

# PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

## **MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023 at 7pm**



*Present:*

*Pilling Parish Councillors;*

*N. Cookson, Chairman  
G. Curwen, Vice Chairman,  
Mrs. S. Collinge,  
Mrs. E. Cookson,  
Mrs. J. Judkins,  
P. McWhirter,  
S. Phillpotts,  
J. Savage  
A. Whiteside,  
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council  
Four residents*

### **5317. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

### **5318. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillors asked to declare any 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.

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins declared an interest in Pilling Community Action costs.

### **5319. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

*Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

### **5320. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Create Homes site residents asked for information on what is happening on site and to put paid to the local rumours. Questions about the fate of land, which has recently been landscaped, at the entrance to the site. The Parish Council is not in discussions with either Wyre Council or Create Homes. The Parish Council had received suggestions of affordable housing/selling the land but requested bungalows if possible. Planning permission was granted for affordable housing, but it appears, with what's on site that Create Homes are going to leave this area.

### **Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh**

The issue at Eagland Hill with the suspected sewage on the road is still ongoing, liaising with environmental health and a resident and from the tests done so far, the council are insistent it is not sewage, though this is in dispute.

He has asked the resident to report to Lancashire County Council again, as it may be that the gully needs unblocking. If the problem persists, the resident will inform the Councillor to ensure another site visit is carried out by Wyre Council.

### **Lancashire County Councillor**

Update on grass verge cutting from the Parish Lengthsman work has started but will only receive two cuts this year as County were slow in allocating contractors. The contract is for four years and confirms three cuts per year.

*Resolved: The Parish Council meeting and Standing Orders are resumed.*

### **5321. CLERK'S REPORT**

Positive action on Broadfleet Sensory Garden, thanks to the trustees, forms left with Harrison's Solicitors and progress was reported with an information plaque for Lane Ends Amenity Area. A suggestion regarding Parish Council funding of the installation of the plaque was not carried.

### **5322. PILLING PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES**

*Resolved: Councillors reviewed and accepted; Pilling Parish Council's Freedom of Information publication scheme.*

### **5323. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

#### **Planning Application Granted:**

**23/00406/FUL**

Proposal: First floor extension to rear with alterations to existing ground floor rear extension and addition of three pitched roofs to front elevation.

Location: Merry Field Garstang Road Pilling

**23/00383/FUL**

Proposal: Erection of 2.No dwelling houses, following demolition of existing buildings

Location: Garstang Road Garage Garstang Road Pilling

#### **Planning Application withdrawn**

**17/00926/SECT**

Proposal: Modification of a Section 106 agreement in relation to application 14/00631/FULMAJ to allow the 13 shared ownership houses to become affordable rent properties

Location: Land South Side Of Taylors Lane Pilling From October 2017

#### **Planning Application for comment:**

**23/00644/COUQ**

**Proposal:** Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1 dwelling house (C3) with building operations under Class Q of the GPDO

**Location:** Fernleigh Nursery Lancaster Road Pilling

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

**23/00588/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of garage and retrospective application for detached garden building with outdoor seating area, to include change of use of the agricultural land to residential use

**Location:** Ridgy Barn Ridgy Pool Farm Skitham Lane Pilling

*Resolved: Pilling Parish Council objects to this application which has created an adverse impact on neighbours, overwhelming the outside recreation space and impacting privacy. By reason of its inappropriately large scale and design, the building is at odds with the architectural form of the host property.*

**23/00602/FUL**

**Proposal:** Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage, erection of two storey extension to eastern elevation of dwelling, erection domestic garage with attached garden room (part retrospective)

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

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

**23/00765/FUL**

**Proposal:** Two storey rear and side extensions, front porch, roof lift, alterations to existing access to include electric gate and new boundary fence

**Location:** Moss Side Cottage Morley Lane Pilling

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

### **5324. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY GRANT FROM LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Councillors considered and agreed with Pilling's continuing footpath maintenance and Environmental funding.

