

# PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023 at 7pm



*Present:*

*Pilling Parish Councillors;*

*J. Savage, Chairman  
G. Curwen, Vice Chairman,  
Mrs. E. Cookson,  
Mrs. J. Judkins,  
P. McWhirter,  
A. Whiteside,  
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council  
Wyre Councillor Holden,  
2 Residents*

### **5257. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

*Apologies were received from Cllr. N. Cookson and Cllr. S. Phillpotts*

### **5258 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. J. Savage, Cllr. G. Curwen and Cllr. P. McWhirter declared their interests as members of Pilling Village Hall Committee.

Cllr. G. Curwen declared an interest as a neighbour in planning application 23/00095/FUL

### **5259. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

*Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

### **5260. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended to allow guests to talk.*

Resident from Moss House Lane informed Councillors about drainage of the combined system from Moss House Lane properties, the manhole of which, has been relocated to their rear garden. It overflows and tracks back into the house. They are making no progress with either Create Homes or United Utilities and has appealed to the MP. The site team is aware of these problems. It was stated that United Utilities has a legal duty to investigate and correct at their cost foul drainage where the system collects more than one other property.

Street lighting columns were delivered today. The planning conditions states no properties can be sold until the lighting and surfaced roads are finished. The new residents are contacting the Parish Council with their problems, but the Parish Council is not able to progress any action. Wyre Council through Paul Long is investigating drainage problems. Residents are submitting Planning Enforcement reports in the hope of answers.

*Resolved: The Parish Council meeting resumed, and Standing Orders are brought back.*

**5261. CLERK'S REPORT**

*Resolved: To remove those matters now completed.*

**5262. POLICIES FOR REVIEW**

Councillors are asked to consider the presented policies.

*Resolved: Councillors accepted Pilling Parish Council's Investment Policy, Annual Governance Policy and Vacancy and Co-option Procedures.*

**5263. SMALLWOOD HEY ROAD**

Waiting for Lancashire County Councillor Salter to set up a site meeting with an engineer. Information from County engineer that the road has been looked at in December and was sent by our team for consideration by the Capital Development Team ( who process for potential surfacing schemes). The area was approx. 5000m<sup>2</sup> of resurfacing.

*Resolved: Cllr. G. Curwen has the Council's permission to contact the County Councillor to expediate progress.*

**5264. PLANNING APPLICATIONS****Planning Applications Granted:**

22/01073/FUL

Proposal: Proposed new Indoor Carriage Driving School, and alterations to existing barn (re-submission 22/00629/FUL)

Location: Sandside Farm Wheel Lane Pilling

22/01294/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension.

Location: Smallwood Hey Farmhouse, Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling

22/01249/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension to existing dwelling.

Location: Springfield Farm Wheel Lane Pilling

22/01197/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for one agricultural worker dwelling with all matters reserved

Location: Fourfields Farm, Head Dyke Lane, Pilling

**Planning Application for comment:**

**23/00115/FUL**

**Proposal:** Proposed first floor side extension and rear dormer

**Location:** 27 St Johns Avenue Pilling

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

**23/00095/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of a stable block and hardstanding

**Location:** Land North Of Libby Lane Pilling

Cllr. G. Curwen declared an interest and took no part in the decision on this application.

*Resolved; The Parish Council raised several objects on the grounds of location, type of business, smell, effluent and access.*

**23/00149/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of new stable block following demolition of existing agricultural building

**Location:** Bradshaw Lane Farm Bradshaw Lane Pilling

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

**23/00222/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of front open porch canopy, single storey extension to north and west elevations and dormers to north elevation roof slope

**Location:** Townson Hill Wheel Lane Pilling

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

**5265. FINANCE****Clerk's Training**

Permission given to fund training - Year-end and Audit - Receipts and Payments accounts (over £25,000) on 23rd March 2023 10am – 11.30am £30

**Income:**

1. St. John's Church	£ 25.00	Grounds Maintenance
2. Furness Building Society	£544.86	Annual Interest
3. Mr. K. Dickinson	£1,000.00	Pilling In Bloom donation
4. G. Benson	£ 71.26	Against standing order payment

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

Payee		Reason
S. Raby	£589.22	Wages and expenses - trailer upgrades
G. Benson	<b>-£71.26</b>	Wages and expenses <b>Due to tax changes</b>
Towers and Gornall	£ 64.80	Accountant Services
Npower	£ 21.08	Invoice for Christmas Tree lights
Viking	£156.00	Inks and stationery
Society of Local Council Clerks	£141.00	Local Council Administration 13 <sup>th</sup> edition
Houghtons Filling Station	£ 62.05	Fuel
Lancashire Association of Local Councils	£ 30.00	Clerk's Training
	<b>£992.89</b>	

**Standing Orders/Direct Debits**

1. Staff costs for February	£3,184.77
2. Easy-Web-Sites	£ 27.60
3. Pilling Village Hall rental	£100.00

**Bank Reconciliation to 28th February 2023**

*Resolved: Councillors scrutinised and accepted the document.*

**Reserve Account**

Furness Building Society raised interest on 1<sup>st</sup> March to 2.25%.

**5266. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**Pilling in Bloom**

Work has started on the Broadfleet Sensory Garden with Stan and Denis organising plans, plants and sleepers, thanks to a grant and a resident’s personal donation. The group is looking to apply to Moons Trust towards replacing Pilling map at the village green. The Pilling Pickers continue to work diligently keeping the village tidy.

**Report of the representative on Pilling Village Hall**

Cllr. P. McWhirter reported information for a Heritage Centre populated by the many historical items stored by Pilling residents. Several locations were considered but an extension to the Village Hall to make use of security and heating is the most favourable. Sourcing funding will start soon, although Eddie will be greatly missed for his ability in successful grant funding.

The Committee is looking to install a Multi-Use Games Area to accommodate 7 a-side football teams, volley ball, tennis etc. on the field and inclusive play equipment for disabled users, but the prices are so much more than other play items. A drone survey carried out on the field gives levels to be used when placing the facilities. Further funding sources needed.

**Pilling Community Action**

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins reported on the Bird Watching and Nature Walk with David Whiteside to be held on bird 11<sup>th</sup> March. Nesting boxes will be erected. Pilling Community Action Facebook page shows a nest box live from nest to first flight.

**Coronation Afternoon Tea**

Entertainment has been secured with Elizabeth Singleton singing, Alan Cookson playing the organ and Joe is showing local films of the 1953 coronation.

**Councillors Reported**

Signs have been vandalised on Back Sands Lane and Lancaster Road. The poles for the average speed cameras along the A588 can be seen from the pointer roundabout in Lancaster.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....