

# PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER, 2019,  
At 7.00pm  
AT St. JOHN'S CHURCH HALL,  
SCHOOL LANE, PILLING



*Present:*                      *Councillors; N. Cookson, Chairman*  
   *J. Barton*  
   *Mrs. E. Cookson,*  
   *G. Curwen*  
   *Mrs. J. Judkins,*  
   *S. Phillpotts,*  
   *Mrs. A Robertson,*  
   *Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council,*  
   *Lancashire County Council Salter*  
   *5 Residents*

### **4819. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr. J. Savage, Cllr. P. M<sup>o</sup>Whirter and Cllr. E. Moorat for this meeting. Wyre Cllr. G. Holden also sent apologies.

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr. N. Cookson, Vice-Chairman took the meeting.

### **4820. 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.

### **4821. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 9th October, 2019 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

### **4822. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Standing Orders were suspended to allow guests to speak.

### **Planning applications at Village Farm**

Residents expressed concerns over applications connected to Village Farm and were asked to write to Wyre Council, as the planning authority, to express their concerns.

### **Stan Raby, Parish Lengthsman**

Was invited as the Parish Council congratulated him on recent awards with Pilling in Bloom; Stan brought the certificates and glass trophy.

### **Lancashire County Councillor Salter**

Cllr. Salter reported on closure of Head Dyke Lane for resurfacing 18th to 22nd November and Bone Hill Lane and Woods Lane surface improvements are still going ahead. Stone heaps left by County on Fishers Row during previous work are in need of removing and the drainage channels fronting the houses are still blocked in places. The surface of Smallwood Hey Road was again raised and Cllr. Salter had experienced it first-hand recently.

**Wyre Council Holden**

Report read that Cllr. Holden is aware of the glasshouse planning applications.

**P C Kev Berry**

Cllr. Curwen reported on discussions with the policeman; he is networking with Parish Councils and agencies for intelligence as to what's happening locally to make effective progress. Recent police matters include theft of diesel and arrest of drug dealers from Lancaster who pulled their drug laden car onto Pilling Post Office.

Standing Orders were reintroduced and the meeting resumed.

**4823. DYKE CLEARING DONATION**

Local farmers have cleared dykes which run into the Broadfleet and are appealing for assistance from Pilling Parish Council towards this work? The dykes take water from Carr Lane, Wheel Lane and in turn have drained many of the dykes in Pilling. Residents are complimentary on the substantial drop in water levels since this work.

*Resolved: Pilling Parish Council to donate £60 towards the cost of drainage.*

**4824. DEFIBRILLATOR AT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL**

Cllr. Phillpotts raised the re-siting of the defibrillator at St. John's School; there have been issues with the unit, which has been returned three times, although Cardiac Science cannot find the fault. It is believed the location is cold and damp, despite the heater in the cabinet and this is causing the problems. The school governors met and agreed to its relocation. Parish Council discussions included a new location and costs; it was considered the school is the best place, but to investigate an alternative outside wall.

*Resolved: Cllr. S. Phillpotts to investigate relocation to the kitchen wall with the school and appoint an electrician.*

**4825. PLANNING APPLICATIONS****Planning permissions granted:**

*19/00838/FUL*

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land into an extension of existing domestic curtilage to the immediate rear (north) of Southernwood.

Location: Southernwood Smallwood Hey Road Pilling

**Planning Applications refused:**

*19/00028/FULMAJ*

Proposal: Conversion of existing buildings to form thirteen live/work units

Location: Garden Centre Plants Ltd, Lancaster Road, Pilling

*18/00902/FUL*

Proposal: Erection of three industrial units (use Class B1/B8) (resubmission of 17/00785/FUL)

Location: Pointers Grove Yard, Taylors Lane, Pilling

**Planning Applications for consideration and comment:**

*19/01040/FUL*

**Proposal:** Use of existing outbuildings as ancillary living accommodation and domestic store

**Location:** Eagland Hill Farm New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling

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

**19/01092/COUQ**

**Proposal:** Prior approval for a change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling (under Class Q of the GDPO)

**Location:** Carr Lane Nurseries Carr Lane Pilling

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

**19/01131/LMAJ**

**Proposal:** Removal of condition 17 on planning permission 19/00568/LMAJ to allow traffic associated with the development to visit the site outside the hours of 07.00 to 19.00 on any day

**Location:** Foxfield Nurseries Ox Close Lane off School Lane Pilling

*Resolved: The Parish Council objects to this planning application and seeks neighbour consultation. Against Policy CDMP1 of the Wyre Local Plan (2011 – 31) and unacceptable impact on residents in the centre of Pilling Village.*

**4826. FINANCE****Draft Budget for 2020 – 2021**

The budget assists the Council in setting the precept; which is returned to Wyre Council in January. At present in draft only to allow Councillors to put forward projects/work to be carried out by the Parish Council next year. The possible Community Hall loan was raised and a meeting with Wyre Council finance will be sought to resolve how this may/not fit into next year's precept.

