

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY**  
**11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, at 7.00pm**

**AT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL,**  
**FLUKE HALL LANE, PILLING**



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

**4295. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received for this meeting from Cllr. E. Moorat and Wyre Councillor Holden.

**4296. 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.

**4297. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

**4298. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was adjourned to allow the residents present to speak.

**Police Report**

It was noted that the Police report has returned to full information after the employment of two volunteers at Garstang Police Station.  
Crimes – Ornaments were stolen from a caravan site on Head Dyke Lane. A passenger travelling to Eagland Hill by taxi was reported for leaving the vehicle without paying, although the fare was subsequently recovered.  
Anti-social behaviour – A female reported six malicious phone calls threatening that people would turn up at the property on Morley Lane.

The meeting was resumed.

**4299. PARISH LENGTHSMAN'S TRAILER**

The Parish Lengthsman's trailer needs a replacement axle, for which a quote was presented. However, when mentioned last month, there was a consensus of opinion that a new trailer would be more advisable and three quotes were presented for new

trailers. The present one was bought second hand seven years ago. Councillors considered the difference in price and value and decided on a new trailer and suggested offering the old trailer in part exchange.

*Resolved: That an Ifor Williams trailer is ordered, pending permission of the Parish Lengthsman committee, with possible exchange of the old one.*

#### **4300. PUBLIC FOOTPATH NUMBER 22**

The footpath from Field House Lane is under dispute and the Planning Inspectorate has received further evidence to consider. This has been passed to the Chairman to confirm if the Parish Council will be offering any further comments. Councillors were updated with the information to be presented at the appeal and would not wish to see the footpath impede into private property.

*Resolved: A 1955 map from Garstang Rural District Council will be sent to assist.*

#### **4301. LANCASHIRE PARISH BASED PUBLIC TRANSPORT SCHEME**

Lancashire County Council is seeking views on its proposed Parish based public transport scheme, whereby the authority will support your local community with the provision of a minibus for Parish Councils to provide their own local bus services for the community. Councillors considered the proposal would take up time and funding that is unavailable to the Parish Councillors, but would be interested in a presentation to understand fully what Lancashire County Council is expecting. It was considered difficult that any public transport scheme in Pilling would meet the diverse needs of community and the present service may be withdrawn.

*Resolved: Whilst the Parish Council is very interested in the scheme the Parish Council does not have the capability in running a local transport scheme or the provision of a business plan, but will ask for a presentation.*

#### **4302. POLICE STAFFING LEVELS IN LANCASHIRE**

Chief Constable Steve Finnegan's public letter was considered by the Councillors. He writes concerning the proposed cuts and what this will mean for residents. Councillors were feeling alone there is lack of response in rural areas at present, but further cuts could leave us unprotected. Councillors discussed reinstating Neighbourhood Watch, private security and leaving us all open to criminals. The use of CCTV with ANPR seems a positive approach as Pilling protecting Pilling; grants have been sought for this by the Police at Eagland Hill from Grantscape.

*Resolved: The Parish Council supports the Chief Constable's views if further cuts are made to the Police.*

#### **4303. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following discharge notices have been accepted:

##### **14/00642/DIS**

**Proposal:** Discharge of conditions 10 (playing pitch), 11 (play area) and 13 (site access and highway improvements) relating to planning permission 14/00642/FULMAJ

**Location:** Land At Taylors Lane, Pilling

##### **14/00642/DIS1**

**Proposal:** Discharge of conditions 04 (landscaping) 06 (surface water drainage) 08 (lighting) 09 (habitat management scheme) 12 (vehicle cleaning) and 15 (construction traffic plan) on application 14/00642/FULMAJ

**Location:** Land At Taylors Lane, Pilling

The following lawful certificate has been granted:

*15/00677/LAWE*

Proposal: Certificate of Lawful Development for an existing light industrial workshop.  
Location: Bonds Farm, Morley Lane, Pilling

*15/00773/LAWP*

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for proposed single storey rear and side extensions and a front porch.  
Location: The White Byre, Taylors Lane, Pilling

**Councillors made comment on the following planning application;**

*15/00563/FUL*

**Proposal:** Erection of stable building and ancillary annexe for living accommodation

**Location:** Newlands, Duck Street, Pilling

*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections from planning, seek neighbourhood notification that this proposal is not the foundation of any development which would be detrimental to the area and flood plain 3.*

**4304. FINANCE**

**Budget 2016 – 2017**

The first draft of next year's budget, based on previous history, was presented. Councillors were encouraged to bring new projects for consideration, giving an idea of costs to allow assessment of value.

**Donation**

Councillors are asked to consider a donation towards the continuing work of the Royal British Legion.

*Resolved: To donate £50 to the Royal British Legion.*

Payments received since the previous meeting:

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| 1. Bank Interest – 30 <sup>th</sup> September | £ 0.40 |
| 2. Bank Interest – 30 <sup>th</sup> October   | £ 0.41 |

**Standing Order credit**

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

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| 1. Clerk's salary adjustments and expenses | £ 85.82 |                      |
| 2. Parish Lengthsman wage and expenses     | £ 33.76 |                      |
| 3. Prudential AVC Contribution             | £250.00 | Additional Voluntary |
| 4. Catterall Parish Council                | £ 16.91 | Phone and Broadband  |
| 5. Bradleys Ltd.                           | £ 26.83 |                      |
| 6. Cornthwaite Farm Machinery              | £ 61.99 |                      |
| 7. Lancs County Training Partnership       | £ 25.00 |                      |
| 8. Royal British Legion                    | £ 50.00 |                      |
| 9. C and C Supplies                        | £ 17.11 |                      |

**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

**Bank Reconciliation**

*Resolved: The bank reconciliation to 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 was accepted.*

**4305. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****Pilling In Bloom**

Cllr. W. Whiteside reported that Pilling in Bloom was awarded a Silver Gilt Medal and The Golden Ball received a Gold Medal. Congratulations were extended to the Bloom Committee and all their volunteers.

**Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson reported on progress with the party. The Whist and Domino Drive is next week and the clothes collection by St. John's Church has yielded about £280. Councillors were given their instructions as to what happens and who does what. The Party will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> December with Councillors attending from 1.30 to set up and prepare the room.

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

Cllr. C. Curwen reported that Taylors Lane is now open, the footway is complete and the hard surface of the entrance will be extended in to the site. An agreed timetable of work is to be written, but there is not the volume of public support needed although there is an acceptance that residents are busy. The Committee is to produce a deliverable Business Plan as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lottery bid to potentially appeal for £500,000. Present costs of building the hall that will meet the needs laid out is £800,000 completed and finished inside and other funding sources are being investigated. The committee needs residents with the appropriate skills to help through this process and beyond. The resident present at this meeting offered his skill as a project manager.

**Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils**

Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield reported on a presentation by Philippa Davis, Wyre Council on their medium term finance plan, which concluded that Wyre will be short £2million by 2019. Inspector Smith reported on the Chief Constable's statement and Phil Orme reported on Awards for Parish Council employees.

**4306. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS****Height of the Broadfleet**

Councillors expressed concerns over the height of the Broadfleet and the knock on effect further back in the system. The outfall pipes weren't opening and the Environment Agency is investigating the silting, however, they have finished their dyke clearance up to Bone Hill Bridge. It was noted that the Water Problems meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> November with the MP, Cat Smith present.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....