

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PILLING ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY
8th May 2024 at 7pm



Present:

Pilling Parish Councillors;

*Neil Cookson, Chairman
Graham Curwen, Vice Chairman,
Sarah Collinge,
Elizabeth Cookson,
Scott Irvine,
Mrs. J. Judkins,
Paul McWhirter,
Alf Whiteside,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh*

5426. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nominations were accepted for the office of Pilling Parish Council Chairman.

Resolved: Cllr. N. Cookson was elected as Chairman of Pilling Parish Council for one year.

Under the Local Government Act 1972 (83(4)) the Chairman signed the Declaration of Office.

5427. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Nominations were accepted for the office of Pilling Parish Council Vice-Chairman.

Resolved: Cllr. G. Curwen was elected as joint Vice-Chairman of Pilling Parish Council for one year.

Resolved: Cllr. S. Irvine was elected as joint Vice-Chairman of Pilling Parish Council for one year.

5428. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. S. Phillpotts and Cllr. John Savage.

5429. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

Cllr. G. Curwen and Cllr. P. McWhirter declared their interests as members of Pilling Village Hall Committee.

5430 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

5431 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh

The Councillors attended planning committee and spoke in favour of the building on Lambs Lane, but it was refused, leaving the owner with rubble. Blockage on Wheel Lane /Smallwood Hey Road junction is Lancashire County Council's responsibility. He has sourced funding for the Village Hall to access. Create Homes site is still problematic Councillors asked that Paul Long, Wyre Drainage, arranges a joint meeting with the owners and Parish Council on site to rectify residents' problems. The Councillor has requested hours spent in Pilling by Wyre dog fouling patrols. Part of the planning permission conditions at Glenfield Caravan Park is to improve two bus stops on Smallwood Hey Road, caravans are for holiday use only and maintain a register of all guest's name, permanent home address and dates of occupation. Permanent residence holds the majority of their possessions.

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

5432 DATES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved: Councillors agreed the following meeting dates of Pilling Parish Council, which will be held at Pilling Village Hall, Taylors Lane, at 7.00pm, unless an agreed change is made:

12th June 2024,	10 th July 2024,	14th August 2024,
11 th September 2024,	9 th October 2024,	13 th November 2024,
Christmas Tree switch-on, 2nd December 2024	11 th December 2024	
8 th January 2025,	12 th February 2025,	12 th March, 2025,
9 th April 2024, Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council meeting.		
14 th May 2025, Annual Parish Council Meeting		

5433 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES

a. Finance Committee

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson, Cllr. S. Phillpotts, Cllr. J. Savage and Cllr. A. Whiteside.

b. Planning Committee

The Chairman will call meetings as necessary

c. Personnel Management Committee

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson, Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins, Cllr. P M^cWhirter, Cllr. A. Whiteside.

d. Pilling in Bloom Committee

Cllr. Mrs E. Cookson and Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins

e. Signatories on Bank Mandates

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson, Cllr. N. Cookson, Cllr. G. Curwen and Cllr. S. Irvine. Online access by Cllr. N. Cookson and Cllr. S. Irvine. The clerk is administrator but will not sign cheques.

f. Signatories on Reserve Account

Gillian Benson and Cllr. G. Curwen

g. Internal Auditor 2022 - 2023

A. May

h. Over 60's Afternoon Tea

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson and Cllr. J. Savage.

i. Editor and Sub-Editor to the Parish Newsletter

Cllr. J. Savage and Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins.

j. Tree Warden
Cllr. P. McWhirter

k. Representative on the Pilling Community Hall Committee
Cllr. G. Curwen and Cllr. P. McWhirter.

l. Representatives on the Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils
Cllr. N. Cookson, Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins, Cllr. S. Irvine and Cllr. S. Phillpotts.

m. Representatives on the Water Meetings
Cllr. N. Cookson, Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson, Cllr. S. Phillpotts and Cllr. A. Whiteside.

5434 CLERK'S REPORT

Resolved: Re-location of Garstang Road Defibrillator is completed and will be removed from report. Cllr. S. Collinge is tasked with investigating bleed cabinets for Pilling.

5435 PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

Resolved: Councillors reviewed and accepted Pilling Parish Council's Asset Management and Disposal Policy; this is a new policy from internal audit.

5436 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Clerk's vacancy advertised in Focus Magazine, website and Facebook.

Resolved: once closing date passes Personnel Committee will review applications and set a date to conduct interviews.

5437 OUR FUTURE COAST

Letter from Carl Green concerning the project and asking for comments from the Parish Council. This project looks at creating lagoons to hold excess water inland and prevent erosion beyond the embankment. Councillors believe Pilling needs to get rid of water and the coast is accreting marsh which has grown since the sea wall was built, so cannot see the benefit to Pilling. The Parish and hinterland are expected to sacrifice good agricultural land for a lagoon.

Watercourses were diverted as a result of flooding from River Wyre in the 80's, but the authorities were not aware of this, hence more water is arriving in the Broadfleet. Water is covering agricultural land, and many farmers are close to bankruptcy. There is no indication as to the location of a lagoon or how it will be operated.

