

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY
12th February 2025 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
Sarah Collinge
Julia Brewer, Clerk to the Parish Council*

In attendance:

*PCSO Bethany Kirkpatrick
LCC Councillor Matthew Salter
Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh
Paul Fairhurst*

5575. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

5576 DECLARATION ON INTERESTS

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

5577. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2025 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5578. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

PCSO Beth Kirkpatrick

PCSO Kirkpatrick informed the meeting that she was due to go to Carr Close and meet with Kath Flynn from Regenda and would be raising the parking issues with them.

Wyre Cllr Adam Leigh

- **St Williamsgate**

Cllr Leigh reported that there seemed to be a lack of transparency between what Create Homes were saying regarding Williamsgate and what Wyre were reporting.

It was generally agreed that it was necessary to arrange a meeting between the two parties.

- **Fluke Hall**

Cllr Leigh reported that he had received a complaint about flooding however Cllr Cookson confirmed that it was an issue for Lancashire County Council and the complainant had been informed of this.

- **Smallwood Hey Road**

Cllr Leigh reported that he had spoken with a resident on Smallwood Hey regarding speeding although it was acknowledged that the condition of the road impeded this to some extent. PCSO Kirkpatric was requested to initiate speed checks.

Lancashire County Council Cllr Matthew Salter

- **Local Government Reform**

Cllr Salter informed the meeting that discussions were very much up in the air regarding reform and that the existing 2- tier system would continue for the time being.

- **Preesall Quarry planning application**

Cllr Salter informed the meeting that at present, Lancashire County Council were still collecting information and it was therefore likely that a decision would not be made until after the local elections.

- **Highways**

Cllr Salter reported that Mark O'Donnell had moved on and that as there was a new Highways Engineer which might benefit the moved to get Smallwood Hey resurfaced.

- **Lancashire County Council Elections**

Cllr Salter informed the council that he was standing down in May and as such, Cllr Neil Cookson thanked him for his efforts on behalf of Pilling Parish Council.

Paul Fairhurst

Paul introduced himself as the Conservative candidate for the County Council.

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

5579. CLERK'S REPORT

Resolved: The Clerk's Report was received.

5580. PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

Employment policies in respect of Compassionate Leave, Emergency Dependents Leave and Carers Leave, had been circulated.

Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to approve and adopt the respective policies.

5481. CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PARISH CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

Resolved: Following the approval of the Personnel Committee, the appointment of Julia Brewer to the post of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer was agreed.

5582. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

A draft agenda for the annual parish meeting had been circulated. After discussion it was agreed the meeting would be held in the main Hall on Wednesday 9 April, prior to the Parish Council meeting and representatives from the schools, clubs and groups would be invited to attend.

Resolved: Clerk to redraft the agenda and invite representatives from schools, clubs and groups to attend.

5583. REQUEST FROM SERGEANT ELLIOT JONES FOR £150 TOWARDS PURCHASE OF E-BIKES

The request from Sgt Elliot Jones was considered and it was agreed to contribute towards the proposal.

Resolved: the Parish Council agreed to donate £150.00 toward the purchase of 2 x E-bikes.

5584. REQUEST FROM CLLR JUDKINS FOR CONSIDERATION OF A DEDICATED PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARD WITHIN THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Judkins requested that the Parish Council have a dedicated notice board in the foyer of the Village Hall.

Resolved: Members of the Village Hall Committee to consider this at their next meeting.

5585. RESPONSE FROM WYRE BOROUGH COUNCIL RE PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

The response from Rob Clewes, Principal Planning Officer, was considered and it was agreed that it would be useful to request a meeting with planning regarding guidance on planning applications.

Resolved: Clerk to write to Wyre Planning regarding arranging a meeting with the Parish Council Planning Committee.

5586. REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE**Planning Applications for Consultation**

Application Number: 25/00055/FUL

Proposal: Erection of detached garage/garden store following the demolition of existing garage/garden store

Location: Rosedale House Bradshaw Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire

Resolved: The Committee have no objections in principle to this proposal but were concerned that the size could possibly indicate its use as for commercial purposes in the future.

Planning application decisions

The following planning application decisions were noted.

