

**PILLING PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2014 at 7.00pm**

**AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING**

*Present:*                      *Councillors; J. Savage, Chairman,*  
*Mrs. E. Cookson,*  
*G. Curwen,*  
*J. Edmondson,*  
*S. Morley,*  
*Mrs. B. Schofield,*  
*W. Whiteside*  
*Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council*  
*Two residents*  
*James Mullin, Adam Appeal*



**4162. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received for this meeting from Cllr. D. Lawrenson, Cllr. E. Moorat, and Cllr. G. Morris.

**4163. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors were asked to disclose pecuniary or non pecuniary interests in matters to be discussed at this meeting.

**4164. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2014, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

**4165. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was adjourned to allow the residents present to speak.

**Police Report**

Concern was expressed at a number of 'deaf and dumb' persons door knocking and asking for money, this will be reported to the Police. Concerns were also expressed about the Police staffing levels in the Wyre Rural area and the lack of mobility borne out with the absence at Parish Council meetings.

**Regenda Housing Allocation**

A resident informed the Parish Council about problems being experienced with the letting of the new affordable housing in Pilling. This matter will need further investigation with Regenda, Wyre Council and the MP.

**Visit from James Mullin of Adam Appeal regarding defibrillators.**

The Adam Appeal was set up following a death to prevent this happening to someone else and they are supporting the introduction of defibrillators into communities as this raises awareness. The machines cost about £1,200, need a power supply and come with training by the Red Cross. It was suggested that St. John's School would be a good site and to involve the pupils in raising funds. Cllr. J. Edmonson will speak to the school. Any on-going maintenance is referred back to the Adam Appeal. The boxes are opened by a code supplied by the ambulance service when 999 is dialled.

The meeting was resumed.

**4166. RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENTS PLANS**

Lancashire County Council is carrying out a consultation ahead of improvements to the Public Rights of Way. Do councillors wish to make representations to County who are required to assess;

- + Extent to which local rights of way meet the present and future needs of the public
- + Opportunities presented by local rights of way for exercise and other forms of open air recreation and enjoyment of the authority's area with particular emphasis on footpaths, cycle tracks, bridleways and restricted byways
- + Accessibility of the local rights of way network to blind and partially sighted persons and others with mobility problems.

*Resolved: Councillors appreciate the number and variety of public rights of way through the village but added that better signage would give others confidence to use more often.*

**4167. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications have been granted:

**14/00475/FUL**

Proposal: Erection of building for storage (B8)

Location: Siromer Tractors, Taylors Lane Industrial Estate, Taylors Lane, Pilling

**14/00657/FUL**

Proposal: Two-storey side extension

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

**Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;**

The following application has amended its description:

**14/00728/VAR**

Proposal: Variation of planning condition 01 for planning application

13/00514/MONMAT to increase the land levels of the site between 0.4 and 0.85m.

Location: 1, Blue Bell Cottages, Blue Bell Close, Pilling

*Resolved: The Parish Council returned that same reasons as the original application.*

**14/00802/FUL**

**Proposal:** Siting of 27 touring caravans, erection of an amenity block and improvements to existing access

**Location:** Midwood Caravan Park Head Dyke Lane Pilling

*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. Plus request to lower the high hedge on Head Dyke Lane.*

**14/00855/FUL**

**Proposal:** Sui generis application for the change of use of one agricultural building into a dog day care building

**Location:** Herdman House Farm, Peahall Lane, Pilling

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

**13/00885/DIS**

**Proposal:** Discharge of conditions 02 (site investigation), 04 (site welfare), 05 (access), 09 (landscape plan), 10 (bird & bat boxes), 11 (street lighting), 14 (drainage), 15 (materials), 16 (hard surfacing materials) and 12 (method statement) on application 13/00885/FULMAJ

**Location:** Land Off Lancaster Road Pilling

Parish Council probably won't be asked therefore it is for information only.

**14/00826/LAWP**

**Proposal:** Certificate of lawful development for proposed change of use from redundant cattle shed to animal food processing building

**Location:** Bradshaw Lane Farm Bradshaw Lane Pilling

Parish Council probably won't be asked therefore it is for information only.

