

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY
9th October 2024 at 7pm**



Present:

Pilling Parish Councillors;

*Neil Cookson, Chairman
Graham Curwen, Vice Chairman,
Elizabeth Cookson,
Steve Phillpotts,
John Savage,
Alf Whiteside,
Sarah Collinge
Save Ponton
Julia Brewer, Clerk to the Parish Council*

In attendance:

*Cllr Adam Leigh (Wyre)
PCSO Beth Kirkpatrick
PC Elliott Jones*

5499. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr P Mc Whirter.

5500. DECLARATION ON INTERESTS

Councillors declared interests on agenda matters and reminded that any change in interests must be notified to the clerk within 28 days.

Cllr. G. Curwen, Cllr. P. McWhirter and Cllr. J. Savage declared their interests as members of Pilling Village Hall Committee.

5501. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2024 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5502. CO-OPTION OF DAVE PONTON TO PARISH COUNCIL

Resolved: Following confirmation of the Personnel Committee, Cllr N Cookson formally welcomed Dave Ponton to the meeting in the position of Parish Councillor.

5503. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended to allow residents to speak.

PC Elliott Jones

PC Jones reported on the local crime statistics and informed the council that there were no specific matters that he felt were a concern. Although PCSO Beth Kirkpatrick was making visible patrols in the area, he was still waiting for his new PC to start but he had been assured this would be November.

Cllr N Cookson reported that there had been a fly tipping incident at Eagland Hill of which the van details would hopefully have been caught on CCTV cameras.

Cllr N Cookson also drew PC Jones' attention to the fact that the cockle beds were now open at Fluke Hall and that cockle picklers were now on site.

Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh

- Create Homes – Cllr A Leigh reported that residents would be receiving communication regarding the delay in the resurfacing of the road. However the contractor was still awaiting payment and it was agreed that a meeting with Create Homes should be convened to try to resolve the matter.
- Wheel Lane Flooding – Cllr A Leigh reported Lancashire County Council had now undertaken the work.
- Local Plan – it was confirmed that there were no plans for another consultation period.

Cllr G Curwen thanked Cllr A Leigh for his attendance.

Resolved: The Parish Council meeting and Standing Orders were resumed.

5504. CLERK'S REPORT

Resolved: The Clerk's Report was noted.

5505. PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

Following the circulation of the Health & Safety Policy, the Clerk informed the meeting that she intended to update the policy and bring back to a further meeting of the Parish Council.

Resolved: Parish Clerk to review and update the Health & Safety policy and bring back to a further meeting of the Parish Council.

5506. PROPOSAL TO FUND THE APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO DIG OUT THE WATER COURSES WITHIN PILLING PARISH

Following discussions at the last meeting, it was proposed that the Parish Council should fund the 10 year permit to 'dig out' the water courses and alleviate flooding issues, prior to the setting up of an internal drainage board.

Resolved: the Parish Council agreed to fund the £1500 permit under Section 137 funding.

5507. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

It was noted that there was already a wreath available so it was agreed that a donation be made in lieu of this.

Resolved: Councillors agreed to the donation to the Royal British Legion of £100 under Section 137 funding.

5508. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT SWITCH-ON

Councillors noted the date of the lights switch-on and highlighted arrangements that needed to be put in place prior to this and it was therefore agreed that this should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Resolved: Parish Clerk to put the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

5509. PEOPLE WITH IMMIGRATION STATUS

Cllr Cookson drew attention to the email circulated with regard to people with immigration status having to apply for an e-visa.

Resolved: Parish Clerk to publicise information via parish council notice boards and parish council website.

5510. PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL CONFERENCE: 2 NOVEMBER

Cllr N Cookson drew attention to the date of the Parish & Town Council Conference being held on 2 November, should any of the council wish to attend.

Resolved: Cllr J Judkins agreed that she would attend the online event.

5511. PARISH NEWSLETTER

It was noted that the next Parish Newsletter was due before Christmas and Cllr N Cookson requested items from the parish councillors for inclusion to be sent to the Parish Clerk in order for a draft to be prepared for the next meeting.

Resolved: Councillors to let the Parish Clerk have items for inclusion in the parish newsletter.

5512: REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE

The notes of the Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday 2 October were received and the following response to planning applications noted:

Application Number: 24/00363/FUL

Proposal: Erection of one new agricultural storage building and lean to extension to existing B8 Building and change of use of part of the B8 building to agricultural use (retrospective)

Location: Merryfield Garstang Road Pilling Lancashire PR3 6AR

The Committee object to this proposal on the basis of the previous refusal by Wyre Council, i.e. that the proposal will result in an unacceptable impact to the neighbouring properties due to the noise and odour.

Application Number: 24/00751/FUL

Proposal: Erection of agricultural storage building (machinery, tools and feed) (retrospective)

Location: James Farm New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling Lancashire

The Committee object to this proposal for the reasons outlined in the previous refusal by Wyre Council.

Application Number 24/00814/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension, erection of a replacement garage, widening of driveway entrance by 0.5m, and removal of 1 No. first floor window, following demolition of existing single storey rear extension and single garage.