*Resolved: To sign up to Public Rights of Way and the Environmental funding offered by Lancashire County Council for 2023 – 2024.*

### **5325. FINANCE**

#### **Finance Committee Meeting**

*Resolved: Pilling Parish Council to transfer grounds maintenance contracts income to Reserve Account.*

#### **Income:**

1. St. John's Church	£ 25.00	Grounds Maintenance
2. G. Benson	£ 74.37	Repayment due to tax changes

**Bring cheque back to bank, as uncashed over 6 months.**

**No. 300070 dated 19/12/22. £100.00**

Councillors resolved to pay the following Payments.

Payee		Reason
S. Raby	£242.69	Wages and expenses
G. Benson	£603.63	Expenses
Towers and Gornall	£ 68.40	Accountant Services
Houghtons Filling Station	£142.62	Fuel
Bradleys Electrical	£ 16.34	Hosepipe fittings
Mrs. J. Judkins	£416.85	Pilling Community Action

Furness Building Society	£555.00	Transfer to Reserve Account
Mrs. J. Judkins	£1,050.00	Pilling Community Action
Furness Building Society	£555.00	Transfer to Reserve Account
	<b>£2,804.21</b>	

**Standing Orders/Direct Debits**

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|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Staff costs for July        | £5,253.69 |
| 2. Easy-Web-Sites              | £ 27.60   |
| 3. Pilling Village Hall rental | £100.00   |

**Bank Reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

*Resolved: Councillors scrutinised and accepted the document.*

**Reserve Account Increase**

Current rate 2.50% New rate 2.75% from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

**5326. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****Chairman's Report**

The chairman reported on his meeting with Andy Pratt, deputy to Police and Crime Commissioner. Minutes were circulated and the Chairman and Cllr. Phillpotts were thanked for attending and positively discussing issues in Pilling.

**Pilling In Bloom**

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins reported the team is looking forward to next year when work will begin on Back Sands Lane embankment. The Village Green noticeboard is to be renewed with an artist sought to produce a Pilling Village map.

**Report of the representative on Pilling Village Hall**

Cllr. P. McWhirter reported on a very successful Pilling Coffee Feast culminating in many attractions held in the hall and the field. The event was well supported by residents and attracted many visitors. 16 floats and several local Gala Queens joined the procession through the village. Next event is a Fashion Show on 14<sup>th</sup> September and a live music band on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. New Year's Eve Party has secured the Flatliners.

**Lancashire Association of Local Councils**

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins reported on the recent meeting attended by Tom Myerscough of Wyre Rivers Trust presenting projects worth £500 to £1 million. They are creating woodlands, working with farmers. The increase in flooding due to the amount of building and concreting previous soak-away areas. Rebecca Huddleston, Wyre Council chief executive presented Wyre's Climate Energy Strategy. Wyre is reviewing their leisure facilities and the Beach Scheme Flooding Programme, which was granted £24 million, following Mr. Grove's promised planning. United Utilities has released raw sewage into Morecambe Bay after a pipeline failure.

**Pilling Community Action**

Cllr. Mrs. J. Judkins reported flags created at recent craft sessions are completed and displayed on Coffee Feast day. Attendees at these sessions include Pilling school children and new residents. The next project is a singing group, working with the nursing home. The County's Environmental Grant will be used to provide bug hotels in the parish. Request to investigate a link from Pilling Parish Council web site to Pilling Community Action Facebook.

**Our Future Coast**

No further meetings to date. The worrying realisation that the Environment Agency did not know what the catchment area for the Broadfleet, as an isolated river and not connected to the much larger River Wyre. It does appear with recent rainfall that gullies are working better. It was raised that local farmers have crops underwater in their fields.

**New Bus Service from Pilling to Garstang.**

Lancashire County Council is to introduce an additional bus route from 27<sup>th</sup> August using Bradshaw Lane, Lancaster Road, Skitham Lane to Moss Lane, around Garstang then Cockerham Lane, Park Lane, through Cockerham to Lancaster.

**Tree Preservation Order at Heyswood House**

The preservation order was noted, and the tree owner has confirmed their responsibilities as to trimming branches.

**North Woods Hill Solar Farm**

The Parish Council received an information leaflet, which was delivered to neighbours of the site at Eagland Hill. <https://uk.europeanenergy.com/our-projects/north-woods-hill-solar-farm/>

**5327. ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

**Next Parish Council meeting will be 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm**

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.44pm.*

Chairman .....

Date .....