

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY
14th August 2024 at 7pm**



Present:

Pilling Parish Councillors;

*Neil Cookson, Chairman
Graham Curwen, Vice Chairman,
Elizabeth Cookson,
Mrs. J. Judkins,
Steve Phillpotts,
John Savage,
Paul McWhirter,
Alf Whiteside,
Sarah Collinge
Julia Brewer, Clerk to the Parish Council
PC Elliott Jones*

In attendance:

In advance of the meeting Cllr Neil Cookson thanked the outgoing Clerk, Gillian Benson, for her service over the last 35 years and presented her with a vase made by Pilling Pottery on behalf of the rest of the parish councillors.

5470. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Adam Leigh who had sent a verbal report instead.

5471. DECLARATION ON 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, Cllr. P. McWhirter and Cllr. J. Savage declared their interests as members of Pilling Village Hall Committee.

Cllr. J. Judkins declared an interest as member of Pilling in Bloom and Pilling Community Action.

5472. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

5473. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh

A report was received from Cllr Leigh as follows:

Create Homes have been in touch with Wilson contractors to arrange further works. UU are due to go down and inspect the drainage. Steve Philpotts is aware of the ongoing situation.

Glenfield - the decision for the removal of condition is due by the end of August and I am hopeful that this will be refused. I have spoken with planning to relay my concerns and the concerns voiced by residents.

Further to Cllr Leigh's report, Cllr S Philpotts updated the Council and confirmed that Create Homes had now started to rectify the problems.

Resolved to send an expression of thanks to Cllr Leigh for his help with resolving the situation with Create Homes.

PC Elliott Jones

PC Jones informed the meeting that he was relatively new to the area but that he was anxious to form bonds with communities and as such he would endeavour to send a representative to each of the meetings. He also indicated that he would be getting another PC at Garstang and that this should make a difference in terms of resourcing as he was the only Parish Council there at present.

In response to items raise, he indicated that there would be increased patrols and ongoing monitoring of the situation.

Cllr G Curwen expressed thanks to PC Elliott for attending and Cllr N Cookson confirmed that the Parish Council would assist with information where they could.

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

5474. CLERK'S REPORT

Further to the report that had been circulated, the Parish Clerk updated the meeting and informed the Councillors that the main telephone number had now been changed and that she would update the website and correspondence accordingly.

She also informed the meeting that she was looking further into the Scribe Accounts package as there was a cheaper option available that might be more suitable to the parish council.

Resolved: The Clerk's Report was noted.

5475. VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Resolved: As the person interested in being co-opted was not present it was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

5476. PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

Resolved: Parish Clerk agreed to review the policies and highlight any pertinent points for review at the next meeting.

5477. DYKE ON A588 FROM COCKERHAM BOUNDARY TO LANE ENDS

Cllr G Curwen reported that the dyke on the A588 had not been cleared and that this was causing flooding on the road.

Resolved: To contact Lancashire County Council Highways requesting that this dyke be cleared before winter sets in.

5478. DYKE ADJACENT TO NEWERS WOOD

Cllr G Curwen reported that this was an ongoing situation whereby the dyke was holding water up but that he was working on a potential solution to the problem.

Resolved: The Parish Council noted the problem and would monitor the ongoing situation.

5479. HERITAGE CENTRE

Cllr G Curwen raised the issue of the proposed Heritage Centre for which funding was being sought and was to be built on to the Village Hall. As custodian trustees of the village hall, the Parish Council were asked to confirm their support for the scheme.

Resolved: The Parish Council unanimously confirmed their support for the establishment of the Heritage Centre.

5480. NEW DEFIBRILLATOR FOR EAGLAND HILL

A new defibrillator was required for Eagland Hill at a cost of £1295 plus VAT. It was also suggested that it might be pertinent to install some surveillance cameras within the area as the batteries had been stolen on two occasions.

Resolved: To replace the defibrillator and to approach Grantscape for some funding towards this.

5481 PLANNING COMMITTEE AND PARISH PLAN

It was suggested that a Planning sub committee be established to consider planning applications in advance of the Parish Council meetings and councillors were asked to nominate themselves if they wished to sit on this committee.

Resolved: Cllrs J Judkins, A Whitside and J Savage would form a Planning Sub Committee to be held on Wednesdays, a week prior to the Parish Council meeting.

5482 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/00559/LAWE

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of a rear entrance porch with toilet and store

Location: Danholme New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council had no objections.

24/00575/AGR

Proposal: Prior notification under Class A of Part 6, Schedule 2 of the GPDO for an agricultural (packhouse) building

Location: Foxfield Nurseries School Lane Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council had no objections.

