

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY
12th August 2026 AT 7.30pm



Present:

Pilling Parish Councillors;

Neil Cookson Chairman
Graham Curwen, Vice Chairman,
Steve Phillpotts,
Alf Whiteside,
Elizabeth Cookson
Paul McWhirter
John Savage
Emma Irvine (Clerk)

5898 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- *Apologies were received from Cllr L Stanger, Cllr Ponton, Cllr A Leigh and Cllr Matthew Salter.*

5899 DECLARATION ON INTERESTS

- *Cllr G Curwen and Cllr P McWhirter declared their interests as members of Pilling Village Hall Committee.*

5900 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 08th July 2026 having been circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5901 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PCSO Denise Creighton reported on street parking in the area and recent anti social behaviour at the Village Hall.

- **Cllr Matthew Salter** while was absent emailed his ongoing support into issues raised under his network.

5902 CLERK'S REPORT

- Clerk reported on progress on role course and additional learning undertaken.

5903 REVIEW OF LANCASTER ROAD ZEBRA CROSSING PROPOSAL

- Cllr Whiteside suggested continuing to chase Lancashire County Council and to offer suggestions on suitable locations.

Resolved: Details again submitted to Lancashire County Council Matthew Salter to further the request.

5904 REVIEW OF AGREED GARSTANG ROAD FOOTPATH

- Cllr. Whiteside proposed reviewing current situation on the agreed Garstang Road footpath with Lancashire County Council.

Resolved: Matthew Salter emailed again requesting an update on the situation.

5905 REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

- Councillors agreed no new policies.

Resolved: No action needed.

5906 REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Meeting held on the 22nd July 2026 no concerns, with plan agreed to discuss allocating money to highlighted funds such as Pilling in Bloom.

5907 REPORT FROM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- Councillors discussed progress of change over from current lengthsman to New appointment and letter received from previous Clerk..

Resolved: Relevant responses sent to all parties involved.

5908 PROPOSAL FOR PURSUING OF COMPLETION DATE FOR SMALL WOOD HEY AND TAYLORS LANE WORKS

- Councillors agreed the need for continued pressure to Lancashire County Council for completion date for these areas

Resolved: Parish clerk submitted new chase emails including Matthew Salter into these.

5909 PROPOSAL FOR DYKE CLEARING ON A588 BUT ALSO THROUGHOUT VILLAGE

- Councillors agreed need to pursue this while water levels are low

Resolved: Clerk to contact Lancashire County Council to determine boundaries and responsibility.

5910 PROPOSAL FOR ASSESSMENT OF JUNCTION HEIGHTS AND VISIBILITY.

- Cllr. Curwen proposed review of junction heights onto Head Dyke Lane.

Resolved: clerk to message Lancashire County Council and Matthew Salter with concerns to establish possible solutions.

5911 PROPOSAL TO IMPROVE PHONE SIGNAL IN THE AREA

- Cllr.Curwen proposed contact of relevant parties to highlight need for better signal in the area due to safety concerns.

Resolved: Parish clerk to contact providers and OFCOM with concerns.

5912 PROPOSAL TO REVIEW ACCESS CONCERNS AT GOLDEN BALL SITE.

- Cllr.Curwen proposed to review site access with Lancashire County Council after proposal cleared with Wyre Borough Planning.

Resolved: Clerk to again email Matthew Salter to arrange a meeting in connection with this.

5913 REVIEW OF WHEEL LANE FLOODING

- Cllr. McWhirter proposed pursuing of flooding concerns on Wheel Lane while water levels low.

Resolved: Clerk to email Matthew Salter with concerns and resolutions before winter.

5914 PROPOSAL FOR PILLING IN BLOOM DONATION.

- Cllr.Kiersey proposed need to agree donation amount from the Parish Council to next years Bloom entry.

Resolved: Clerk to obtain formal request from bloom committee to action this.

5915 PROPOSAL FROM COFFEE FEAST COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORT.

- Coffee feast community submitted request for support with purchase of additional walkie talkies and bunting for future events.

Resolved: Support agreed with clerk to obtain exact walkie talkies and bunting needed.

5916 PROPOSAL FROM PILLING ST JOHNS SCHOOL FOR SUPPORT.

- Request from Headmaster for support towards costs to complete community Multi Use Games Area project.

Resolved: Grant amount of £500 agreed and additional locations of possible support suggested.

5917 PROPOSAL FOR STORAGE UNIT POWER SUPPLY.

- Cllr.Phillpots advised after recent communication with temporary lengthsman this was not required at this time and to suspend the installation and reassess in the future.

5918 FINANCE**Income:**

Pilling Village Hall	£ 340.00	Monthly Loan Repayment
Amberol Notice Boards	£ 823.32	Refund duplicated payment
Moons Trust	£ 1000.00	Charity Trust Fund missed
last months banking due to cheque issue.		

Invoices for payment:

Payment Type	Inv No	Date	Payee	Amount £	Reason
BACS		July 2026	HMRC		PAYE/ NI
DD		31/06/2026	Unity Trust	10.30	Bank charges
DD		16/07/2026	Unity Trust	3.00	Fees
DD		18/07/2026	Unity Trust	2.10	Fees
BACS		28/07/2026	Salaries*	1988.40	Payroll/Pensions
DD		28/07/2026	Easy Websites	72.60	Website/Admin
SO			PVH	100.00	Rental
DD		02/05/2026	EE	45.80	Mobile Phones
BACS	073	03/07/2026	Al's Detailing	50.00	Polishing
BACS	2351	29/07/2026	Ace Shelters	3906.00	Bus Shelter
BACS	202600001175	31/07/2026	Houghtons	21.82	Equipment Fuel
BACS	37596	14/07/2026	Colin Cross	50.40	Bloom Booklets
BACS		12/08/2026	E Irvine Expenses	141.99	Water Pump
BACS		12/08/2026	Amazon	110.00	Walkie Talkies
BACS	PP4	July 2026	Temporary Lengthsman	2672.70	July Hours
BACS		July 2026	Temporary Lengthsman	436	Fuel Cost

Resolved: The Parish Council received details of the income and agreed payment of the invoices.

Councillors proposal to transfer £10,000 from Redwood Savings account actioned and awaiting transfer to hit on 16/09/2026

Bank Reconciliation to 30th July 2026

See information.

Unity Trust Bank	£20,687.32
Redwood Business Savings	£83,045.77
Hinckley & Rugby Building Society	£60,458.47

Resolved: Councillors accepted bank reconciliation and budget monitoring to 31st July 2026.

5919 VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- Chair's Report**

Cllr N Cookson suggested photo opportunity for grand opening of new bus shelter and plan reserve pots for maintenance funds and future projects.

- **Pilling in Bloom**

Councillors confirmed thank you letters to be sent to all parties for support and donations.

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

Cllr McWhirter reported that the Village Hall were still in the process of obtaining costings for extension and building their anti terrorist plan and reviewing anti social behaviour at the hall.

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

Nothing to report.

- **Pilling Community Action**

Nothing to report.

- **Our Future Coast Working Group/Wyre Flood Forum/ Water Matters in Pilling**

Cllr Whiteside advised another meeting planned for Monday the 17th August.

- **Create Homes/St Williamsgate**

No progress since last meeting. Possible discussion to be had around land on site with Wyre Borough Council.

5920 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Chairman

Date