

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 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*



**4151. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**4152. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

Cllr. S. Morley disclosed a pecuniary interest in this month's finance as submitting two invoices.

**4153. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2014, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

**4154. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**Police Report**

Crimes reported last month include unknown offenders who approached a farm building on Garstang Road, attempted to remove an attached machine from the tractor but failed and left the scene empty handed. An unknown offender approached a secluded field on Bone Hill Lane, unlocked the field gate and removed several sheep. The offender then left the scene very likely in a vehicle, undetected and in an unknown direction. There have been no anti-social behaviour reports for September.

The meeting was resumed.

**4155. PILLING NEWS**

Councillors discussed the future production and distribution of Pilling News. In order to meet the Quality Parish Council Status a newsletter must be produced quarterly, but Pilling's is labour intensive and the costs appear to be outweighing the benefits. However, a newsletter needs to be produced but not necessarily distributed to each individual property in Pilling; these could be dropped off at the shops, schools, churches, businesses and the resident's surgery in Pilling for residents to collect.

*Resolved: To make the Winter Newsletter the last one in this format as it reminds residents of the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party with inclusion of future plans and instructions to those who would like to receive the letter by e-mail.*

#### **4156. BLUE BELL DEVELOPMENT BUS SHELTER**

Part of the planning conditions for the Blue Bell site was the instillation of two bus shelters in the village. Councillors considered a number of locations and decided on the Auction Mart/Elletsons and opposite St. John's School, School Lane. Lancashire County Council had offered a selection from Queensbury, but no longer deal with them; Councillors chose the Metro Enclosed Range from Euroshel and to include a noticeboard in the Auction Mart one.

*Resolved: To inform Lancashire County Council of the choice and locations.*

The Parish Council has also received notification from Partners, who are building Blue Bell Close, with an offer of funds for improvements in Pilling.

*Resolved: To suggest the reinstatement of the names on the War Memorial and to seal the stone against further erosion and tubs for Pilling in Bloom.*

#### **4157. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS**

The National Association of Local Councils has reviewed Standing Orders as legislation with reference to the recording of meetings has changed recently. This is with immediate effect and will be included in Pilling Parish Council's Standing Orders at the next review.

#### **4158. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications have been granted:

*14/00491/FUL*

Proposal: Single-storey rear extension

Location: Mayfield Cottage, Fluke Hall Lane, Pilling

*14/00663/DEM*

Proposal: Prior notification for the demolition of existing buildings (re-submission 14/00580/DEM)

Location: Land At, Garstang Road, Pilling

*14/00664/FUL*

Proposal: Front and rear dormers, single-storey rear extension and conservatory to front elevation

Location: Acre Nook, Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling

Prior Approval is Not required for:

*14/00709/AGR*

Proposal: Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural storage building

Location: Momens Farm, New Lane, England Hill, Pilling

*11/00663/DIS2*

Proposal: Discharge of conditions 09 (drainage) and 10 (foul & surface water disposal)

Location: Blue Bell Cottages, Blue Bell Close, Pilling

The Parish Council will not receive this for comment

**13/00676/NONMAT**

**Proposal:** Non material amendment to planning app: 13/00676/FUL (Erection of one dwelling and detached single garage) to include removal of utility room and addition of an open porch and elevational alterations.

**Location:** Land Adjacent The Ducklings, Duck Street, Pilling

**14/00117/DIS**

**Proposal:** Discharge of conditions 04 (land contamination) and 10 (disabled ramp)

**Location:** St Johns Church Of England School Fluke Hall Lane Pilling

The Parish Council will not receive this for comment

**Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;****14/00731/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of a 1.8 metre high brick wall adjacent to the highway and adjacent boundaries

**Location:** Westminster House Garstang Road Pilling

*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. Concern of impact on traffic and pedestrians; ask that Lancashire County Council highways are consulted. Junction used to access St. Williams School, the Elletsons Arms and Stakepool Stores regularly by pedestrians width of the footway needs to be maintained for safety and sightline.*

**14/00728/VAR**

**Proposal:** Variation of condition 2 on planning app: 13/00514/REMMAJ (Reserved matters application for the erection of 15 affordable dwellings) 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 has no objections in principle to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. Unsure as to why a variation is being applied when the houses are built. Concern on impact on Blue Bell Cottages and properties on School Lane, impact on drainage system in a location of leaks, road collapses and standing water.*

**14/00744/FUL**

**Proposal:** Variation of condition 01 on application 11/00543/FUL (retrospective application for the erection of an apple storage building) to allow retention of the building for an extended time period.