5438 PILLING VILLAGE HALL LOAN

Councillors received an offer of loan repayments for consideration.

Resolved; To accept that the Village Hall will pay £3,600 in September 2024, in respect of financial year 2022 – 2023. Also to pay monthly £340 going forward, with the proviso that should circumstances demand and the Parish Council asked this can be suspended.

5439 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application Granted:

23/00574/FULMAJ

Proposal: Change of use of land for the siting of 43 static holiday caravans and attenuation pond at Glenfield Caravan Park

Location: Glenfield Leisure Park Smallwood Hey Road Pilling

23/01175/FULMAJ

Proposal: Change of use from agricultural to private equine use (keeping of horses)

Location: Land Off Lancaster Road Pilling

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, installation of solar tiles 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

Permission refused:**23/01012/FUL**

Proposal: Erection of building for use as private stables and feed storage, with associated parking area and alterations to existing vehicular gated access (resubmission of application no: 23/00669/FUL).

Location: Land Off Lancaster Road Pilling

24/00092/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 1.no detached dwelling (C3) following demolition of agricultural building (part retrospective)

Location: Agricultural Building, Lambs Lane, Pilling

Planning Discharge Approval:**22/01221/DIS**

Proposal: Approval of details reserved by conditions 6 (Levels), 7 (Drainage), 8 (Desk Study), 9 (Landscape and Habitat), 11 (Arboriculture) and 14 (EVCP) on planning permission 22/01221/FUL

Location: Toulouse Garstang Road Pilling

22/01071/DIS

Proposal: Approval of details reserved by conditions 5 (Highways), 6 (Drainage), 7 (Desk Study) and 9 (Landscape and Habitat Creation Management Scheme) on planning permission 22/01071/FUL.

Location: Westleigh Carr Lane Pilling

Prior Notification**24/00326/AGR**

Proposal: Prior notification for erection of an agricultural building over existing midden

Location: Pilling Hall Farm Horse Park Lane Pilling

5440 FINANCE**Audit 2022 - 2023**

Year End Accounts

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/24

Annual Governance Statement 23/24

Accounting Statements 23/24

Internal Auditor's Report

AGAR and internal auditor's report

Internal Auditor's invoice

Resolved: The Councillors read through agreed the AGAR. The Chairman and Clerk signed; to be submitted to the external auditors.

INCOME:

1. St. John's Church	£ 25.00	Grounds Maintenance
2. Donation	£250.00	Pilling in Bloom
3. Donation	£ 10.00	Pilling in Bloom
4. Pilling Village Hall	£150.00	Pilling in Bloom
5. Grantscape	£895.00	Re-location of defibrillator

Councillors resolved to pay the following **Payments**.

Payee		Reason
S. Raby	£476.32	Expenses
G. Benson	£ 45.22	Expenses
Cornthwaite Farm Machinery, Nateby	£277.42	Hedge Trimmer
Zurich Insurance	£1,587.41	Parish Council insurance
TDC Electrical (UK)	£900.00	Defibrillator installations
Focus Magazines	£168.00	Job Vacancy Advert
Cornthwaite Group	£252.78	Parts for the sit-on mower
Wyre Building Supplies	£ 46.70	Bolts, nuts and washers
A. May	£200.00	Internal Auditor
Houghtons Filling Station	£126.63	April fuel
Imperative Training	£1,080.00	3 x Defibrillator batteries
	£4,386.80	

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

1. Staff costs for April	£4,908.24
2. Easy-Web-Sites	£ 30.36
3. Pilling Village Hall rental	£100.00
4. Towers and Gornall	£ 68.40

Bank Reconciliation to 30th April 2024

Resolved: Councillors accepted bank reconciliation to 31st April 2024

Unity Trust Bank £80,884.21

Furness Building Society £84,451.01

5441 VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**D-Day Afternoon Tea 5th June 2024**

Lead Councillor E. Cookson distributed job lists for action before the party. Pilling Sing-Up singing from 5.30pm. There'll be 14 tables, cloths and floral centrepieces, hall set up at 10.30am returning at 1.30pm to set the tables and guests eating at 4.30pm. Flyers to publicise. It was noted that the hall will be in use in the evening .

Pilling in Bloom

Denis and Stan are starting on the Summer planting. Pink campions are blooming on Back Sands Lane, seen when out planting Yellow Rattle plugs.

Report of the representative on Pilling Village Hall

Cllr P. McWhirter thanked the Parish Council for agreeing to the loan repayment schedule. The committee is raising funds for playground equipment and a Multi-Use Games Area and holds £35k but needs so much more. Vintage Weekend taking place soon, Cockerham FC are holding their Presentation Dinner in the hall and a Wyre football team is now using the facilities. Pilling Heritage Centre is on track when a committee was formed, and it was noted that 'Uncle Wilf's' films are with North West Film Archives.

Report of the representative on Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils

To send an update of representatives.

Pilling Community Action

Six wildlife walks are planned lead by David Whiteside, first on Saturday 11th May around the Village Hall field listening and identifying bird song. Team producing guides and mapping walks.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37pm.

Chairman

Date