

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY
13th MARCH 2024 at 7pm**



Present:

Pilling Parish Councillors;

*Neil Cookson, Chairman
Graham Curwen, Vice Chairman,
Sarah Collinge,
Elizabeth Cookson,
Scott Irvine,
Steve Phillpotts,
John Savage,
Paul McWhirter,
Alf Whiteside,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
Lancashire County Councillor Matthew Salter,
Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh
PCSO Denise Creighton
Wyre Councillor Peter Cartridge*

5402. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins

5403. 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.

5404. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2024 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5405. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

PCSO Denise Crieghton

Additional PCSO's have started work recently in the Wyre area including one transferred from Lancaster. Road Watch was carried out on Smallwood Hey Road last Saturday.

There has been a youth nuisance incident, but persons were identified and dealt with.

Wyre Council issued a fine for several fly tipping matters around Pilling and several lambs were killed by dogs in Scorton.

Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh

The Councillor reported United Utilities has completed work on Wheel Lane and over the next two weeks Lancashire County Council will finish their remedial work. Speeding checks were carried out on School Lane at School times and Taylors Lane has been added to the programme. Continuing problems with Create Homes, the developers of Tay Ban site have not seen any progress, it was noted that Inskip Parish Council are also involved, due to another Create Homes site. The site was raised as there are no roads or footways, despite Wyre Council planning signing off the permission long before site was finished.

Lancashire County Councillor Matthew Salter

The Councillor reported that February is when County issues the coming year's budget. Their finances are in a difficult situation, with no money for highways and inflation raising wages and products. County accept there is not enough being spent on highways and this Winter's wet and cold weather have had a serious impact. Capital Programme funding will be spent on Eagland Hill, with Smallwood Hey Road missing out again. But the local Deterioration Fund might be available. Highways are to receive HS2 monies with Lancashire County Council awarded £494m over the next seven years, but not for two years, making County more sustainable in the long term. The Councillor was asked about top-dressing roads, it is still happening, but the programme is suffering from a lack of funding. Councillors informed Matthew about the positive approach they saw by the County lead flood officer to tackle flooding in Pilling and hinterland.

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

5406. CLERK'S REPORT

Resolved: Broadfleet Sensory Garden - Councillors noted the solicitor the Parish Council was using has died suddenly and her work has been picked up by another solicitor, this will delay matters until their investigations are complete.

5407. CLERK'S RESIGNATION

The clerk has submitted her resignation to the Chairman to finish on 31st July 2024. The position needs a job description and person specification, compiled by the Personnel Committee and resolved by the full Council.

Resolved: Personnel Committee to compile information on the position.

5408. PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

Resolved: Councillors reviewed and accepted Annual Governance Policy and Vacancy and Co-Option Procedures. Please note that a review of the Investment Policy by the Finance Committee in January found that Pilling Parish Council does not meet the minimum criteria to consider this policy.

5409. PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Councillors attended the recent social media training session and recommend the Parish Council needs a protocol to run the Facebook site safely. Councillors are asked to set up a Communications Committee to draft a Social Media Protocol, which enables the Parish Council to interact in a way that improves the communications both within the Council and between the Council and the people, businesses and agencies it works with and serves.

Resolved: To create a Communications Committee including Cllr. Judkins, Cllr. Collinge and Cllr. Irvine, to review and formulate a Social Media Policy.

5410. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**Planning Application Granted:**

23/00765/FUL

Proposal: Two storey rear and side extensions, front porch, roof lift, alterations to existing access to include electric gate and new boundary fence

Location: Moss Side Cottage, Morley Lane, Pilling

Planning discharge accepted:

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.

Location: Union Cottages 2 Lancaster Road Pilling

Planning Applications for comment:

24/00136/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage, and erection of domestic garage

Location: Pool Barn Ridgy Pool Farm Skitham Lane Pilling

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

23/01146/FUL

Proposal: Proposed air source heat pump to rear garden.

Location: 2 Stakepool Cottages Lancaster Road Pilling

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

5411. FINANCE**Create Homes Site**

Following meeting with a distressed resident on Moss House Lane the Parish Lengthsman and Councillor are appealing for two litter bins. Houses at the rear of the site have been inundated with dog fouling bags thrown into their gardens from dog walkers using the public rights of way through the site. The bins will be placed at the junction with Garstang Road and Moss House Lane.

Resolved: Councillors agreed to purchase bins for the health and safety of residents and walkers.

INCOME:

1. St. John's Church	£ 25.00	Grounds Maintenance
2. Fold House Park Ltd.	£300.00	Defibrillator battery
3. Pilling Methodist Chapel	£750.00	Defibrillator donation

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

1. Staff costs for March	£3,588.73
2. Easy-Web-Sites	£ 27.60
3. Pilling Village Hall rental	£100.00
4. Unity Trust Bank	£ 18.00

Bank Reconciliation to 29th February 2024

Bank balance £11,544.99

Furness Building Society £84,144.01

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

Payee		Reason
S. Raby	£ 91.01	Wages and expenses
G. Benson	£210.81	Salary and expenses
Towers and Gornall	£ 68.40	Accountant Services
C and C Supplies	£112.88	Pilling in Bloom £41.60
C and C Supplies	£ 0.00	PPE and First Aid Kit £71.28
Astro Signs and Banners	£120.00	Defibrillator & YUK signs PPE Jacket
Houghtons Filling Station	£ 76.02	February fuel
Mrs. J. Judkins	£104.99	Pilling in Bloom
Npower	£ 22.91	Christmas Tree electric
Mrs. J. Judkins	£ 52.00	Pilling Community Action
Bradleys Electrical Ltd.	£ 46.33	Cable ties and glue
Glasdon Ltd.	£378.38	Two litter bins
	£1,283.73	

5412. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Pilling Village Hall

Cllr. McWhirter reported on the Village Hall’s fundraising for the enabled climbing frame, £18,000 at the last costings.

Our Future Coast

The project covers 14 areas to protect the existing coastline being eroded by natural environmental means and Wyre Council has received funding for the Wyre coast. Councillors added that the problem is the outfall gates, unlike the River Cocker gates, the penstocks don’t operate correctly. In order to hopefully ease problems, Parish Councillors met with Lancashire County Council and Environment Agency, who are working together to establish dredging permits for landowners for main watercourses.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.46pm.

Chairman

Date