

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY
12th June 2024 at 7pm**



Present:

Pilling Parish Councillors;

*Neil Cookson, Chairman
Graham Curwen, Vice Chairman,
Sarah Collinge,
Elizabeth Cookson,
Scott Irvine,
Mrs. J. Judkins,
Steve Phillpotts,
John Savage,
Paul McWhirter,
Alf Whiteside,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
Julia Brewer, new clerk to the Parish Council*

5442 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. S. Irvine and Wyre Councillor Leigh.

5443 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.

5444 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2024 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5445 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh

Report received: **Create Homes** - Works are due to begin in July and residents have been informed via letter. **Glenfield Caravan Park** - Discharge of conditions and the siting of the bus stops not being in the most appropriate location particularly causing issue to road users leaving Carr Lane and Glenfield Caravan Park potentially causing accidents. I am assured that the road markings will improve the safety but does rely on road users being aware of buses. Highways assessment has not been submitted and planning have assured me this will be submitted prior to any decision. **Rabbits** - Increase in dead rabbits reported to wildlife investigation team who have said there is no evidence to suggest that it is due to pesticides or biocides or any evidence of foul play. From the evidence submitted and the lack of obvious injuries, it is being treated as myxomatosis.

Councillors referred to the recent sad passing of Andrew Bell, a former Parish Councillor, whose funeral was held today.

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

5446 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

Personnel Committee met on 28th May and appointed Julia Brewer as the new clerk commencing 1st July 2024. She will work alongside the present clerk for one month, when the present clerk retires.

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved the appointment of the new clerk.

5447 CLERK'S REPORT

Please note confirmation of vehicle tax paid on the sit-on mower on 17th April 2024 for 12 months. There is no charge.

Resolved: The Clerk's Report was noted.

5448 PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

Resolved: Councillors reviewed and accepted Standing Orders.

5449 BROADFLEET SENSORY GARDEN

Harrison Drury solicitors have conducted further searches into the land offered to Pilling Parish Council located on School Lane by Mill Bridge. This has revealed the area is registered to Crown Estates, under the Duke of Lancaster. It was considered this may only be the mining rights, but the Parish Council will not be pursuing registering the land as it was not considered commensurate with public money.

Resolved: The Parish Council will not pursue land ownership but maintain the Broadfleet Sensory Garden laid out in 2011 and continue to include community members.

5450 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY - LOCAL DELIVERY SCHEME 2024-25

Resolved: Parish Council to renew contract for the local delivery scheme including Public Rights of Way and Environmental improvements in the parish.

5451 BLEED CABINETS

Cllr. S. Collinge outlined the use of bleed cabinets in the parish with online information. There were concerns over locations and security. Costs would be around £500 for the cabinet and kit. Access could be by entry code, but who would keep this and be available 24/7 or left open??

Resolved: To defer until next month to allow more research.

5452 CHANGE IN EMAIL ADDRESS

At the branch meeting of Society of Local Council Clerks, it was raised that Councils are recommended to update their email address to clerk@pillingparish.gov.uk to be in line with principal authorities.

Resolved: Pilling Parish Councillors were not in agreement at this time.

5453 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application Granted:

24/00244/FUL

Proposal: Single rear extension

Location: 1 Hollybank Bradshaw Lane Pilling

24/00136/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage (part retrospective) and erection of domestic garage

Location: Pool Barn Ridgy Pool Farm Skitham Lane Pilling

Planning Conditions:

21/00311/DIS1

Conditions: Agreement of details reserved by conditions 6 (External Materials Schedule), 7 (Home-Owner Information Pack), 13 (EVCP Scheme) on planning permission

21/00311/FUL

Location: Union Cottages 2 Lancaster Road Pilling

23/00574/DIS

Conditions: Approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (Drainage) 5 (Anchor Detail), 7 (Highway), 11 (Visitor Pack) 13 (Habitat Creation), 14 (External Lighting), 15 (Hard and soft Landscape), 16 (Tree Protection), 17 (Desk Study), 18 (EVCP), and 19 (Floor Levels) on planning permission 23/00574/FULMAJ

Location: Glenfield Leisure Park Smallwood Hey Road Pilling

Prior Notification is not required

24/00326/AGR

Proposal: Prior notification for erection of an agricultural building over existing midden

Location: Pilling Hall Farm Horse Park Lane Pilling

Request for Lawfulness

24/00353/LAWP

Proposal: Proposed Certificate of Lawfulness for rendering to front elevation of dwelling

Location: 6 Pilling Water Close Pilling

Planning Applications for comment:

24/00370/FUL

Proposal: Proposed erection of porch to front of dwelling

Location: Eagland Hill Farm New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling

Resolved: *The Parish Council has no objections to this application.*

24/00432/FULMAJ

Proposal: Change of use of land for the siting of 43 static holiday caravans and attenuation pond at Glenfield Caravan Park (pursuant for removal of condition 7 (highway improvement - two bus stops) on planning permission 23/00574/FULMAJ

Location: Glenfield Leisure Park Smallwood Hey Road Pilling

Resolved: *The Parish Council objects to this application. Lancashire County Council stated this in the planning conditions and therefore it is important and must be adhered to. Parish Council suggests working with landowner to install a bus shelter in place of the present seat.*

24/00453/FUL

Proposal: Proposed single storey and two storey side/rear extension, re-orientation of roof, erection of attached garage and solar panels to southern roof slope

Location: Jarvis Carr Farm Garstang Road Pilling

Resolved: *The Parish Council objects to this application. Over intensive use of site, concern with size, is this not over planning allowance?*

5454 FINANCE**Audit 2022 2023**

Action Plan from Internal Auditor's report

Public Rights notification was posted Monday 5 June to Friday 14 Jul

Resolved: Action Plan accepted, and dates noted.

