

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY
13th AUGUST AT 7pm**



Present:

Pilling Parish Councillors;

*Neil Cookson, Chairman
Graham Curwen, Vice Chairman,
Elizabeth Cookson,
Steve Phillpotts,
Alf Whiteside,
Dave Ponton
John Savage
Julia Brewer (Clerk)
Lisa Stanger
Liz Kiersey
Mischa Mockett
PCSO Beth Kirkpatrick
PCSO Hannah Yates*

In attendance

5671 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr P McWhirter, Wyre Cllr. A Leigh and Lancashire County Council Cllr M Salter.

5672 DECLARATION ON INTERESTS

Cllr. G. Curwen and Cllr J Savage declared their interests as members of Pilling Village Hall Committee.

5673 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2025 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5674 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing orders were suspended to allow public to speak.

Beth Kirkpatrick, PCSO

PCSO Kirkpatrick indicated that she had nothing specific to report and that she would be moving on in the near future to take up training as a police officer. In response to questions from the Parish Council she provided an update on ongoing issues:

- **Parking – Carr Close**

PCSO Kirkpatrick reported that they had managed to stop residents parking on the pavements but had been unable to stop them parking on the road despite working with the representative from Regenda regarding this.

- **Elletsons Arms**

PCSO Kirkpatrick reported that, despite surveillance, they had not been able to find any evidence of drug dealing taking place, although it was highlighted that this may be taking place earlier in the evening.

- **Speeding on Lancaster Road (A588)**

The Parish Council drew attention to a complaint about speeding on the A588 despite it being a 30mph area around the vicinity of the Elletsons Arms. PCSO Kirkpatrick advised that this would be an issue for the Road Safety Partnership as part of the Road Safety Campaign in the first instance.

- **Vandalism – Amenity Area**

The Parish Council drew attention to a recent mini rave which had taken place at the Amenity Area and requested whether the police could include this area in their night time patrols.

PCSO Kirkpatrick was thanked for her attendance and contribution at meetings and the Parish Council wished her well in her future career.

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

5675 CLERK'S REPORT

Resolved: The Clerk's Report was received.

5676 PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

There were no policies presented.

5677 VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

- **Co-option to the Council: Lisa Stanger**

Following interview by the Personnel Committee, it was recommended that Lisa Stanger be appointed to the Parish Council.

Resolved: The Parish Council approved the recommendation that Lisa Stanger be appointed to the Parish Council and she was welcomed to the meeting.

- **Replacement for Cllr Collinge**

It was noted that there were two applicants for the position vacated by Cllr Collinge – Liz Kiersey and Michsa Mockett – who had both been invited to the meeting as observers.

Resolved: It was agreed that the Personnel Committee should interview both candidates and report back to the next meeting.

5678 REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Finance Committee had been circulated for information and the following was highlighted:

- **Reserves:**

The following amounts had been ringfenced:

- £5K previously identified for replacement pump had now been set aside for the set up costs of the Broadfleet Water Management Group.
- £26K to be identified for potential costs of long term sickness.

- **Budget**

It was noted that staffing costs would be higher than budgeted due to the pay award of 3.2%. In addition there would be no grant income in respect of Pilling in Bloom.

Resolved: Report was received by the Parish Council and Clerk to update Reserves Policy for next meeting

5679 REQUEST FROM 1ST PILLING SCOUTS GROUP FOR A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL TO SIT ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A letter from Lynn Allen, Group Leader, had been received thanking the Parish Council for their donation and inviting a representative from the Parish Council to sit on the Board of Trustees for the 1st Pilling Scouts Group.

Resolved: It was agreed that Cllr Lisa Stanger would be the Parish Council representative to sit on the Trustees Board.

5680 REPRESENTATION ON THE WYRE AREA COMMITTEE

A letter had been received from Jan Finch, Chair of the Wyre Area Committee, about the lack of representation from parish councils at the meetings and the role of the Wyre Area Committee. It was noted that although the Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr N Cookson, was the representative for Pilling Parish Council, he had been unable to attend a number of meetings due to prior commitments.

Resolved: To consider the appointment of an alternative representative on the Wyre Area Committee at a future meeting.

5681 REGISTER OF INTEREST FROM – WYRE COUNCIL

A directive had been received from Marianne Unwin, Democratic Services Manager at Wyre, regarding a recent audit of the above forms which had highlighted some inconsistencies in terms of publication.

Although councillors appreciated the need to complete the form, there was a consensus of opinion that some of the information, particularly the publication of home addresses could potentially be a safety issue.

Resolved: Cllr D Ponton and Clerk to highlight the issues regarding the information required on the forms and respond to the Democratic Services Manager accordingly.

5682 TRAINING IN THE USE OF DEFIBRILLATORS

The Clerk had obtained some information on the provision of training from the NWAS and it was agreed that a donation of £250 should be made to the NWAS in lieu of this.

Resolved: It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange dates for training and invite representatives from the area to attend and donation of £250 to be made to the NWAS.

5683 CONSIDERATION OF MOVE TO ALTERNATIVE WEBSITE/EMAIL PROVIDER

The Clerk had received information from an alternative website and email provider which appeared to be more competitive and offered substantial savings which was circulated to the Parish Council.

