

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY, 2018,
7.00PM
AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HALL,
SCHOOL LANE, PILLING



Present: *Councillors; G. Curwen, Chairman,*
J. Barton,
Mrs. E. Cookson,
P. McWhirter,
Mrs. B. Schofield,
Mrs. D. Schofield,
W. Whiteside,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
Wyre Councillor G. Holden,
29 Residents

4580. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. N. Cookson and Cllr. E. Moorat.

4581. 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.

4582. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January, 2018 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4583. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was suspended to allow residents to speak.

Visit from John Blundell concerning the setting up of a Pilling Flood Action Group

John Blundell is responsible for the depots in Fleetwood, out of hours officers and Emergency Officer. Wyre has plans in place for emergencies including the Wyre Flood Plan. It states how Wyre Council responds to and recovery plans in the event of flooding with 14 Flood Risk Summaries for areas in Wyre. He sits on the Wyre Flood Forum, held quarterly and Making Room for Water where agencies attend. He is looking to develop local Flood Action Groups to be active in their local area in times of flooding. Flooding problems are investigated by officers who report back to the Flood Groups to build in community resilience. Each household should have an Emergency Plan and vulnerable people and/or properties should be known to the group for assistance. Wyre Councillor Holden volunteered to chair the Pilling Flood Action Group with residents to work with agencies to address local problems arrange site meetings and find solutions.

The Chairman added that during the floods in November emergency contact numbers were non-existent, there was no help for Pilling. Action Groups are provided with emergency numbers / mobiles to contact. Cllr. Curwen reported that Pilling Parish Council regularly meets with the Environment Agency, Natural England, NFU and the MP and have progressed with Pilling's problems albeit frustratingly slowly.

John Blundell said that an Action Group needs to be Proactive – locating local problems and responsive – working on what to do and also to distribute sandbags to vulnerable persons; Wyre Council will provide sandbags to communities. The next Wyre Flood Forum is 9th March and the Flood Action Group will be welcome. Local flooding problems need listing and sending to John Blundell next week for inclusion at the Flood Forum.

Wyre Councillor G. Holden

Cllr. Holden referred to a current planning application which he has called in for the planning committee to consider rather than delegated decision.

The meeting was resumed.

4584. PILLING IN BLOOM

Councillors were asked to confirm to the Pilling in Bloom member volunteers to care for the floral displays in the village?

Bradshaw Lane junction	Sea gulls; opposite St. John's School
Seed Drill; Bodkin Hall	Cheese press
Community Hall Field	Triangle at the Village Green
Mill Bridge	Old Folks Bungalows

Few volunteers have been identified so will raise next month

Resolved: To defer to next month

4585. PARISH LENGTHSMAN RETIREMENT

The Parish Lengthsman is due to retire in September and the HR Committee has met to resolve the job description. The Committee recommends advertising the post from March to be hopefully in post by May. Councillors considered the minutes of the HR Committee and the Parish Lengthsman Job Description and confirmed their recommendation. But a further addition will see a variation of duties as resolved by the HR Committee.

Resolved: The HR Committee's recommendations were agreed

4586. SMALLWOOD HEY BUS SHELTER

Unfortunately the landowners approached about locating a bus shelter on Smallwood Hey Road have decided not to allow one on their land. There was disappointment at the decision, but when asked for alternative locations, it was considered advisable to discuss when Cllr. N. Cookson was present.

Resolved: To defer to next month

4587. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIALS REGULATIONS, RISK ASSESSMENTS AND ASSET REGISTER

Councillors are asked if they wish to change/update any information in these documents. Please note reviews are conducted annually in line with audit regulations.

Resolved: Councillors reviewed and accepted the Standing Orders, Parish Meetings, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessments and Asset Register.

4588. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were **permitted**:

17/00885/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of Grade II listed building from hotel (Use Class C1) to residential dwelling (Use Class C3)

Location: Springfield House Hotel 18 Wheel Lane Pilling

17/01160/FUL

Proposal: Provision of a 5metre pole to carry an ANPR camera
Location: Copthorne Farm, Woods Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

Application Withdrawn:**17/00886/LBC**

Proposal: Listed building consent for change of use of Grade II listed building from hotel (Use Class C1) to residential dwelling (Use Class C3)
Location: Springfield House Hotel 18 Wheel Lane Pilling

Planning Application considered between meetings**17/01055/COUQ**

Proposal: Prior approval application for change of use from existing agricultural building to one dwelling (under Class Q of the GPDO)

Location: Barn At The Stables Bradshaw Lane Pilling

Resolved: *The Parish Council objects to this planning application and fully supports the neighbour's comments.*

Lawful Certificate Application:**18/00129/LAWP**

Proposal: Certificate of lawful development for proposed installation of 15m high monopole on concrete base within operational substation site with antennas, feeder cables, ductwork and ancillary equipment.

Location: Electricity Substation Southwoods Hill Farm House Woods Lane Eagland Hill

Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;**18/00051/FUL**

Proposal: Erection of two dwellings

Location: Land North Of Rosedale House Bradshaw Lane Pilling

Due to its contentious nature the Wyre Councillor has called for the planning committee to consider this application.

