

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY
11th December 2024 at 7pm**



Present:

Pilling Parish Councillors;

*Neil Cookson, Chairman
Graham Curwen, Vice Chairman,
Elizabeth Cookson,
Judy Judkins
Steve Phillpotts,
John Savage,
Alf Whiteside,
Dave Ponton
Paul McWhirter
Julia Brewer, Clerk to the Parish Council
PS Elliott Jones*

In attendance:

5541. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr S Collinge and Wyre Cllr Adam Leigh.

5542 DECLARATION ON INTERESTS

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

5543. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2024 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5545. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Report from Police Sergeant Elliott Jones

Sergeant Jones reported that there were 32 reports on the incident log however these were mainly for road traffic and domestic incidents and he could not see any underlying issues.

He also reported that it has been confirmed that his new officer would be starting on 20th January 2025 so this would double the number of officers available for the area.

Sergeant Jones was thanked for his attendance.

Report from Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh

Cllr Leigh had sent his apologies but submitted a written report:

New Lane, Eagland Hill Erection of agricultural storage building (machinery, tools and feed) (retrospective) - application refused.

Erection of an agricultural storage building (machinery and equipment), lean to extension to existing building for agricultural storage (machinery and equipment), and change of use of part of the existing storage building (B8) to agricultural use (retrospective) - application refused.

Land Off Lancaster Road Pilling Lancashire

Proposal: Erection of building for use as private stables and feed storage, with associated parking area and alterations to existing vehicular gated access (resubmission of application no: 23/00669/FUL). An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision made by Wyre.

Pilling cockle beds

They were closed in October 2024 due to concerns with the number of undersized cockles being harvested. The beds will continue to be sampled monthly with a view to reopen.

Fluke Hall Lane flooding

The main issue is from Fanny bridge towards Wheel Lane. The ditch requires cleaning out which is the responsibility of the landowner and pipe under the entrance to Bessyfield and the length of the pipe from the dyke to the outlet stream is blocked. I have reported to LCC.

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

5546. CLERK'S REPORT

Resolved: The Clerk's Report was received.

5547. PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

There were no parish council policies for discussion.

5548. MOVE TO GOV.UK DOMAIN/EMAIL ADDRESS

Information had been obtained by the Clerk on the cost of moving to the gov.uk email address and after consideration of the benefits it was decided to move to the gov.uk domain email address.

Resolved: To move to the recommended gov.uk email domain/address for the Council and Parish Councillors

5549. OPENING OF BUSINESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH REDWOOD BANK

Information had been circulated on the 95 Day Business Savings account and it was agreed that this would be a better investment than the current account with Furness Building Society.

Resolved: To open a 95 Day Business Savings Account with Redwood Bank and transfer the reserves from the Furness Building Society account.

5550. REDEVELOPMENT OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

As Cllr S Collinge was not present at the meeting, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

5551. REQUEST FROM 'MEET AND EAT' CLUB FOR DONATION TO XMAS MEAL

A request had been received from the 'Meet and Eat' Club for a donation towards the provision of a free Xmas meal.

Resolved: Parish Council agreed to a one-off donation of £250 toward the Xmas Meal.

5552. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council considered the planning applications and outcomes.

Application Number: 24/00573/FUL

Proposal: Proposed ground mounted PV panels with associated switchgear and battery room

Location: Foxfield Nurseries School Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire

Resolved: The Parish Council have no objections to this proposal.

Applications Permitted

Ref. No: 24/00814/FUL Single storey rear extension, erection of a replacement garage, widening of driveway entrance by 0.3m, and removal of 1 No. first floor window, following demolition of existing single storey rear extension and single garage.