Resolved: Clerk to produce a costing analysis and seek views from other parish councils using the alternative website provider.

5684 REQUEST REGARDING LOCATION OF SPID ON A588

Following the complaint received from a member of the public raising concerns about speeding on the A588 around the vicinity of the Elletsons Arms, the issue of purchasing a locating a Speed Indicator Device on Lancaster Road to remind drivers that it was a 30mph limit was considered.

Resolved: To purchase and install a SPID on the A588 approaching the Elletsons Arms reminding drivers of the speed limit.

5685 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillors considered the following planning applications:

Application Number: 25/00614/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a self- build replacement bungalow dwelling following the demolition of existing two storey dwelling

Location: Bonds Farm Morley Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire

Resolved: The Council have no objections to this proposal.

Application Number: 25/00635/FUL

Proposal: Erection of general-purpose building for horticultural purposes and extension of existing access track

Location: Domplants Nursery Bradshaw Lane Pilling Lancashire PR3 6SR

Resolved: The Council have no objections to this proposal.

Applications permitted:

Ref. No: 25/00446/FUL Two storey rear extension including demolition of existing single storey and lean to roof

Old Burns House Lancaster Road Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6AE

Status: Application Permitted

Ref. No: 25/00055/FUL Erection of detached garage/garden store following the demolition of existing garage/garden store

Rosedale House Bradshaw Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6SN

Status: Application Permitted

Ref. No: 24/00573/FUL Proposed ground mounted PV panels with associated switchgear and battery room

Foxfield Nurseries School Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire PR3 6HB

Status: Application Permitted

Resolved: Councillors noted the outcome of the above planning applications.

5686 FINANCE

Income:

St. John's Church	£	25.00	Grounds Maintenance
Pilling Village Hall	£	340.00	Monthly Loan Repayment
Pilling Methodist Chapel	£	300.00	Grounds Maintenance (24/25)

Councillors resolved to make the following Payments:

Payment Type	Inv No	Date	Payee	Amount £	Reason
BACS		July 2025	HMRC	784.57	PAYE/ NI
BACS	1397	31/07/2025	Houghtons	145.91	Diesel/Petrol
CP	0629		Pilling Village Hall	35.00	Room Booking (Community Action)
DD	048	31/07/2025	Unity Trust	8.70	Bank Charges
BACS		28/07/202	Salaries*	4595.84	Payroll
DD		01/08/2025	Easy Websites	67.32	Admin
SO		01/08/2025	PVH	100.00	Rental
SO		01/08/2025	Towers & Gornall	68.40	Payroll Admin
DD	217014100	02/08/2025	EE	42.94	Mobile Phones
CP	24486643	28/06/2026	Xero	1.92	Accounts system
BACS	5201560189	06/08/2025	LCC	£92.40	Licence (SPID)
BACS	3919	12/07/2025	DFX Systems	£60.00	Digital Drop-In

**inclusive of PAYE/NIC/pensions contributions.*

Bank Reconciliation to 31st July 2025**See information.**

Unity Trust Bank £ 74,541.98

Redwood Business Savings £ 80,813.96

Resolved: Councillors accepted bank reconciliation and budget monitoring to 31st July 2025.

5687 VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- Chairman's Report**

Cllr N Cookson drew attention to the issue of the breach of planning regulations taking place at the development around Broadfleet Cottages and the subsequent delivery of a mobile home despite an enforcement order supposedly being in place.

A letter was to be sent to Rob Clewes at Wyre Planning Department, copied to the CEO of Wyre Council, regarding this.

- Pilling Village Hall**

Cllr Curwen reported that the Village Hall Committee were currently looking at raising funds for development of a porch and improvement in storage facilities. It was noted that the Pilling Coffee Feast had been well received and seemed to get better every year.

- Pilling Community Action**

- Health Checks

Cllr N Cookson reported that he had made enquiries regarding the provision of health checks.

Defibrillator Training

Clerk to make arrangements for defibrillator training as discussed.

- **Our Future Coast Working Group/Flooding Issues**

Cllr Phillpotts and Cllr Whiteside reported that over 40 people had attended the meeting held on 12 August, and that David Wilkinson had now formed a formal committee which he would Chair alongside Martin Lawrenson as Vice Chair. Both he and Cllr Whiteside would be ex-officio members. Farmers would make an initial contribution which would provide funds for the group.

On behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr Curwen formally thanked both Cllr Phillpotts and Cllr Whiteside for their work with regard to moving this initiative forward.

- **Create Homes/St Williams Gate**

Cllr Ponton reported that Create had now put a planning discharge application into Wyre but no time frame had been established for this.

5688 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Dog Fouling**

Cllr Stanger raised the issue of dog fouling.

- **Records/Archiving**

Cllr Savage requested assistance to help with the archiving of records and Cllr Curwen agreed to assist.

- **Weeds – Cherrytree Close/Memorial Road**

Cllr Ponton raised the issue of weeds which made the roadside look untidy and whether these could be removed.

- **Garstang Road Footpath**

This issue of the lack of footpath on Garstang Road was raised and it was agreed that as this was a longstanding issue, Cllr M Salter would be invited to the next meeting to discuss together with other road safety measures.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.48pm.

Chairman

Date