**12/00363/DIS**

**Proposal:** Discharge of conditions 9 & 10 relating to planning application

12/00363/FUL

**Location:** 1 & 2 Tarn Cottages (Former Tarn Farm) New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling

Parish Council probably won't be asked therefore it is for information only.

**4168. FINANCE****Finance Committee Minutes**

The Committee signed off the second quarter's accounts and reviewed the budget.

No transfer this quarter as no income from grounds maintenance has been received.

*Resolved: The Councillors accepted the Finance Committee Report.*

**Donation**

Councillors considered a donation to the Royal British Legion at this time of the year, the poppy wreath laid on Remembrance Sunday has been paid for.

*Resolved: To donate £50 to the Royal British Legion.*

**Donations to Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson announced that the Whist and Domino Drive had raised £282.00 and a clothes collection by St. John the Baptist Church has donated £102.00 towards the party.

Payments received since the previous meeting:

|                              |           |   |
|------------------------------|-----------|---|
| 1. Bank Interest             | £ 1.08    |   |
| 2. VAT Refund                | £1,662.59 |   |
| 3. Catterall Parish Council  | £144.92   |   |
|                              |           | Work carried out by Pilling's Parish Lengthsman within Catterall Parish |
| 4. Lancashire County Council | £491.04   | Amenity Grass Cutting   |
| 5. Whist and Domino Drive    | £282.00   |   |
| 6. St. John the Baptist      | £102.00   |   |

*Resolved: Councillors accepted the following invoices for payment:*

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|--|---------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Clerk's salary adjustments and expenses | £ 48.99 |                                |
| 2. Parish Lengthsman wage and expenses     | £ 51.66 |                                |
| 3. Prudential AVC (August)                 | £200.00 | Voluntary Pension Contribution |
| 4. Catterall Parish Council                | £ 18.94 | phone and broadband            |
| 5. Houghton's Filling Station              | £175.30 |                                |
| 6. Royal British Legion                    | £ 50.00 |                                |

**Direct Debits**

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| Staff costs                     | £1,670.00 |
| Local Government Pension Scheme | £671.60   |

**Budget 2015 – 2016**

Councillors were asked to scrutinise the state of the accounts to date with the possible budget for the next financial year. Any projects to be carried out next year need to be costed before submission for discussion.

**Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2014**

Bank Reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> October was presented on the night with the updated budget.

**4169. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman reported on a European teacher's meetings at Parrox Hall.

**Report from Pilling in Bloom Committee**

Cllr. W. Whiteside had attending Wyre in Bloom and returned with the Judges marks. There are a number of areas that Pilling in Bloom lost marks and it may take a change of route to fulfil some of the criteria. Pilling in Bloom has been awarded a Silver Gilt, with St. John the Baptist Church receiving a level 4 thriving and Gold for the Golden Ball.

**Senior Citizen's Christmas Party**

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson was sending out the lists of materials needed for the party, the entertainment is sorted, as are both schools and she thanked the Golden Ball for hosting the Whist and Domino Drive.

**Report of the representatives on the Pilling Memorial Hall Committee**

Groups are putting together the funding grants for the new community hall and facilities.

**Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils**

Met on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014. Peter Gibson stated that Wyre Council will NOT be commuting the Government payment of the localised council tax to Parish Councils again.

The Police were informed of concerns over staffing levels in rural Wyre. Cllr. C. Derelli

Lancashire County Council Parish Champion spoke on the Parish Champion fund, digital inclusion and super fibre in rural areas.

Philippa Davis, Wyre Council, outlined Wyre’s medium term financial plan. Showing savings made on staffing levels, cemetery costs are now breaking even and savings against budgets meant Wyre could top up reserves by £652,000. There are a number of reduced costs including the Marine Hall, the YMCA leisure centres, borrowing, insurance and the Council Tax will remain the same. There will be no allowance for play grounds, no provision for traveller’s sites, the new homes bonus will end and no income from the Jameson Road landfill site.

Karen Cassar, Lancashire County Council, referred to the current gritting routes and a TAMP document based on prevention of highway deterioration rather than repair.

**4170. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS**

**Blocked gully at St. Johns School**

To report to Lancashire County Council.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....