Location: 1 Stakepool Drive Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6BU

The Committee have no objection in principle to this proposal but would suggest that a permeable solution is used for the driveway.

Resolved: To adopt the recommendations of the Planning Committee.

Cllr N Cookson also raised concerns regarding the number of planning applications being made retrospectively and the number of people who were blatantly ignoring planning regulations. He drew attention to a current building being constructed at Ashley House, Smallwood Hey, which had not had planning approval and questioned what Wyre were doing with regard to enforcement.

Resolved: Parish Clerk to write to the Planning Enforcement Officer regarding the number of retrospective planning applications.

5513: PROPOSAL TO MAKE A DONATION TO CHARITY ON BEHALF OF A CROSS (PILLING POTTERY)

Further to previous discussion it was proposed that a contribution to match the amount donated personally by the councillors, be made to be a charity of choice by A Cross of Pilling Pottery in recognition of the work undertaken at no cost for the vase presented to the outgoing Parish Clerk.

Resolved: To make a donation matching the personal contribution made by councillors to charity of choice by A Cross of Pilling Pottery.

5514: PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE CURRENT STORAGE FACILITIES FOR THE PARISH LENGTHSMAN AND PROVIDE ARCHIVING SPACE FOR THE PARISH CLERK

Cllr E Cookson informed the meeting that she had received a request from the Parish Lengthsman to upgrade the current storage facilities for equipment. Two options had been proposed. Option 1 was to buy the facility and then pay ground rent (£3000 = £800 per annum), option 2 was just to rent the facility (£1600 per annum).

It was generally agreed that a more suitable option for space within the Village Hall should be sought for archiving.

Resolved: The Parish Council agreed the upgrading of current storage facilities for the Parish Lengthsman and opted to purchase the container and pay a reduced amount in ground rent (Option 1).

5515. FINANCE

CCLA Investment Fund

The Parish Clerk reported that she had received notification from the CCLA that the Parish Council could not open a Local Authorities' Property Fund as applied but had sent information regarding an alternative account, the Public Sector Deposit Fund, which might be suitable.

Resolved: To refer the matter to a meeting of the Finance Committee for a decision.

Income

St. John's Church	£ 25.00	Grounds Maintenance
Pilling Village Hall	£ 340.00	Monthly Loan Repayment
Prudential	£ 400.00	Refund G Benson (AVC)
Furness Building Society	£25000.00	Transfer from Reserves

Resolved: The Council resolved to make the following payments

Payee		Reason
J. Brewer	£ 165.14	Expenses – mileage/FILCA training/ attendance Pilling in Bloom Awards- S Raby/Stationery items
S Raby	£ 28.99	Parish Maintenance
Imperative Training Ltd (defibrillator shop)	£1554.00	Replacement defibrillator – Eagland Hill
HMRC	£2430.56	PAYE/NIC Contributions Quarter 2
Bell Farm	£ 268.72	Over 60's Afternoon Tea
Viking	£ 40.07	Printer Ink Cartridge
C&C Supplies	£ 32.94	Litter picker/grabber (Parish Maintenance)
S2s Enterprises	£ 150.00	Workshop Rental Quarterly payment
Houghtons	£ 207.11	Diesel/ Compost (Pilling in Bloom)

Society of Local Council Clerks	£ 183.00	Membership Renewal
	£ 5060.53	

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

1. Staff costs for September	£ 4222.63
2. Easy-Web-Sites	£ 30.36
3. Pilling Village Hall rental	£100.00
4. Towers and Gornall	£ 68.40
5. EE	£ 93.70 (includes Sept bill of £53.17)

Bank Reconciliation to 30th September 2024**See information.**

Unity Trust Bank £ 55959.36

Furness Building Society £84,488.51

Resolved: Councillors accepted bank reconciliation and Budget Monitoring to 30th September 2024.

5516 VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- **Chairman's Report**

Cllr Cookson reported that he had attended a meeting with Lancashire County Council at Fold House corner regarding access to the quarry site.

He also informed the meeting about the building being put up at Ashley House, Smallwood Hey, without planning permission which had been reported to Wyre.

- **Pilling in Bloom**

Cllr J Judkins reported that Stan Raby, Parish Lengthsman, would be attending the awards presentation this year on Thursday 31 October.

Cllr N Cookson reported that the council had received an apology from Regenda regarding the incident with a resident at Carr Close.

- **Pilling Village Hall**

Cllr G Curwen reported that the Village Hall was doing well and in a sound financial position and further developments were being considered.

- **Pilling Community Action**

Cllr J Judkins informed the meeting that the last walk was scheduled for 26 October.

With the money received for Community Wellness, she was proposing to buy two laptops and run some 'digital awareness' sessions for older residents in the community.

- **Our Future Coast Working Group**

Cllr S Phillpotts and Cllr A Whiteside informed the Council that an Internal Drainage Board was in the process of being set up and David Wilkinson had agreed to be chair. They also reminded the Council about the meeting scheduled for 6 November with farmers, Lancashire County Council, Environment Agency and Our Future Coast.

Our Future Coast were also meeting with Martin Lawrenson, and they were expecting some feedback from this.

5498 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Cllr J Judkins requested that the Donations/Grants Policy be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.46 pm.

Chairman

Date