

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th NOVEMBER, 2016,
At 7.00pm

AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL, SCHOOL LANE, PILLING



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

4429. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received for this meeting from Cllr. J. Savage and Wyre Cllr. G. Holden. In the absence of the Chairman it was agreed that Vice-Chairman Curwen would take the chair.

4430. 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.

4431. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 12th October, 2016 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4432. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was suspended to allow residents to speak.

Wyre Councillor Holden

Cllr. Holden sent a report, the traveller's site at Preesall should be put back to its original state and this is to be done by the land owner which I am told is still one of the travellers. It may be difficult to enforce this and will just be a case of waiting to see what happens. Preesall Youth Club and Wyre Juniors changing rooms, Cllr. Holden has spoken to Phil Orme who is a Wyre Councillor for Preesall and on Preesall PC. He is involved with both of these and is currently seeking funding.

The continuing state of the roads in Pilling was raised following the resurfacing of Back Sands Lane, not as was expected, but a much better surface and hopefully should last longer with the recent dyke clearing. However, Mill Bridge, School Lane and Smallwood Hey Road remain dangerously potholed. Mill Bridge was reported in July, but Lancashire County Council deemed there were no actionable defects found.

The meeting was resumed.

4433. POSSIBLE CAPPING OF PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPTS

All councillors had received a template with the suggestion to write to the MP putting pressure on Government NOT to cap Parish Council precepts. As the lowest tier of Government they are picking up the responsibilities once carried out by principal authorities, whose budgets are so squeezed they are curtailing services. Councillors agreed to write to Cat Smith MP asking that Parish Councils are not capped. Councillors are fearful that with the demise of social care it may be forced on Parish Councils to provide some form of care in the community, but to help residents will take funding.

Resolved: That Pilling Parish Council asks Cat Smith MP to lobby parliament not to cap Parish Council precepts.

4434. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications are granted.

16/00749/FUL

Proposal: Change of surface to land adjacent to sand paddock from grass to free draining aggregate topped with sand to form an all-weather surface

Location: Bond House Duck Street Pilling

The following application is lawful:

16/00769/LAWE

Proposal: Lawful development certificate for existing use as a market dwelling not occupied in accordance with condition 3 of planning application 2/6/8799

Location: Moss Nook, Lancaster Road, Pilling

To note:**Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations) (England) Regulations 2000**

Location: The Ducklings Duck Street Pilling Preston Lancashire

Proposal: Removal of condition 05 on application 03/01611/FUL to allow unrestricted residential use (C3).

Application Number: *16/00117/FUL*

16/00285/DIS

Proposal: Discharge of condition 5 (land contamination survey) relating to planning permission 16/00285/FUL

Location: Black Hill Farm, Bone Hill Lane, Pilling

14/00082/DIS

Proposal: Agreement of details for condition 3 (land contamination) on planning permission 14/00082/FUL

Location: Black Hill Farm, Bone Hill Lane, Pilling

Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;***16/00945/FUL***

Proposal: Proposed change of use of land for holiday caravans in conjunction with existing caravan site, and formation of hard standing for access, drive and caravan bases.

Location: Glenfield Leisure Park Smallwood Hey Road Pilling

There was a great deal of confusion with this application's details.

Resolved: The Parish Council objects to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. The original licensed number of caravans is being

increased onto land which was not included in the assessment. Size of modern statics and chalets against touring caravans in license, top water drainage, sewage and no benefit to Parish.

16/00964/FUL

Proposal: Erection of new building enclosing existing external conveyor for packaging purposes

Location: Wyresdale Garden Concrete Prod, Old Station Yard, Bradshaw Lane, Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. Mindful of noise and vibration problems this development must not exacerbate these problems.

4435. FINANCE

Donation to Royal British

Remembrance Day will be marked on 13th November with a service at the War Memorial open to all and the Chairman of the Parish Council will lay a poppy wreath. Councillors considered a donation to the work of the Royal British Legion.

Resolved: To donate £50 towards the work of the Royal British Legion.

Payments received since the previous meeting:

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| 1. Fundraising Bingo Night for the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party | £436.00 | |
| 2. Bank Interest | £ 0.64 | June |
| 3. Bank Interest | £ 0.20 | September |
| 4. Bank Interest | £ 0.16 | October |
| 5. Kirkland Parish Council – Parish Lengthsman | £195.61 | Parish work |

Transfer

£5,000 was transferred from the Reserve Account.

