

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY
8th NOVEMBER 2023 at 7pm**



Present:

Pilling Parish Councillors;

*Neil Cookson, Chairman
Graham Curwen, Vice Chairman,
Sarah Collinge,
Elizabeth Cookson,
Judith Judkins,
Paul McWhirter,
Steve Phillipotts,
John Savage
Alf Whiteside,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
Lancashire County Councillor Matthew Salter
Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh
Two residents*

5350. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. P. McWhirter.

5351. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

Cllr. G. Curwen and Cllr. J. Savage declared their interests as members of Pilling Village Hall Committee. Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins declared an interest in Pilling Community Action.

5352. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2023 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5353. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh's Report

Lane Ends Amenity Area, waiting for the council to liaise with colleagues. The landowners are Environment Agency and pay Wyre to do some of the maintenance on the site, will contact the Environment Agency as I will need to involve them to transfer the maintenance to Pilling Parish Council. Councillors were informed a vehicle accessed the marsh from the top car park and flattened the fence. The Environment Agency is looking to replace the fence.

Wyre Council is conscience dog patrols in rural areas have decreased, Cllr. Vincent is pursuing this and would appreciate any problems in rural areas. Planning application for Glenfield Caravan Park is to be considered by the Planning Committee.

Lancashire County Councillor Matthew Salter

The Councillor reported on standing water at Eagland Hill, United Utilities have investigated and confirmed no issues with sewers or septic tanks and Lancashire County Council will fill the depression. Lancashire warm spaces grant scheme is open for applicants.

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

5354. CLERK'S REPORT

Resolved: Items noted with no update.

5355. PILLING PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

Resolved: Councillors reviewed and accepted; Pilling Parish Council's Pilling Parish Council's on Christmas Tree Risk Assessment and Asset Register 2023.

For information: Lancashire County Council Parish Charter.

5356. CHRISTMAS TREES

Resolved: Councillors considered and agreed on the purchasing Christmas Trees for Village Green and Stakepool Stores. A suitable ladder will be purchased for putting the lights on the tree. The Parish Council purchased coloured lights for the trees and the white lights will be donated to Pilling Village Hall's Christmas Tree.

5357. ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Remembrance Sunday is November 12th this year.

Resolved: Councillors considered donating £100 to the continued work with British armed forces.

5358. ISOLATING RESIDENTS AND ITS IMPACT.

It has been brought to the attention of Councillors that a resident, who receives weekly NHS vital visits was informed they cannot leave their home, to be eligible for future NHS visits. Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson asks members to consider the impact this enforced social isolating and to raise this situation with the local NHS and MPs.

Resolved: Following lengthy discussion, the Chairman will visit the resident to establish the precise situation.

5359. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**Planning Application Granted:**

23/00749/FUL

Proposal: Replacement domestic outbuilding to provide ancillary annex, domestic storage and private equine facilities (variation of condition 2 on planning permission 20/00857/FUL (to alter the proposed floor layout for domestic storage and equine use only and alter the position of the proposal of the footprint of the existing building to be demolished)

Location: Bonds Farm Lancaster Road Pilling

Planning Discharge:

23/00428/DIS

Discharge: Approval of details reserved by condition 7 (Biodiversity) on planning permission 23/00428/COUQ

Location: Barn At Village Farm School Lane Pilling

Agricultural Planning not determined:**23/00986/AGR**

Proposal: Prior notification under Part 6 of the GPDO for an extension to an agricultural building for machinery and equipment storage

Location: Merry Field Garstang Road Pilling

23/00987/AGR

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Location: Merry Field Garstang Road Pilling

Planning Applications for comment:**23/00973/FUL**

Proposal: Proposed front and rear dormers and erection of side extension

Location: Bankfield Lancaster Road Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this application and seeks neighbourhood notification.

23/00969/FUL

Proposal: Proposed change of use of existing equine stables to a residential dwelling (C3) and domestic curtilage, following demolition of existing garage.

Location: New Hall Stables Lancaster Road Scronkey

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this application and seeks neighbourhood notification.

23/01012/FUL

Proposal: Erection of building for use as private stables and feed storage, following removal of current storage unit, with associated parking area and alterations to existing vehicular gated access

Location: Lancaster Road Scronkey Preston Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has concerns about road safety and inclusion of a septic tank on site and seeks neighbourhood notification.

23/00975/COUQ

Proposal: Prior approval for proposed change of use of 3 agricultural building to 3 dwelling houses (C3) with building operations under Class Q of the GPDO

Location: Jarvis Carr Farm Garstang Road Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has objections to this application and seeks neighbourhood notification.

5360. FINANCE**Finance Committee Report**

The Committee met on 25th October to sign off the accounts for the second quarter, July to September. Further investigations into CCLA as part of the investment policy.

Resolved:: Transfer £287.50 under grounds maintenance policy.

Draft Budget 2023 – 2024

Pilling Parish Council begins to review the budget, Wyre Council will need a figure January 2024. Councillors were asked to put forward costed projects suggested for 2024 – 2025, to allow Councillors to discuss. Suggestions of footpath gate/stiles upgrades and water pump and generator for embankment.

INCOME:

1. St. John's Church £ 25.00 Grounds Maintenance

Councillors resolved to pay the following Payments.

Payee		Reason
S. Raby	£242.69	Wages and expenses
G. Benson	£104.22	Salary and expenses
Towers and Gornall	£ 68.40	Accountant Services
Furness Building Society	£287.50	Finance Policy transfer
Suilvision - ANPR	£1,650.00	Grant to cover most of costs.
Viking	£153.11	Stationery
Wyre Building Supplies	£28.50	Pilling in Bloom, compost
Mrs. J. Judkins	£740.00	Pilling Community Action
Royal British Legion	£100.00	Donation
	£3,374.42	

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

1. Staff costs for October £4,329.46
 2. Easy-Web-Sites £ 27.60
 3. Pilling Village Hall rental £100.00

Bank Reconciliation to 31st October 2023

Resolved: Councillors scrutinised and accepted the bank reconciliation.

Bank balance £5,539.66 Furness Building Society £111,339.36

Transfer

Resolved: Councillors agreed to transfer £10,000 to Unity Trust to cover payments.

5361. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**Pilling in Bloom**

Cllr. Judy Judkins reported on the RHS award ceremony in Bolton when Pilling in Bloom were awarded a Silver Gilt. It was noted that many of the other in Bloom teams have many volunteers and Pilling in Bloom needs to recruit more residents.

Report of the representative on Pilling Village Hall

Cllr. J. Savage reported tickets on sale for Christmas Party and New Year's Eve event. A Christmas Market will be held on 2nd December.

Report of the representative on Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Held on 25th October, unfortunately Andrew Snowden failed to attend. According to South Ribble Council, who were tasked with District Councils carrying out best practice and Wyre Council was graded as good. Lancashire County Council is running Councillor training online and the County Parish Champion is Paul Rigby.

There were interesting discussions on a possible walk-in medical centre for rural Wyre. Pilling Parish Councillors agreed to support lobbying for a centre. The nearest to Pilling is in Blackpool and could be difficult to access.

Pilling Community Action

Cllr. Judy Judkins reported on the recent initial session for 'Sing-Up' group. 28 attended and will be using the main hall for subsequent sessions. Christmas wreath making on 24th November from 1pm.

Our Future Coast

Should have been 7th November, but an officer position needs advertising.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Chairman

Date