**Donation to Royal British Legion**

*Resolved; Parish Council agreed to donate £50 to the continuing work of the Royal British Legion.*

Payments received since the previous meeting:

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| 1. Bank Interest – October                             | £ 1.33  |
| 2. Takings from Bingo Night                            | £182.50 |
| 3. Cash donation for Christmas Party                   | £ 5.00  |
| 4. St. John's Church – Clothing Collection             | £218.00 |
| To be put towards the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party |         |

**Standing Order credit**

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| 1. St. John's Church – Grounds Maintenance | £ 65.00 |
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*Resolved: Councillors agreed the following invoices are paid:*

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Details
2859	North West in Bloom	£ 30.00	Re issued, original torn in post
2860	Parish Lengthsman	£ 11.63	Expenses
2861	Parish Clerk	£ 42.15	Expenses
2862	Catterall Parish Council	£ 23.62	Phone and Broadband
2863	St. John's Church	£ 20.00	Room rent
2864	Houghtons Filling Station	£125.00	Fuel
2865	Royal British Legion	£ 50.00	Donation
2866	Houghtons Filling Station	£135.00	Fuel
2867	Parish Magazine Printing	£161.75	Pilling Newsletter
2868	Cleggs – R and J Pye	£300.00	Winter planting
	Total	£899.15	

**Standing Orders/Direct Debits**

Staff costs for October	£4,202.33
Easy-Web-Sites	£ 27.60
St. John's Church Hall – Access to facilities	£100.00
S2S Enterprises – workshop rental	£125.00

**Bank Reconciliation to 2nd November, 2019**

*Resolved the bank reconciliation to 2nd November, 2019 were accepted by Councillors.*

**Reserve Account Transfer**

*Resolved: To transfer £15,000 from the Reserve Account into the Parish Council account to cover outgoings.*

**4827. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****Chairman's Report**

Cllr. N. Cookson reported Pilling Coffee Feast would like the opportunity to raise Community Hall funds through selling refreshments from the car park at the Christmas Tree switch-on and Councillors were in full support. Also an advertising banner for the event was agreed; with the Chairman making enquiries.

The Chairman was involved with the flooding problems at Moss House Lane and tried to get Wyre Council's pumps to remove the water, but was informed only Flood Action Groups can use them!! He did succeed in meeting Wyre Council at Moss House Lane, but not until after the water had receded. New pipes are in use across the old Tayban site; which should alleviate future drainage problems.

**Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**

Cllr. Mrs. E. Cookson has prepared and allocated the necessary lists. Councillors were asked to attend 9th December from 1.30 and 10th December from 2pm to set up the room, serve the tea and wash up.

**Pilling in Bloom**

Cllr. G. Curwen thanked Stan for his outstanding efforts in the village and congratulated him on the Most Improved, 2019 AND Silver Gilt Award at the recent North West in Bloom Ceremony. His relationship with businesses and residents is bringing the community together and we look forward to it continuing next year. Thanks to Cleggs, not only for the quality of the plants, but the expertise offered during planting.

**Report of the representative on Pilling New Community Hall**

The Committee is in the final throws of the legalities and almost ready to start, the builders are looking to clear the ground before Christmas with construction work in January, 2020. A sod cutting ceremony by Garry Payne, Wyre Council's Chief Executive is to involve both Pilling schools. Changing rooms will be on site soon and further outdoor facilities are being locally sourced as far as possible.

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

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins, Cllr. J. Barton and Cllr. N. Cookson attended to hear of the 5 year health plan to bring all services together; that being GPs, NHS, Police, Fire etc. and the Police are using their officers more efficiently .

**Pilling Water Walk**

Cllr. N. Cookson reported on the recent Water Walk though Pilling organised by Cllr. Salter and involving Lancashire County Council, Wyre Council, the Environment Agency, Pilling FLAG, Pilling Parish Council and interested residents.

The metal gates on the outfall of the Broadfleet were inspected by the Environment Agency who admitted they are too heavy to open completely and would be replaced with lighter, plastic ones and the same for the outfall door on Fluke Hall Lane, under the school. Since then the Environment Agency have wrote back to say the metal doors at the outfall as just as efficient as if fully open and they will not be replaced!?. This is to be raised at Wyre’s Flood Forum. Other problem areas investigated included the dyke from Newers Wood to St. Williams’ and recent work at Carr Lane.

The drainage pipe under the school house is blocked and causing local flooding, but the Diocese is to clear it, being their responsibility.

Cllr. J. Barton raised that the NFU has arranged a parish meeting on 17th December; with the Environment Agency to inspect maintenance programmes for the area.

**Wyre’s Flood Forum**

Due to Pilling’s Water Walk; Pilling concerns are to be discussed at the next Flood Forum meeting in Wyre, in January.

**Create Homes meeting**

Create Homes director assured residents a temporary footpath through the Tayban site, during the official closure and whilst construction takes place, will be made, providing Health and Safety and insurance permitted this. To date the footpath is held in health and safety regulations. Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way has received a number of complaints about the closure; Create Homes will be reapplying for the closure in August.

**4828. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS**

**Flooding on Moss House Lane**

A visit to Tayban site was made on Friday 25th October due to high water levels in the dyke on Moss House behind the site. A new pipe had been buried to bypass a blocked drain, to take water from Moss House Lane, but was not connected until after a weekend which saw torrential rain with many houses again marooned and residents unable to access the lane. The pipe is now working and Moss House Lane has not been flooded since. Cllr. N. Cookson had contacted Wyre Council to use their pumps in the dyke, but the request was met with bureaucracy.

**Precept Question on Possible Loan**

The clerk reported emails and telephone messages have been received on this subject, but to leave until December to give more residents the chance to reply.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.52 pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....