Planning applications approved:

23/00588/DIS: Approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (Materials), 4 (Habitat creation) and 5 (Reasonable Avoidance Measures for amphibians/mammals) on planning permission 23/00588/FUL
Ridgy Barn Ridgy Pool Farm Skitham Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6BD

Received: Fri 22 Nov 2024 | Validated: Tue 26 Nov 2024 | Status: Split Decision

24/00812/LAWP :Certificate of lawfulness for a change of use of existing domestic outbuilding as an annexe, home office and gym

Bibbys Farm Green Dicks Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6HS

Received: Mon 30 Sep 2024 | Validated: Mon 07 Oct 2024 | Status: Is Lawful

24/00734/FUL: Detached house and swimming pool pursuant to removal of condition 8 (future development permission) on planning permission 05/01334/FUL

Foxhaven Garstang Road Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6AL

Received: Fri 06 Sep 2024 | Validated: Fri 06 Sep 2024 | Status: Application Permitted

24/00556/FUL: Change of use of land to domestic curtilage in association with Bankfield and erection of detached domestic garage

Bankfield Lancaster Road Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6SR

Received: Mon 08 Jul 2024 | Validated: Wed 14 Aug 2024 | Status: Application Permitted

Proposed extension to existing agricultural building for the storage of machinery and feedstuffs

New Hall Farm Lancaster Road Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6SQ

Ref. No: 23/01042/FUL | Received: Mon 30 Oct 2023 | Validated: Fri 06 Sep 2024 | Status: Application Permitted

Resolved: The Council received the report and endorsed the decisions of the Planning Committee.

5587. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Application Number: 25/00092/FUL

Proposal: Erection of stable block providing four stables, tack and feed store, creation of riding arena and concrete yard.

Location: Stables At 2 Union Cottages Lancaster Road Pilling Preston

Resolved: The Council objected to the proposed development based on the fact that there was insufficient acreage for 4 horses.

5588. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Third quarter accounts had been scrutinised and it was noted that the budget position was favourable.

It had been agreed to open the 35 Day Business Savings Account with Redwood Bank.

Resolved: The report from the Finance Committee was received.

5589. FINANCE

Income:

St. John's Church	£ 25.00	Grounds Maintenance
Pilling Village Hall	£ 340.00	Monthly Loan Repayment

Councillors resolved to make the following Payments:

Payee		Reason
Stanley Raby	£ 495.40	Expenses - Van Service
Julia Brewer	£ 35.99	Expenses – BodyCam for S Raby
CPC	£ 2.82	Batteries
HMRC	£ 746.88	PAYE/NI
S2S Enterprises	£ 3480.00	40ft Shipping Container
DFX Systems	£ 100.00	IT Services/Digital Drop-In (Community)
S2S Enterprises	£ 1524.00	Delivery and Disposal of Shipping Container(s)
Greenbarnes Ltd	£ 384.34	Replacement Door for Notice Board
Pilling Village Hall	£ 35.00	Room Booking (Community Action)
Houghtons	£ 101.02	Diesel
Post Office	£ 3.25	Postage
One-Stop	£ 2.50	Stationary (Envelopes)
	£ 6911.20	

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

1. Staff costs for January*	£ 4462.15
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.*

Bank Reconciliation to 31st January 2025

See information.

Unity Trust Bank £27,056.93

Furness Building Society £ 84,488.51

Resolved: Councillors accepted bank reconciliation and budget monitoring to 31st January 2025.

5590. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

• Chairman's Report

Cllr Neil Cookson reported that there had been a good attendance at the Snowdrop Walk and he had been quite busy with enquiries.

- **VE Day Celebrations**

Cllr E Cookson reported that she had booked the entertainment for the event and that she would be finalising the catering in April. She requested prizes from each of the councillors for the raffle.

- **Pilling in Bloom/Pilling Community Action**

Cllr Judkins reported that the next IT Drop In session was taking place on Thursday 20TH February at 10.30am, and that a further 3 dates has been arranged for March, April and May.

It was also noted that it had been decided that Pilling would not be entering into the Britain in Bloom Competition in 2025.

Cllr Judkins also highlighted the Great British Spring Clean which is due to take place between 21 March and 6 April.

- **Pilling Village Hall**

Cllr P McWhirter reported that the grant application for playground equipment with Lancashire Enterprise Fund was progressing and a letter of thanks had been sent from the Village Hall Committee to the Parish Council for their contribution.

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

Cllr Whiteside reported that a trip had been arranged to visit a similar scheme at Southport on Friday 14 February which he would attend.

- **Create Homes/St Williamsgate**

Agreed that a meeting to be arranged with both parties to try to resolve the deadlock.

5590 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Manhole Cover**

Cllr E Cookson reported that the manhole cover at Fishers Row needed reporting.

- **Dog Fouling – Gardners Close**

Cllr Whiteside informed the meeting that a bin was going to be obtained as there was a problem with dog fouling in the area.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Chairman

Date