

# PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

## **MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
15<sup>th</sup> January 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:**

*PS Elliott Jones  
Collette Rushworth  
James Reilly (Easy Websites)*

### **5556. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Wyre Cllr Adam Leigh.

### **5557 DECLARATION ON INTERESTS**

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

### **5558. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

*Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

### **5559. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

### **Land off Bourbles Lane (Lancashire County Council/2030/0030)**

Collette Rushton highlighted the issues with regards to the reconsultation exercise from Lancashire County Council regarding the Preesall Quarry.

Comments were noted by councillors and would be discussed as a separate agenda item within the meeting.

### **Report from Police Sergeant Elliott Jones**

Sergeant Jones reported that there were no incidents of any major concern reported since the last meeting.

He also informed the Parish Council that he would be making a request for a contribution of £150 from each of the Parish Councils within the area towards obtaining two e-bikes for use by the PCSO's.

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

#### **5560. CLERK'S REPORT**

*Resolved: The Clerk's Report was received.*

#### **5561. PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES**

Revised policies in respect of Governance and Scheme of Delegation, and Lone Working Policy had been circulated.

- **Governance and Scheme of Delegation**

*Resolved: The policy was approved and adopted by the Parish Council.*

- **Lone Working**

It was noted that there would be need for lone working risk assessments for the Clerk and Parish Lengthsman and these would be undertaken by Cllr D Ponton.

*Resolved: The policy was approved in principle by the Parish Council pending risk assessments being undertaken.*

#### **5562. REDEVELOPMENT OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr S Collinge suggested that it might be a good time for the Parish Council to revisit the Neighbourhood Plan.

*Resolved: It was agreed that Cllr J Savage and Cllr G Curwen would liaise with Cllr S Colling regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.*

#### **5563. PRECEPT 2025/26**

Information on the budget for 2025/26 had been circulated and the precept calculated on the basis that there would be no increase in the amount of the precept.

*Resolved: To agree to the budget for 2025/26 and set the precept at £80,000.*

#### **5564. RESPONSE TO RECONSULTATION REQUEST FROM LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF LAND OFF BOURBLES LANE (LCC/2023/0030)**

The Council considered the reconsultation documentation together with comments from the public and reiterated their concerns regarding traffic, pollution and flooding issues.

*Resolved: Parish Council to write to Lancashire County Council to reiterate their objections to the planning application siting their concerns.*

#### **5565. RESPONSE FROM HIGHWAYS REGARDING CONDITIONS OF ROAD AT SMALLWOOD HEY**

A response from Lancashire County Council Highways to the complaint regarding the state of the road at Smallwood was considered. Councillors expressed their concerns and dissatisfaction that Smallwood Hey was again not being given priority in the 2025-26 Highways budget and emphasised that residents of Smallwood Hey needed to make reports through the 'love clean streets' app.

**5566. REQUEST FOR A DONATION OF £100.00 IN THANKS TO THE PILLING BRASS BAND FOR PLAYING AT THE XMAS LIGHT SWITCH-ON**

A request had been made by Cllr Graham Curwen for a donation of £100 to the Pilling Brass Band in thanks for their services at the Xmas Tree Lights Switch-On.  
*Resolved: Parish Council agreed to the donation of £100.00 to be sent with a letter of thanks to the Pilling Brass Band.*

**5567. REQUEST FOR A DONATION OF £800 TO PURCHASE NEW INSTRUMENTS FOR PILLING JUNIOR BRASS BAND**

A request had been received for a donation of £800 towards the cost of new instruments for the Pilling Brass Band. It was noted that Preesall had also made a similar donation.

*Resolved: To agree to the request for a donation of £800.00 to the Pilling Brass Band*

**5568. REQUEST FROM PILLING VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE FOR A CONTRIBUTION TO APPLICATION FOR LEF FUNDING FOR EXTENSION OF CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**

A request had been received from Pilling Village Hall for a third party contribution of £1936.00 towards an application to the LEF for grant funding of £17,600.00 towards an extension to the play area.

*Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to the contribution of £1936 toward the application to the LEF for funding.*

**5569. PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE STORAGE CONTAINER FOR PARISH LENGTHSMAN**

The Parish Council considered the revised quote regarding purchase of a storage unit and, although it had already been agreed in principle, it was decided that it would be appropriate to seek additional quotations.

*Resolved: To seek additional quotations for the purchase of a Storage Container for the Parish Lengthsman.*

**5570. REPORT FROM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Cllr Elizabeth Cookson updated the Parish Council on discussions at the Personnel Committee with regard to the issues of health and safety and lone working.