Resolved: *The Parish Council objects to this planning application, septic tank omitted, visual impact on street scene, flooding and drainage, open countryside, flood zone 3 and isolated location.*

18/00114/FUL

Proposal: Proposed two storey extension and single storey rear extensions.

Location: 3 South View Garstang Road Pilling

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

18/00130/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of a domestic outbuilding to office (Use Class B1) and retail (A1) for the sale of craft equipment and for craft workshops and exhibitions (sui generis) with insertion of new openings in building, and widening of existing access

Location: Kurloon Horse Park Lane Pilling

Resolved: *The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. Ensure the free flow of water during widening of access.*

4589. FINANCE**Standing Order credit**

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| 1. St. John's Church – Grounds Maintenance | £ 65.00 |
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Payments received since the previous meeting:

1. Bank Interest – January	£ 0.39	
2. Lancashire County Council	£397.00	Amenity Grass Cutting
3. Cash Donations for the Christmas Party	£ 32.00	(£10 +£15+ £7)
4. Kirkland Parish Council	£ 43.58	
5. Wyre Area Road Safety Committee	£ 20.00	
6. Catterall Parish Council	£167.56	

Parish Lengthsman working in Catterall during illness

Councillors considered and approved payment for the following accounts;

1. Parish Lengthsman wage and expenses	£ 92.20	
2. Catterall Parish Council	£ 22.93	Phone and Broadband
3. St. Johns Church Hall – Room Hire	£ 40.00	Plus Water Meeting
4. CCTV Trade Signs and Services Ltd	£ 34.08	
5. Cardiac Smart – defibrillator pads	£ 61.14	
6. G. Parr – machine parts	£ 18.40	
7. Catterall Parish Council – machine parts	£ 33.00	Invoice incorrectly addressed
8. Cornthwaite Farm Machinery	£ 36.00	
9. Parish Magazine Printing	£154.75	Pilling News
10. C and C Supplies	£ 15.00	

Monthly Standing Orders/Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,660.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£794.88
Prudential AVC	£350.00
Easy-Web-Sites	£ 24.00
St. John's Church Hall – Access to facilities	£100.00

Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: Councillors accepted Bank Reconciliation to 31st January, 2018.

4590. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**Chairman's Report**

Cllr. J. Savage reported on a thank you card received from a grateful resident and a donation towards next year's party.

Report of the representative on the Pilling Memorial Hall Committee/Pilling 20:20

Cllr. P. McWhirter reported the committee were looking for architects and are considering 5 at present, interviews will take place to determine what they can do and offer for the site. This is funded by an advance of £40,000 from the Big Lottery as part of the half million grant. The Committee are visiting local Village Halls to learn from their mistakes and note their successes. The challenge continues as to build the hall to serve Pilling will take more than the Lottery grant.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson reported that everything went well on the night and the entertainment has been booked for this year. The lack of numbers was discussed with a suggestion of individual invitations to those residents who are eligible, also to offer lifts on the night.

School Lane site meeting

Following a reply from County Cllr. Keith Iddon, cabinet member for Highways and Transport, he will meet with Councillors, but no date specified yet.

Eagland Hill ANPR

Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield reported on the successful planning permission for the pole at Copthorne Farm and the funding submission to Grantscape’s Eagland Hill Windturbine fund. The first ANPR camera is working and has information signs attached.

Halite Community Panel

Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield reported that at the last meeting Halite spoke to calm fears about what’s going to happen with the development. There are fears concerning the land based caverns that are collapsing, but Halite are creating new caverns under the River Wyre as extra storage is needed now that the North Sea gas field is running out.

Water Group Meeting – 2nd February

Cllr. G. Curwen reported that local farmers are working with the NFU to apply for a license to dig out the seaward channel beyond the sea wall. The NFU has submitted the application to the Environment Agency after ensuring that Natural England is happy with it. If granted this will give a 10 year license to clean out the channel. The license on the Cocker has caused environmental damage and the Environment Agency is looking to run both river licences together. The license will need payment and this will hopefully come from the local farmers affected who will also carry out the work. This should drop water levels by at least 1 metre. It was stressed to the MP that crops are being ruined and there is no protection for farmers who are growing the food the country depends on. Contractors were on site last Friday, but didn’t find any problems with the outfall; the Environment Agency is to use divers. The Chairman has been contacted by the Environment Agency as to size and type of pumps for use over the sea wall.

4591. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS

Road Resurfacing:

Garstang Road from Ambleside to Crawley Cross Farm from 5th to 23rd March for carriageway resurfacing works. Dates differ from the information boards on the road side.

Lancaster Road, Out Rawcliffe from Bradshaw Lane to Rawcliffe Road from 9th to 13th April to allow pre-surface dressing patching.

Bone Hill Lane

A Lancashire County Council engineer; acknowledges Bone Hill Lane is adopted and has reported the potholes; unfortunately the web site doesn’t so nothing can be reported. Will direct this to the new County Councillor.

Numbering on Smallwood Hey Road

The Parish Council has written back to Daniel Sutton suggesting that the scheme would be more acceptable if BOTH a name and number could be used. Waiting for reply.

Parish Lengthsman working in Catterall

The Chairman of Catterall Parish Council wishes to thank Pilling Parish Council for allowing their lengthsman to help out in Catterall during the sickness of their Parish Lengthsman.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

Chairman

Date