

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th AUGUST, 2016,
At 7.00pm

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



Present: *Councillors; J. Savage, Chairman,*
G. Curwen, Vice-Chairman
J. Barton,
Mrs. E. Cookson,
N. Cookson,
Paul McWhirter,
Mrs. B. Schofield,
Mrs. D. Schofield,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
One member of the public

4400. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received Cllr. E. Moorat and Cllr. W. Whiteside; Wyre Cllr. G. Holden sent apologies.

4401. 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.

4402. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 13th July, 2016 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4403. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was suspended to allow residents to speak.

Police Report

July Crimes reported include damage to a large garden ornament in Carr Close, removal of a concrete animal feeding trough used as a planter from a garden on Broadfleet Close and a hate crime report following a remark made by a housing official. A horse cart, chained to a tree in Fluke Hall Lane was stolen and the battery compartments of five caravans stored at a farm were forced open and the batteries removed.

Anti-social behaviour incidents in July include a group of youths running on the building site on Taylors Lane, persons smoking cannabis in Elletsons wood, a male reported that he believed he was a victim of racial discrimination in a housing matter and a resident of Poppy Field Way was threatened by a neighbour.

Wyre Councillor Holden

The Councillor emailed there was nothing to report. Parish Council were disappointed at this and considered that rather than waiting for developments to ask specific questions of Wyre through Cllr. Holden.

Visit by Paul Anderson

Mr. Anderson is considering purchasing a business in Pilling and wished to discuss with Councillors any thoughts/ideas they had for the present building.

The meeting was resumed.

4404. STANDING ORDERS

The Councillors, having read through the new standing orders online, reviewed and discussed the orders to be adopted by the Parish Council.

Resolved: Pilling Parish Council adopts the new Standing Orders presented.

4405. PARISH COUNCIL LAPTOP

The Parish Council's laptop crashed and a replacement hard drive has been installed, but not office therefore there is no operating system, making usage trying. Councillors considered purchasing a new laptop as the present one is 9 years old and were informed that Catterall and Kirkland Parish Councils, as part of the partnership, have agreed to purchase a new laptop and operating system.

Resolved: To order a new laptop and operating system, the cost of which will be split between the partnership.

4406. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications are granted.

15/00529/FUL

Proposal: Erection of six detached dwellings with new access off Lancaster Road and landscaping

Location: Land At, Lancaster Road, Pilling

16/00490/FUL

Proposal: Alterations to rear ground floor and erection of first floor extension

Location: 2 Bridge Cottages, Lancaster Road, Pilling

16/00489/FUL

Proposal: New horticultural vehicular access to Bradshaw Lane (resubmission of 16/00118/FUL) and use of access to serve Nursery business.

Location: Domplants Nursery, Bradshaw Lane, Pilling

The following application is refused:

16/00117/FUL

Proposal: Removal of condition 05 on application 03/01611/FUL to allow unrestricted residential use (C3).

Location: The Ducklings, Duck Street, Pilling

To note:

16/00646/LAWP

Proposal: Construction of curtilage building (Part 'E' of the GPDO compliant) intended for use as Granny Annexe incidental to the main dwelling - Croftlands

Location: Croftlands Moss House Lane Pilling

Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;**16/00369/FUL****Proposal:** Erection of a detached dwelling and garage**Location:** Land North Of Thornbank School Lane Pilling

Amendments to original submission.

*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification.***16/00630/FUL****Proposal:** First floor side extension and two storey rear extension**Location:** Masonland Garstang Road Pilling*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification.***16/00662/FUL****Proposal:** Addition of front and rear dormers and single storey rear extension**Location:** Acre Nook Smallwood Hey Road Pilling*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification.***4407. FINANCE****Internal Audit**

Councillors were asked to read through the comments made by the internal auditor and the clerk's answer, sent online. Councillors were satisfied with the Clerk's answers and these will be implemented.

Finance Committee

The committee agreed and signed off the first quarter's accounts, the financial statement and recommends 50% of the grounds maintenance income is transferred to the Reserve Account.