**Location:** Land to the South East of Ivy Loft and South of Holme Close

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

**Wyre Council Tree Preservation Order****015/2014/TPO – Land to the rear of Bradleys Electrical, Lancaster Road, Pilling**

A provisional TPO was made on 9<sup>th</sup> September on woodland on land to the rear of Bradleys Electrical; persons with an interest in the land have 28 days to object or make representations.

**Planning Enforcement****Case Ref: 14/00257/ENG**

**Alleged breach:** Excavation works and car park

**Location:** St. John The Baptist church, School Lane, Pilling

**4159. FINANCE**

Payments received since the previous meeting:

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| 1. HM Revenue and Customs                               | £152.41 |
| Refund of overpayment of NI contributions for G. Benson |         |

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

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| 1. Clerk's salary adjustments and expenses                       | £ 50.54 |                                |
| 2. Parish Lengthsman wages and expenses                          | £ 29.06 |                                |
| 3. Prudential AVC (August)                                       | £200.00 | Voluntary Pension Contribution |
| 4. Catterall Parish Council                                      | £ 17.24 | phone and broadband            |
| 5. HMRC  | £781.52 |                                |
| 6. Cllr. S. Morley – Lengthsman's workshop                       | £120.00 | Annual Rental                  |
| 7. Stewart Morley Groundcare                                     | £128.08 |                                |
| 8. Royal British Legion – Wreath and donation                    | £ 17.00 |                                |
| 9. Catterall Parish Council                                      | £117.93 |                                |
| Work carried out by Catterall's Parish Lengthsman within Pilling |         |                                |
| 10. Cornthwaites   | £ 19.44 |                                |
| 11. Houghtons Filling Station – August and Sept.                 | £312.46 |                                |
| 12. C and C Supplies   | £ 25.68 |                                |

**Direct Debits**

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

**Road Tax for the Sit on Mower**

The clerk informed the Councillors that, although there is no cost, the sit on mower has a road tax for the next twelve months.

**Budget 2015 – 2016**

Councillors were asked to scrutinise the state of the accounts to date bearing in mind we are half way through the year. Any projects to be carried out next year need to be costed before submission for discussion.

**4160. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported on the Emerging Local Plan Meeting he had attended at Wyre.

**Pilling in Bloom**

Cllr. W. Whiteside will be attending the Awards Ceremony in Southport on 24<sup>th</sup> October; he believes that Pilling has won an award and that the schools have done very well.

**Pilling Memorial Hall**

The Pilling 20 20 Group held a meeting last night to confirm with the developers what they can offer towards the new hall. Report submitted.

**Meeting by the NFU held in Eagland Hill and concerning the local water courses and dykes.**

Cllr. J. Edmonson reported that NFU members are most concerned about the state of the dykes and therefore drainage and impact on their fields and living. There are

many private owners who do not or are unaware that it is their responsibility to clean out their dykes to ensure the area is draining and the Environment Agency, who were present, are pulling away from their previous cleaning programme due to budget cuts. The silting up of the outlet at Broadfleet was also raised as the river does not have the head of water at present to push open the outlet doors against the sand. Landowners are able to clean out their own drains. There was mention of forming an Internal Drainage Board, but with the regulations being so extensive it probably won't be progressed.

**4161. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS**

**Barn Fire on Gulf Lane**

There had been a hay barn fire in the early hours of Sunday morning and fire crews were pumping out of Lane Ends ponds to extinguish the flames.

**Accident at Broadfleet Bridge**

A car has run into the bridge and broken and dislodged a number of the stones outside the old Vicarage. Councillors were concerned that the state of the road at this point on the bridge may have been contributory.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....