1 Stakepool Drive Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6BU

Ref. No: 24/00775/FUL Proposed erection of a single storey rear extension following removal of existing rear porch

Hunters Moon Duck Street Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6HN

Ref. No: 24/00681/FUL Proposed detached garden room

Shipon Barn Ridgy Pool Farm Skitham Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6BD

Ref. No: 24/00669/FUL Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage
Rosedale House Bradshaw Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6SN

Applications refused

Ref. No: 24/00363/FUL Erection of an agricultural storage building (machinery and equipment), lean to extension to existing building for agricultural storage (machinery and equipment), and change of use of part of the existing storage building (B8) to agricultural use (retrospective)

Merryfield Garstang Road Pilling Lancashire PR3 6AR

Approval not required

Ref. No: 24/00870/AGR Prior notification for proposed extension to existing agricultural storage building under Class A of Part 6, Schedule 2 of the GPDO
Keepers Cottage Morley Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6BY

Resolved: The Parish Council noted the outcomes of planning applications.

5553. FINANCE

Income:

St. John's Church	£ 25.00	Grounds Maintenance
Pilling Village Hall	£ 340.00	Monthly Loan Repayment
Grantscape	£1295.00	Grant payment re defibrillator

Councillors resolved to make the following Payments:

Payee		Reason
Julia Brewer	£ 23.97	Expenses (Community Action)
Argos	£ 305.95	Apple I-Pad (Community Action)
Argos	£ 175.95	Samsung Galaxy Tablet (Community Action)
Unity Bank	£ 9.30	Monthly bank charges
Colin Cross Printers	£ 425.00	Printing – Parish Newsletter
HMRC	£1186.73.	*PAYE/NIC Contributions – November
Wyre Building Supplies	£ 17.60	Cable Ties (Xmas Tree)
Houghtons	£ 81.00	Diesel
Judy Judkins	£ 9.00	Mince Pies (Community Action)
Pilling Village Hall	£ 13.00	Refreshments (Community Action)
DFX Systems	£ 105.00	IT Support/Training (Community Action)
LALC	£ 70.00	Training for New Councillors/Clerk
	£2482.50	

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

1. Staff costs for November*	£ 6129.24
2. Easy-Web-Sites	£ 30.36
3. Pilling Village Hall rental	£100.00
4. Towers and Gornall	£ 68.40
5. EE	£ 40.56

**inclusive of PAYE/NIC contributions and back pay for 24-25 pay rise*

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

Unity Trust Bank £ 43,065.50

Furness Building Society £ 84,488.51

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

5554 VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that he had unfortunately been unwell and had not been able to attend the Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On but had sent his apologies.

- **Pilling in Bloom**

Cllr Judkins had received an invitation from Lancashire County Council for a Pilling in Bloom celebration but noted that it clashed with the date of the next Joint Parishes Working Group meeting.

- **Pilling Community Action**

Cllr Judkins reported back on the first IT drop-in session which, although not well attended, had been well received by those who had attended. It was planned to hold a similar session on 30th January 2025.

- **Xmas Tree Lights Switch-On**

Cllr Curwen reported back on the Christmas Tree Light Switch-On which he felt had gone very well and informed the meeting that he would make a note of all the arrangements to be made for future reference.

- **Our Future Coast Working Group/Flooding Issues**

Cllr S Phillpotts reported that the planned trip to Hull had not happened as has been planned but that a digital meeting of the group was planned for Wednesday 8th January 2025.

- **Create Homes/St Williamsgate**

Cllr D Ponton reported that Wyre planning were still maintaining that the affordable homes be built.

5555 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Road at Smallwood Hey**

Cllr G Curwen reported that a lady had informed him that she had to stand up on the bus when going down Smallwood Hey as the vibrations caused by the potholed road caused her considerable discomfort.

Noted that following last meeting, the Clerk had written a strong letter to the Director of Highways regarding the condition of the road

- **Parking at Carr Close**

It was reported that the parking on the road has resumed at Carr Close and it was agreed that this be brought up again with Regenda.

- **Longmoor Lane**

Cllr A Whiteside raised concerns about the flooding on Longmoor Lane.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

Chairman

Date