Resolved: That £98 is transferred into the Reserve Account

Payments received since the previous meeting:

1. Wyre Council – Piling in Bloom claim	£600.00	
2. McDermott Homes	£ 45.00	
3. Catterall Parish Council	£100.00	Internal Audit donation

Standing Order credit

1. St. John's Church – Grounds Maintenance	£ 65.00
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Councillors are asked to consider the following accounts;

Payments to be approved;

2365. Clerk's salary adjustments and expenses	£ 83.07	
2366. Parish Lengthsman wage and expenses	£ 29.16	
2367. Prudential AVC	£250.00	AVC - July
2368. Catterall Parish Council	£ 20.55	Phone and Broadband
2369. St. John's Church	£ 20.00	Meeting Room Rental
2370. Rural Insurance - Sit on mower insurance	£182.15	
2371. Lancashire Association of Local Councils	£ 35.15	Good Councillors Guide
2372. Houghton's Filling Station	£131.08	
2373. Furness Building Society	£ 98.00	

Monthly Standing Orders/Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,670.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£851.75
Easy-Web-Sites	£ 24.00
St. John's Church Hall – Access to facilities	£ 80.00

Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: Bank Reconciliation to 31st July was accepted.

4408. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**Chairman's Report**

Cllr. J. Savage reported that he and Cllr. Cookson had talked to Miss Kelly regarding public footpath 22 on Field House Lane. A letter of support has been composed and sent to the planning inspectorate.

Pilling in Bloom

Cllr. Cookson accompanied the judges, including Bill Blackledge; on the Bloom route they were particularly complementary about Fold House and St. John's Church.

Representative on Pilling Memorial Hall/Pilling 20:20

Cllr. P. McWhirter reported on the 'depression' on the new field and the planning condition stating that work on the new field had to be completed before the first houses could be let. It is believed that the houses will be occupied from next week, but work has yet to be completed on the new field.

Eagland Hill Schoolroom

Cllr. Mrs. D. Schofield reported that the Moons Trust granted funds to carry out a survey on the building with reference to structure and refurbishment. The report has been sent to the committee and St. Mark's churchwardens. They are meeting next month to decide on its future.

Water Pressure on Eagland Hill

It was reported that the water pressure on Eagland Hill was frequently so low that showers, washers etc were not working. The residents have written individually and the Parish Council asked for progress. At noon last Sunday United Utilities excavated the road outside Eagland Hill Cottages and reported the water pressure was fine, it was pointed out that this was a quiet time of day and the pressure drops when residents are all using water. United Utilities has said the pipe seriously needs replacing, but must prioritise the cost against the number of people who will benefit. It was raised that with the number of planning permissions allowed for Eagland Hill in the past decade the present pipes can't cope and Wyre Council should be made aware of the situation.

4409. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS**Hedge Cutting at the Elletsons Arms**

Robinsons have been sent an invoice for the cutting the hedge on Lancaster Road.

Hedge between Cherry Tree Close and Memorial Road

Regenda and Adactus have been alerted to the isolation of the boundary hedge between these two estates. The hedge was the Memorial Hall's and therefore was transferred as part of the sale. The rear gardens of Memorial Road are fenced and this has isolated the hedge making it inaccessible for cutting.

Accessibility for the affordable houses on Taylors Lane

There was concern about the four rentable properties fronting Taylors Lane as to access for prams/pushchairs etc with four steep steps to the front doors. The whole site has been raised causing the steep front gardens, but the rears of the properties are on a level as are all the others on the site.

Public Footpath 22

The Chairman has sent a letter to Becky Kelly to forward to the planning inspectorate, on behalf of the Parish Council, supporting a map modification for footpath 22 at Fieldhouse.

Walk dogs responsibly

The NFU and Cat Smith MP have joined forces to ask people to act responsibly when walking dogs in the countryside.

North West Coastal Access

Pilling is on stretch 6: Silverdale to Cleveleys, which is information gathering with key stakeholders and interested parties. Land owners will be contacted individually for a site visit on their land. Natural England is aware of the owners of the sea wall and contacted the Environment Agency.

Depression on School Lane

The grass verge continues to fall away and someone has moved the barriers onto the grass verge causing possibly more pressure. Lancashire County Council is actively working on a solution from a specialist geotechnical expert due to the instability and complexities of the substructure of earth underneath the highway.

Road verge cutting by Lancashire County Council

The state of the grass verges on Pilling's rural lanes was raised with the lack of an acceptable standard. The work is carried out by Lancashire County Council contractors, but many verges are being partially missed and there is conflicting information by Lancashire County Council as to how many cuts are done each year. Councillors wanted a better standard and suggested asking Lancashire County Council if a local contractor could be used, one who knows the area?

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Chairman

Date