Application Number: 24/00586/FUL

Proposal: Proposed replacement windows and door

Location: 3 Springfield Barn Wheel Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire

Resolved: The Parish Council had no objections.

Application Number: 24/00644/PIP

Proposal: Permission in principle for the proposed erection of 1.no timber bungalow to the west of Broadfleet Cottage

Location: Broadfleet Cottage Taylors Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire

Resolved: The Parish Council had no objections in principle subject to the expected neighbourhood consultation.

Application Number: 24/00556/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of land to domestic curtilage in association with Bankfield and erection of detached domestic garage

Location: Bankfield Lancaster Road Pilling Preston Lancashire

Resolved: The Council requested up to date plans showing proposed development before it could comment.

Application Number: 24/00603/LMAJ

Proposal: Construction and Operation of a Photovoltaic Solar Array and Associated Infrastructure

Location: Land At Orchard End Farm New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling Lancashire

Resolved: The Parish Council had no objections.

5483 FINANCE

Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR)

The report from the External Auditors had been received and there were no issues which required action.

Resolved: To receive the report from the Auditors.

Finance Committee meeting held 24th July 2024

Recommendations: To write off outstanding invoice for the final Jubilee Tree and Transfer 50% Grounds Maintenance income for April to June £309.50

The committee is looking for resolution to these recommendations.

Resolved: to approve the recommendations from the Finance Committee meeting on 24th July 2024.

Income:

1. St. John's Church	£ 25.00	Grounds Maintenance
2. Lancashire County Council	£800.00	
Public Rights of Way - £500		
Biodiversity Grant - £300		
D-Day Party donation	£ 10.00	
Wyre Council	£700.00	Pilling in Bloom

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

Payee		Reason
S. Raby	£ 25.00	Expenses
J. Brewer	£ 58.98	Expenses (Monitor)
Mrs. J. Judkins	£420.00	Pilling Community Action
C and C Supplies	£113.97	PPE
Scribe Accounts	£538.80	Set up charge for Finance Package*
PKF Littlejohn LLP	£ 378.00	External Audit
DFX Systems	£ 80.00	IT issues
Alf Whiteside	£ 48.00	Maps (Colin Cross Printers)
Transfer to Furness	£ 37.50	
	£1700.25	

**It was noted that this invoice would be put on hold until a decision had been made whether to continue with the Scribe accounts package (as per Clerk's report).*

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

1. Staff costs for July*	£	6924.35
2. Easy-Web-Sites		£ 30.36
3. Pilling Village Hall rental		£100.00
4. Towers and Gornall		£ 68.40

5. S2s Enterprises	£150.00	Workshop rental
6. Scribe Accounts	£ 58.80	Monthly subscription

**It was highlighted that staff costs were higher in July due to the employment of both clerks during the handover of duties.*

Bank Reconciliation to 31st July 2024

Unity Trust Bank £26855.74

Furness Building Society £119488.51

Resolved: Councillors accepted bank reconciliation and Budget Monitoring to 31st July 2024.

5484 VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Chairman's Report

Cllr N Cookson formally welcomed the new Parish Clerk, Julia Brewer, to the Parish Council.

He also reported that there was an issue with camper vans parking overnight at Pilling Sands and the Amenities area with respect to the disposal of chemical toilet waste and it was agreed that the situation required action. As Pilling Sands was within the parish of Preesall it was also agreed to make them aware that Pilling Parish Council would be raising this.

Resolved: To make Cllr A Leigh aware of the situation with respect to the issue of dumping of chemical toilet waste in the area and to advise Preesall of this.

Afternoon Tea VE Day

Cllr E Cookson confirmed that the D Day celebrations would take place on Friday 9th May 2025.

Pilling in Bloom

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins had nothing to report.

Pilling Community Action

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins reported that the last organised walk had now taken place, and it had been noted that some stiles needed replacing.

Our Future Coast Working Group

Cllr S Philpotts reported that they were still awaiting a response from Rob Ide (Environment Agency) with respect to permits.

Wyre Council Local Plan

Cllr J Savage reported that he had attended the recent briefing regarding the Wyre's New Local Plan to 2040 and had circulated a report summarising the main points. It was reported that this was the start of a consultation period for people to make their comments by 23rd September 2024.

5485 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr A Whiteside raised the issue of the car park at the Elletsons Arms and he establishment of the 'football hut' as well as the holiday lets.

Resolved: To raise this with issue Cllr A Leigh and Planning.

Cllr P McWhirter raised the issue of the proposal regarding the bus stop opposite the Chapel and Cllr G Curwen agreed to progress this.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.21 pm.

Chairman

Date