

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY
2nd DECEMBER, 2015, at 7.00pm

AT PILLING READING ROOMS,
SCHOOL LANE, PILLING



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

4307. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received for this meeting from Cllr. E. Moorat.

4308. 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.

4309. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 11th November, 2015 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4310. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no residents present.

4311. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION

The Councillors understood the reason for the review as it is to even up the electoral representation through Lancashire. Pilling is in Wyre Rural Central and this means that the County Cllr will represent 11,898 electors; an increase from the present 11,563. It was felt that just basing it on numbers means the new boundary has removed other similar rural Parishes that have worked together in the past. It also splits the secondary school catchment areas

Resolved: The Parish Council considers that the new boundary for Wyre Rural Central is not reflecting the similar rural parishes in Wyre.

4312. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following lawful certificate has been granted:

15/00796/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of existing domestic storage building to workshop (Use Class B2)

Location: Acre Nook, Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling

Councillors made comment on the following planning application;**15/00947/FUL****Proposal:** Erection of agricultural storage building (part retrospective)**Location:** Eagland Hill Farm New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and requests neighbourhood notification.***4313. FINANCE**

Budget 2016 – 2017 Councillors were presented with a revised and up to date draft budget. Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield raised the need for an ANPR camera system in Eagland Hill. Although some of the funding would come from Grantscape, this would be way short of the amount needed to pay for a possible three cameras. Councillors discussed that a larger scheme to include Pilling may attract more funding bodies and that a survey of the village should be undertaken to assess costs.

Cllr. E. Moorat sent a report on a further defibrillator to be located at Pilling Pottery and asked for fundraising suggestions?

Donation

Peter Bond, from the British Red Cross, had given a presentation on CPR and how to use a defibrillator for the benefit of Eagland Hill residents. He had also attended St. John's School, Pilling Nursing Home and Glenfield Caravan Park to give presentations in the past.

Resolved: The Parish Council will donate £50 to the work of the British Red Cross in recognition of these training courses.

Training

Resolved: That Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield, Cllr. J. Barton and Cllr. N. Cookson attend the New Councillors courses

Payments received since the previous meeting:

1. St. John's Church – clothes collection	£280.00	Christmas Party
2. Whist and Domino Drive	£200.00	Christmas Party
3. Catterall Parish Council	£159.44	

Parish Lengthsman working in Catterall

Standing Order credit

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

1. Clerk's salary adjustments and expenses	£236.67	
2. Parish Lengthsman wage and expenses	£ 19.76	
3. Prudential AVC	£250.00	Additional Voluntary Contribution
4. Catterall Parish Council	£ 16.29	Phone and Broadband
5. Grosvenor Estate	£166.80	Christmas Tree
6. Pilling Reading Rooms	£ 15.00	
7. British Red Cross	£ 50.00	
8. Lancs County Training Partnership	£159.00	

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

4314. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**Chairman's Report**

Councillor Savage reported on progress with the dispute over public footpath 22, Field House Lane. Arguments have been submitted on both sides, Mr. Kelly and Lancashire County Council, and these are to be sent to a Planning Inspector for a decision.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson reminded Councillors about setting up and laying the tables at the Methodist Chapel on Monday from 1.30 and arrive for the party on Tuesday from 1.30pm.

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

The next meeting is tomorrow and the hall design is to be discussed. The Committee is short of younger members to get involved and this may impact on demonstrating sufficient interest.

Carter's Charity

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson reported that the charity was holding the money, about £6,000, until the school specifies a particular project. The plantation area is to receive some funding.

Water Meeting

Cllr. G. Curwen reported on the recent Water Meeting with Cat Smith, MP, who seemed well informed of the situation. The Environment Agency has no money and continues to monitor water levels and carry out flushing, but the outfall pipes have collapsed. Silting up is increasing on the seaward side and the flushing is not moving it properly, sand banks further out are hindering the ability of the water to get away. Back inland the dykes are not being cleared to the same standard so water is backing up as there is no width/capacity in the dykes.

Repairs to the sea wall are to cost in the region of £1million, but at present the pipes are to be relined and electric doors fitted. The Environment Agency is to liaise with the designer to meet with local residents to discuss a positive way forward/redesign. Many local residents feel there is a great need for a pump to remove water over the sea wall, but this will be costly and Parish Councils may need to tap into funding to help.

4315. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS**Amenity Area**

The number of thistles on the wildflower meadow at the Amenity Area was raised.

Back Sands Lane

It was raised that the corner opposite the entrance to the Amenity Area is narrow and should be marked as such to warn drivers.

Invitation to public meeting for Knott End Ferry

To be held 9th December in Wyre Council; all councillors are invited.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

Chairman

Date