Standing Order credit

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

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| 1. Royal British Legion | £ 17.00 | Poppy Wreath |
| 2. Clerk's salary adjustments and expenses | £ 56.82 | |
| 3. Parish Lengthsman wage and expenses | £ 23.76 | |
| 4. Prudential AVC | £250.00 | AVC |
| 5. Catterall Parish Council | £ 21.16 | Phone and Broadband |
| 6. St. John's Church | £ 20.00 | Meeting Room Rental |
| 7. Houghton's Filling Station | £ 64.51 | |
| 8. Royal British Legion – Donation | £ 50.00 | |

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,670.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£685.81
Easy-Web-Sites	£ 24.00
St. John's Church Hall – Access to facilities	£ 80.00
S2S Enterprises – container	£125.00

Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement

Resolved: Bank Reconciliation to 31st October, 2016 was accepted.

Draft Budget

The draft budget was presented to Councillors as this is used to determine the precept for next year. The information shows the position of the Parish Council's finances to 31st October. Councillors were asked to put forward proposals for work/projects to be carried out next year, with costings, to allow the Council to fully consider any ideas. Suggestions included extending the ANPR to Pilling village, partly through funding from Grantscape, a noticeboard to be located at the Memorial Hall with a litter bin, which the Memorial Hall committee will empty.

4436. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**Pilling in Bloom**

Cllr. W. Whiteside reported that Pilling had equalled their past successes with a silver gilt award and Fold House Caravan Park was awarded the best caravan site in the North West.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson reported on the Meat Bingo held on 31st October arranged at the Golden Ball to raise funds for the party. Praises were given to Mrs. Judith Curwen for organising the bingo books, digital machine and caller from St. William's Church, her assistance was invaluable on the night. The timetable for the party has been re-arranged to start at 4pm with entertainment from the two schools. Tea will be served at 5pm followed by the prizes and entertainment has been secured from a local group to play music from the 50's and 60's plus carols to finish.

Representative on Pilling Memorial Hall/Pilling 20:20

Cllr. E. Moorat reported that after an initial submission for checking the updated and better defined version is to be submitted, following advice from the Big Lottery. This is phase II and an outcome should be known in 12 weeks. Further work is needed before phase III is submitted and the preferred contractor will oversee the entire prior and on site works.

One of the football pitches is operational with the instalment of the goal posts and the second one will be ready soon. Now that the site is visited the amount of litter is increasing and vehicle damage, on the car park surface, is occurring, so a second lower barrier is to be installed and closed at night and the roadside fence is completed.

Water Meeting on 25th November

Councillors were still disappointed that the work the Environment Agency was to complete this year is still outstanding. Site meetings were held to highlight the pinch points in the water courses the Environment Agency has responsibility, but there has been no remedial work and in the meantime farmer's harvests are lost due to water logged fields.

There are new pipes in the sea wall, which should be finished shortly, but the penstocks are to be raised by battery power and not mains. The pipes are 45 metres long made of plastic offering a life of 50 years with new flaps on the seaward side. But the silt on the marsh has not been moved as, according to the contractors, Natural England will not allow this. Councillors are critical that Natural England is putting this community at risk from flooding.

**4437. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS
PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY No FP20, PILLING**

The smashed kissing gate has been reported to Lancashire County Council.

Training Course

Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield thanked the Parish Council for sending her on the recent Data Protection and Freedom of Information course and this has highlighted the need for Councillors to mark what they say in public and what may be sent electronically.

Rural Buses

The lack of a nightly and weekend bus service through the village has been raised to Councillors as it is curtailing young people’s enjoyment further afield, i.e. to visit Lancaster and return by public transport.

Complaints of Anti-Social Behaviour in the village

Cllr. W. Whiteside reported on a spate of anti-social behaviour occurring during evening and night, he was advised it is necessary for such incidents to be logged to alert the Police to take action.

Elletsons Arms

There is further anti-social behaviour happening at the rear of the Elletsons Arms as it appears access has been gained to the buildings and lights are turned on during the evening.

Stakepool Drive

In Stakepool Drive the road collapsed under the weight of the refuse wagon, this was reported as an emergency on 14th September and, as no remedial work was done, reported again on the County web reporting system on 14th October, but the barriers remain. Lancashire County Council Status records on 18th October: Arrangements have been made to repair the carriageway as soon as resources are available. This issue will continue to be monitored to ensure that the situation does not worsen. Many thanks.

Head Dyke Lane

A further collision happened at the junction with Carr Lane recently by a vehicle travelling East. There is perhaps a problem with this location?

Flooding on Smallwood Hey Road

A resident on Smallwood Hey Road has contacted Parish Councillors about the flooding of their home, citing a new development built on top of a dyke and pit which used to take excess water from the road and houses. It is an unacceptable situation to live in fear each time it rains in case the furniture needs moving or the carpet and the floorboards need replacing again due to severe water damage. The Parish Council fully sympathises with the resident’s situation and noted that both Wyre Council and Lancashire County Council have been contacted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

Chairman

Date