more likely to also litter.

If you take a separate bag for rubbish that is recyclable too that's one less bag of waste going to landfill.

You really will be making a difference.

Please contact Judy on 01253 790919 if you'd like to join us.



**No dog
fouling**

It is an offence not to
clean up after your dog

Dog mess is the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our streets and is the issue the public are most concerned about. Stakepool and Moss House Lane have seen a disgusting increase recently.

PLEASE BAG IT AND BIN IT OR TAKE IT HOME

Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocarasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures. There are estimated to be more than 8 million dogs producing more than 1,000 tonnes of mess every day in the UK alone.

While most dog owners are caring, responsible individuals, there are still some people who do not clean up after their pets. Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000.

The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.

If someone does fail to clean up after their pet, it falls to Wyre Council to get rid of it as they have dog wardens. Report online.

Your Pilling Parish Councillors



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