

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL, 2016,
At 8.10pm, following the Annual Parish Meeting

AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL, SCHOOL LANE, PILLING



Present: *Councillors; G. Curwen, Chairman,*
J. Barton,
Mrs. E. Cookson
N. Cookson,
Mrs. B. Schofield,
Mrs. D. Schofield,
W. Whiteside
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
One resident

4351. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received Cllr. E. Moorat, Cllr. S. Morley and J. Savage.

4352. 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.

4353. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 16th March, 2016 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4354. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was suspended to allow residents to speak.

No matters were raised.

The meeting was resumed.

4355. QUEEN ELIZABETH'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Councillors considered how the Parish Council will mark this celebration, knowing that St. John's School is planning a Jacob's Join at St. John's Church on 16th June. The celebrations will commence with a concert by the school children in the Church at 1.30pm followed by refreshments on the car park and Councillors were asked to help out as necessary to this community event.

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson had researched celebratory medals, which will be presented to the primary school children at this event, with the offer of purchase for any one wishing to own one.

Resolved: The Parish Council will purchase 250 medals.

4356. STATE OF THE ROADS IN PILLING

Councillors are disgraced by the state of the roads in Pilling. In particular Mill Bridge to the Golden Ball as this is now a danger for pedal cyclists. School Lane and Smallwood Hey Road are not in the repair programme, but there are assurances that Back Sands Lane will be resurfaced next year and raising the level. It was raised that to clear the road dykes on Back Sands Lane would stop water standing and getting into the tarmac. The patching that has been undertaken is only lasting a few days at present.

Councillors also raised Garstang Road from Crawley Cross Farm to Horse Park Lane where the edge of the carriageway is subsiding forcing traffic into the centre of the road or off the edge as in six cases last year. New Lane from Copthorne to Orchard End is a single track road with its own roller coaster!!

Resolved: To contact the MP, Lancashire County Councillor and Wyre Councillor.

4357. AMENITY GRASS CUTTING

Lancashire County Council is to cut the rate for amenity grass cutting undertaken by the Parish Council in the Village, by 7pence to 29pence per m², resulting in an income of £395.56, against the income this year of £491.04. Following discussions Councillors are willing to undertake this work in the Parish.

Resolved: That Pilling Parish Council continue to undertake the Lancashire County Council Amenity Grass Cutting in the Parish.

4358. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY SCHEME

Lancashire County Council is inviting Parish Council to take part in the Public Rights of Way Scheme where £250 is paid initially for work clearing vegetation from the public footpaths in Pilling. Following discussions Councillors are willing to sign up to scheme for this year. Other problems encountered on public footpaths will be reported and any work undertaken by the Parish Lengthsman paid for.

Resolved: That Pilling Parish Council undertakes the Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way Scheme.

4359. MOWING AT THE MEMORIAL HALL SITE

The Parish Council has been asked to give a price for the mowing of the grass within the play area on the new Memorial Hall site. Bearing in mind that this will require both the mower and strimmer and the grass needs removing and disposing of, now that Wyre Council is charging for domestic green bins, these can not be utilised. Inspection of the play equipment is to be carried out by committee members. Councillors considered this request.

Resolved: That the matter is discussed by the HR Committee to arrange a price.

4360. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application is granted.

16/00033/FU

Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Location: 1 Holme Close, Pilling

To note: This application has been withdrawn:

16/00190/AGR

Proposal: Erection of agricultural building to house sheep, livestock, hay and straw, with separate midden.

Location: Black Hill Farm Bone Hill Lane Winmarleigh

Prior approval not required for:

16/00234/HPN

Proposal: Single storey rear extension - the extension would extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling by 4.6 meters, and be no more than 3 meters in height, with an eaves height of 3 meters.

Location: Woodacre House, 71A Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling

Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;

16/00259/FUL

Proposal: Extension to existing storage and distribution building (Use Class B)

Location: Land adjacent to Birks Farm, Bradshaw Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

Resolved: That the Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification

16/00263/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for proposed live-work facility

Location: Land adjacent to Church Cottages, New Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

Resolved: That the Parish Council objects to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. There appears to be no changes to previous applications only the presentation and access to the site needs establishing.

