

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY
14th FEBRUARY 2024 at 7pm**



Present:

Pilling Parish Councillors;

*Neil Cookson, Chairman
Graham Curwen, Vice Chairman,
Sarah Collinge,
Elizabeth Cookson,
Scott Irvine,
Judith Judkins,
Steve Phillpotts,
John Savage,
Paul McWhirter,
Alf Whiteside,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
2 Police Community Safety Officers*

5389. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSO Crieghton sent apologies

5390. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillors asked to declare any interests on agenda matters and reminded that any change in interests must be notified to the clerk within 28 days.

Cllr. G. Curwen, Cllr. P. McWhirter and Cllr. J. Savage declared their interests as members of Pilling Village Hall Committee. Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins declared an interest as a member of Pilling Community Action and Pilling in Bloom.

5391. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 10th and 19th January 2024 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5392. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Wyre Area PCSOs

Two officers attended reporting on Anti-Social Behaviour at Chapel, Gardeners Close and St. Williams' graveyard the identified perpetrators have been contacted. There are no significant crimes at present. Lancashire Road Safety Partnership is to send Road Watch to Smallwood Hey Road during school times. Four tools and agricultural equipment burglaries have recently occurred in Hambleton. Police are aware of the aggressive sales by persons out of the area selling door to door taking place throughout Wyre.

Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh

The Councillor reported on Wheel Lane flooding, Lancashire County Council work would start on 17.1.24 to check the culverts were clear and any additional work would be programmed from there. Unfortunately, this has not materialised. County Cllr Salter is

aware of this, and I have asked if he can chase this up. He has called in an application on Lambs Lane to the planning committee so that the applicant can plead his case. The Police have confirmed that they will carry out enforcement checks on Smallwood Hey Road and will let me know of the date shortly. I am still waiting on confirmation regarding School Lane.

Glenfield Caravan Site has been brought to my attention that advertising signs have appeared stating that caravans will soon be for sale in the phase 2 area of the site., but there is nothing to stop them from doing this although I have sought further information as to whether this is unauthorised. The application was called in to be decided by committee October 2023 and there is up to a 6-month backlog for applications called in. Climate Change Strategy: The draft strategy is available for comments. This can be accessed at www.wyre.gov.uk/haveyoursay

Lancashire County Council

Unfortunately, the Councillor did not attend or send a report.

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

5393. CLERK'S REPORT

Resolved: Councillors noted the progress of work on the defibrillator for Garstang Road and remedial work on Lane Ends Amenity Area.

5394. PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

Resolved: Councillors reviewed and accepted the GDPR Data Protection policies and supporting information supplied.

5395. PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Cllr. S. Collinge has set up a Pilling Parish Council Facebook page to disseminate information. Comments will be scrutinised by the admin team initially and no public posts are allowed, the rules to be set out on the introduction page. National Association of Local Councils is offering Social Media training, on 28th February Councillors considered this idea timing and will enrol at £39.22

Resolved: Cllr. Mrs. S. Collinge and Cllr. S. Irvine to meet with the clerk to progress this.

5396. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee met to discuss the salary package paid to the Parish Lengthsman following several enquiries from residents and councillors. Recommendations were presented to the Parish Council who considered and agreed to them.

Resolved: To implement new salary package for Parish Lengthsman from 1st April 2024

5397. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee met on 31st January, having signed off the third quarter accounts with a recommendation to transfer £307.00 to Furness Building Society and bring cheque no. 300105 for £25.00 (out of date). The Investment Policy was reviewed but Council doesn't have the minimum amount in reserves to qualify for an investment policy.

Resolved: Councillors agreed to transfer and noted other matters.

5398. TRAVEL FOR LIFE

Travel For Life is a free session covering how to keep yourselves safe on our roads, driving for longer and answers any road related questions. Councillors considered this an excellent session for running in all parishes.

Resolved: To ask Meet and Eat to consider holding the session.

5399. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**Planning Application Refusal:**

Application Number: 23/01119/COUQ

Proposal: Prior approval for proposed change of use of an agricultural building to 1 dwelling house (C3) with building operations under Class Q of the GPDO

Location: Bone Hill Farm, Bone Hill Lane, Pilling

Planning Application non material amendment:

21/00311/NOMAT1

Proposal: Non material amendment to planning permission 21/00311/FUL to replace french doors with two separate windows on the west elevation, repositioning of french doors on west elevation, addition of 3 slimline windows to the west elevation, change of window shape on first floor windows to south elevation, addition of windows on the north elevation, removal of window on the east elevation, addition of two slimline windows on the east elevation, repositioning and increase in number of rooflights, change of roof material to Marley Edgemere tiles in anthracite, change of window material to UVPC in anthracite, and change of wall material to Marely Cedral cladding with off-white K-rend

Location: Union Cottages 2 Lancaster Road Pilling

Planning discharge accepted:

23/00428/DIS1

Proposal: Approval of details reserved by conditions 5 (Bat Licence) and 8 (Historic Record) on planning permission 23/00428/COUQ