Finance Committee

Minutes presented to Parish Councillors for information. Recommendations to be resolved are to open an investment account with CCLA with £25,000. Transfer required from Furness Building Society before opening the account. Plus, to transfer £37.50 to Furness Building Society from Grounds Maintenance as per the terms of the Finance Committee. The Committee is now looking at finance packages.

Resolved: The Parish Council agreed with the recommendations.

INCOME:

1. St. John's Church	£ 25.00	Grounds Maintenance
2. G. Benson	£100.00	Standing Order overpayment
3. Lune Valley RHA	£544.00	Grounds Maintenance Cherry Tree
4. Cornthwaite Agricultural	£ 30.52	Credit refund
5. HMRC	£2,963.36	VAT Reclaim
6. D-Day Afternoon Tea	£210.00	Raffle
7. Moons Trust Grant	£1,100.00	Communications Project

Councillors resolved to pay the following **Payments**.

Payee		Reason
S. Raby	£ 25.00	Expenses
G. Benson	£ 223.33	Expenses
S2s Enterprises Ltd.	£271.30	Service on Ride-on mower
Cornthwaite Farm Machinery	£567.36	Angle Grinder and discs
Wyre Building Supplies	£ 49.90	Pilling in Bloom-Compost
Houghtons Filling Station	£164.62	May Fuel
Stakepool Stores	£52.78	D-Day Party
Freeamd	£22.23	D-Day Party
	£1376.52	

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

1. Staff costs for May	£6,095.37
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Note: increase in payments, due to adopting BACS payments.

2. Easy-Web-Sites	£ 30.36	
3. Pilling Village Hall rental	£100.00	
4. Towers and Gornall	£ 68.40	
5. Information Commissioner's Office	£ 35.00	Data Protection

Bank Reconciliation to 31st May 2024

Resolved: Councillors accepted bank reconciliation for May 2024

Unity Trust Bank £8,016.45

Furness Building Society £149,451.01

5455 VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Pilling in Bloom

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins reported squirrels have been seen in the Broadfleet Sensory Garden, those being the youngest members of the Scout Movement! Working to clear weeds and plant annuals to brighten the area. Yellow Rattle was planted on Back Sands Lane to restrict the grass. Pilling information map is almost complete and will be erected soon.

Report of the representative on Pilling Village Hall

Cllr. P. McWhirter reported on fundraising for the all-inclusive play equipment and to use one of the grassed football pitches to hold the Multi Use Games Area. Next event will be the football and on 6th and 7th July the Vintage Weekend. During the D-Day Party a visitor complimented the facilities at Pilling Village Hall as being the finest in the area.

Pilling Community Action

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins reported on the newly formed Walking Group there are to be 4 wildlife walks with a guide to highlight what is in our local vicinity. Costs of produced Pilling Walks are being sourced. The walks will attract visitors to Pilling who in turn will spend. The Sing-Up Group is taking a hiatus for the present as a singing leader is sourced.

Our Future Coast Working Group

Cllr. A. Whiteside and Cllr. S. Phillpotts have met with the project team to discuss their proposals and their effect on Pilling and surrounding landowners and their findings were presented to the Parish Council including a slide show. The ‘lagoon’ is now defined as water catchment areas on individual farms and farmers will receive payment for holding back the water. The Environment Agency and Lancashire County Council are investigating permits for water course clearing up to the sea wall. Working with Natural England and the Marine Management Organisation they are investigating marsh dredging.

When Wyre’s Our Future Coast project manager saw the marsh she commented on the serious lack of sea plants and flowers as there is not sufficient water to grow them She suggested to create a delta, allowing more water to exit and cultivating the flora and fauna, to be presented to Natural England with Our Future Coast standing the cost. The Environment Agency acknowledges the outfall doors should be side hung allowing for more water, as with the River Cocker, with a crank system to close if necessary. Broadfleet Bridge flood gates are to remain and will be permanently open.

It was noted that thanks to these lead Councillors it is the first time Pilling Parish Council has got listened to at principal authorities and identified potential problems and were thanked and hoped further positive steps will occur in Pilling.

Wyre Flood Forum/ Water Matters in Pilling

Wyre Flood Forum meeting tomorrow, Cllr. Whiteside to attend.

Garstang Road Defibrillator

The residents who house the defibrillator on Garstang Road were thanked and gifted by the Chairman recently.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.09pm.

Chairman

Date