**5571. REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE**

A report from the Planning Committee was received as follows:

**Application Number: 24/01053/FULMAJ**

**Proposal:** Refurbishment, partial conversion and extension of the Golden Ball to

create a public house/restaurant, shop, six one bedroom apartments and associated parking; the erection of two, three bedroom bungalows, eight, two-storey three bed houses and eight, two-storey two bed houses; the creation of a public park; and highway improvement works (pursuant to variation of conditions 2 (plan), 5 (biodiversity), 6 (EVCP), 10 (Lighting), 11 (Tree Protection), 12 (Levels), 14 (Drainage), 16 (Shop), 17 (GI/POS), 18 (Post Phase 1), 19 (Obscure Glazing), 20

(Parking), 22 (Homeowers Pack), 24 (No Outside Music), 29 (Opening Hours- Class E Unit), 30 (Opening Hours- Pub), 32 (Rear Boundaries), 33 (Refuse) and 34 (External Storage) on planning permission 22/01005/FULMAJ)

**Location:** Golden Ball School Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire

*Resolved: The Committee object to the proposed amendments to the original planning application and also expressed their ongoing concerns in relation to car parking and access.*

**Application Number:** 25/00016/FUL

**Proposal:** Proposed single-storey rear extension

**Location:** Afton Smallwood Hey Road Pilling Preston Lancashire

*Resolved: The Committee have no objections to this proposal.*

### Planning application decisions

The following planning application decisions were noted.

#### Applications granted:

**Ref. No: 24/00136/NONMAT** Non-material amendment to planning permission 24/00136/FUL to relocate the siting of the garage 4m north along the track

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

**Ref. No: 24/00899/FUL** Proposed single storey side and rear garage with single storey front porch extension

Laurel Cottage Taylors Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6AB

**Ref. No: 24/00843/FUL** 1.5 storey side extension, new front porch, loft conversion with front and rear dormers and associated external alterations Broadfleet Cottage Taylors Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6AB

**Ref. No: 24/00453/FUL** Proposed single storey and two storey side/rear extension, alterations to roof, erection of attached garage and solar panels to southern roof slope

Jarvis Carr Farm Garstang Road Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6AR

#### Applications refused:

**Ref. No: 24/00751/FUL** Erection of agricultural storage building (machinery, tools and feed) (retrospective)

James Farm New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling Lancashire

**Ref. No: 24/00644/PIP** Permission in principle for the proposed erection of 1.no timber bungalow to the west of Broadfleet Cottage

Broadfleet Cottage Taylors Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6AB

**Ref. No: 24/00525/FUL** Proposed erection of mixed agricultural and domestic storage building, following demolition of existing storage building.

Mayfield House New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6BA

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

It was also noted that the Planning Committee had concerns about the lack of consistency in terms of the outcomes of planning applications together with the lack of enforcement regarding unlawful building within the area, and it was suggested that this should be raised with Wyre Council.

*Resolved: The Parish Council to write to the Enforcement Officer at Wyre regarding enforcement, and the Planning Committee to get together to produce evidence of planning applications which were not consistent with a view to taking this to the Head of Planning at Wyre Council.*

### **5570. REQUEST FROM PARISH CLERK TO DISPOSE OF 2 X OBSOLETE DESKJET PRINTERS**

The Parish Clerk had requested the disposal of 2 x deskjet printers that were no longer fit for purpose under the Disposals Policy.

*Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to the disposal of the printers as per the Disposals Policy.*

### **5572 FINANCE**

#### **Income:**

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

Councillors are asked to resolve the following **Payments:**

Payee		Reason
Viking	£ 59.81	Printer Ink
HMRC*	£ 746.88	PAYE/NI
Suivision	£1200.00	Renewal of maintenance contract for ANPR cameras
Pilling Village Hall	£ 35.00	Room Hire (Community Action)
Wyre Building Supplies	£ 28.00	Heavy Duty Ratchet
Houghtons	£ 90.16	Diesel
S2S Enterprises	£ 150.00	Quarterly Rental
Myerscough College	£ 110.00	First Aid Training (S Raby)
	<b>£ 2419.85</b>	

#### **Standing Orders/Direct Debits**

1. Staff costs for December*	£ 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 December 2024**

##### **See information.**

Unity Trust Bank £ 32,132.07

Furness Building Society £ 84,488.51

*Resolved: Councillors accepted bank reconciliation and budget monitoring to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.*

**5573 VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

• **Chairman’s Report**

• **Pilling in Bloom/Pilling Community Action**

Cllr Judkins reported that the next IT Drop In session was taking place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 10.30am.

She also reported that the Annual Snowdrop Walk was taking place from the Village Hall on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February and suggested that it would be a good idea for the Parish Council to have a table manned by parish councillors at the event.

• **Pilling Village Hall**

Cllr P McWhirter reported that the solar panels which had recently been fitted appeared to be working well in reducing the energy required from the national grid.

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

Cllr S Phillpotts and Cllr A Whiteside reported that the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January had been very positive and that they had been informed that the new gates had been ordered. An Internal Drainage Management Board was being set up chaired by David Wilkinson.

It had also been arranged to link up with Southport who were operating a similar scheme.

**Create Homes/St Williamsgate**

Cllr D Ponton reported that Wyre were considering changing the criteria for the houses to subsidised housing, and that he had written to Wyre Cllr Adam Leigh requesting if he could contact the Planning Committee regarding the proposal for the open space.

**5574 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

• **Bus Shelter**

Cllr P McWhirter enquired what was happening in relation to the bus shelter.

• **Bins at Pilling Sands**

Cllr P McWhirter raised the issue of the bins not being emptied and requested the clerk to raise this will Preesall Parish Council.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.21pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....