Location: Village Farm School Lane Pilling

Lawful certificate application

24/00099/LAWP

Proposal: Certificate of lawful development for proposed replacement window frames

Location: 3 Springfield Barn Wheel Lane Pilling

Planning Applications comment between meetings:

23/01206/FUL

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural storage building and extension to existing agricultural storage building

Location: Merryfield Garstang Road Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

23/01175/FUL

Proposal: Change of use from agricultural to equine

Location: Lancaster Road Scronkey, Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Planning Applications for comment:

23/01206/FUL

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural storage building and extension to existing agricultural storage building

Location: Merry Field Garstang Road Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

24/00082/FUL

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension and new front porch

Location: Eagland Hill Farm New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

24/00088/FUL

Proposal: Proposed internal and external remodel with associated landscaping. To include a reduction in height of existing chimney, installation of conservation rooflights to rear, a reinstatement of rear windows with traditional sash (following the demolition of an existing single storey lean-to.), and a rebuild/extension of existing outbuilding.

Location: The Olde Ship School Lane Pilling

Resolved: *Parish Council does not object to house extension but consider the outbuilding plans out of character and over development of the site.*

24/00089/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for a proposed internal and external remodel with associated landscaping. To include a reduction in height of existing chimney, installation of conservation rooflights to rear, a reinstatement of rear windows with traditional sash (following the demolition of an existing single storey lean-to.), and a rebuild/extension of existing outbuilding.

Location: The Olde Ship School Lane Pilling

Resolved: *Parish Council does not object to house extension but consider the outbuilding plans out of character and over development of the site.*

24/00092/FUL

Proposal: Proposed erection of 1.no detached dwelling following removal of agricultural building (part retrospective)

Location: Agricultural Building Lambs Lane Pilling

Resolved: *The Parish Council has no objections to this application.*

5400. FINANCE

Councillors resolved to pay the following Payments.

Payee		Reason
S. Raby	£552.00	Tow bar and fitting
S. Raby	£101.67	Wages and expenses
G. Benson	£174.04	Salary and expenses
Towers and Gornall	£ 68.40	Accountant Services
Stakepool Stores	£180.00	Christmas Trees
Parish Magazine Printing	£395.00	Newsletter printing
Houghtons Filling station	£264.59	December fuel £61.02
Houghtons Filling Station		November fuel £80.01
Houghtons Filling Station		January fuel £123.56
Astro Signs and Banners	£150.00	Safety van logo
C and C Supplies	£ 21.30	Gloves and cloths
Viking	£240.80	Inks, stapler and storage boxes
Furness Building Society	£307.00	Grounds Maintenance transfer
Imperative Training	£1,234.80	3 x Defibrillator batteries, pads & rescue bag
Mrs. J. Judkins	£195.99	Pilling in Bloom
Mrs. J. Judkins	£200.00	Pilling Community Action
	£130.00	(£330.00)
World of Hedges	£ 84.00	Replacement Jubilee Oak Tree
	£4,299.59	

Transfer

Resolved: *Permission granted to transfer £10,000 from Furness Building Society to Unity Bank to cover payments.*

INCOME:

1. St. John's Church	£ 25.00	Grounds Maintenance
2. Furness Building Society	£10,000.00	Transfer
3. Furness Building Society	£2,517.15	Interest
4. Wyre Council	£600.00	Pilling in Bloom Grant
5. Resident Donation	£2,000.00	Pilling in Bloom

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

1. Staff costs for January	£5,730.64
2. Easy-Web-Sites	£ 27.60
3. Pilling Village Hall rental	£100.00

Bank Reconciliation to 31st January 2024

See January information.

Bank balance £6,145.88

Furness Building Society £94,144.01

5401. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Over Sixties D-Day Tea

Cllr. E. Cookson reported that unfortunately the Red Rosettes are unable to attend, but she is working on further contacts as to entertainment including the Pilling Sing-Up. The menu was discussed and, with a majority decision, this year cold meats and salad, trifle and cakes will be offered.

Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Wyre's Environment Cabinet member attended looking to give support to nature recovery. Food waste collections will re-start, with the provision of a kitchen caddy and waste oil is being processed for fuel. It was reported that solar farms are degrading the peat there're set on over time. Lancashire County Council is well in front with flooding issues and Wyre Council is looking to apply an empty property tax.

Our Future Coast

In 2023/24 Wyre Council were granted £5 million over 5 years improving our coast to date they have spent £2.3million. Farmers meet recently with Parish Council members concerned about the creation of lagoons in our low-lying area. They were asked to provide evidence and impact of their business. Working with neighbouring parish looking to re-instate the Internal Drainage Board, apply for a permit to dig out dykes and the marsh and replace the flaps in the outfall pipes, which are damaged. Three farming representatives are assisting the group.

Cllr. G. Curwen complimented the group on their progress to date and wished them well.

Water Matters in Pilling

Cllr. A. Whiteside reported on a sensor United Utilities has in the manhole on Damside.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.04pm.

Chairman

Date