16/00285/FUL

Proposal: Erection of new agricultural building for livestock and storage.

Location: Black Hill Farm Bone Hill Lane Winmarleigh

Resolved: That the Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification

16/00290/FUL

Proposal: Single-storey rear extension

Location: The Little Barn Duck Street Pilling

Resolved: That the Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification

16/00300/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of barn to residential unit and rebuilding of single-storey rear element to form garage and study

Location: Upper Birks Farm Bradshaw Lane Pilling

Resolved: That the Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. However, it is unclear how the garage at the rear of the property is accessed.

4361. FINANCE

Audit 2015 – 2016

Councillors reviewed the Annual Governance Statement for Pilling Parish Council.

Resolved: Councillors agreed to the Annual Governance Statement and this was signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer.

Payments received since the previous meeting:

1. Bank Interest	£ 1.27	
2. Wyre Council; Precept £51,000		
Less election expenses £107.70	£50,892.30	
3. Catterall Parish Council	£100.40	Parish Lengthsman
4. St. John's Church – clothes collection	£116.00	Defibrillators

Standing Order credit

1. St. John's Church – Grounds Maintenance	£ 65.00
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Resolved: Councillors accepted the following invoices for payment:

1. Clerk's salary adjustments and expenses	£ 91.67	
2. Parish Lengthsman wage and expenses	£ 35.96	
3. Prudential AVC	£250.00	AVC
4. Catterall Parish Council	£ 17.42	Phone and Broadband
5. St. John's Church	£ 20.00	Meeting Room Rental
6. Lancashire Association of Local Councils	£331.88	Subscription
7. HM Revenue and Customs	£861.86	Final Quarter for 2016
8. Cardiac Science	£972.00	Defibrillator
9. Farmer Parrs	£117.00	Equipment parts
10. Towers and Gornall	£390.00	Accountant
11. Furness Building Society	£30,000.00	Reserve Account

Monthly Standing Orders/Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,730.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£692.05
Easy-Web-Sites	£ 24.00
St. John's Church Hall – Room Rental	£ 80.00

Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement

Resolved: Bank reconciliation to 31st March, 2016 and final quarter financial statement were accepted.

4362. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Reports given in the Annual Parish Meeting, prior to this meeting.

4363. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS**Vandalism in Pilling**

There has been a spate of vandalism where daffodils on School Lane were beheaded and strewn over the road, traffic cones thrown in gardens and notices in the noticeboard set fire to. Garden hedges have been pushed through creating holes on Lancaster Road. The incident on School Lane was reported to the Police and carries a log number of 915

Specimen Tree for New Memorial Hall

It was suggested that the Parish Council could purchase and plant a specimen tree on the new Memorial Hall site in honour of Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday.

89/89H Bus Service

It was noted that the revised bus service does not run on Sundays or in the evenings. Whilst the Parish Council is happy with the retention of the core services in any review we would hope Lancashire County Council acknowledge that the removal of evening services have curtailed the social aspect of residents for those who either do not or prefer not to drive. Councillors added that a taxi from Lancaster to Pilling was £35.

Defibrillator Training

Another successful and well attended training session was held on 5th April at the golden Ball with 12 participants. A further session will be arranged by Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield with information in the newsletter and green magazine.

Bradshaw Lane Noticeboard

With the installation of the new bus shelter at Lancaster Road and its noticeboard, the wooden one at the top of Bradshaw Lane is obsolete and permission was given to remove it.

Coastal Path

The Parish Council has responded to Natural England’s suggestions for improving the coastal path around Morecambe Bay. There was discussion as to ownership of the sea wall and the dog ban. The Parish Council supported the use of the sea wall from Fluke Hall ramp through to Lane Ends Amenity Area, restricting dogs and maintaining the seasonal diversion onto Fluke Hall Lane and Back Sands Lane.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm.

Chairman

Date