

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th FEBRUARY, 2015 at 7.00pm

AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, TAYLORS LANE, PILLING

Present: *Councillors; G. Curwen Chairman,*
Mrs. E. Cookson,
J. Edmondson,
D. Lawrenson,
E. Moorat,
S. Morley,
Mrs. B. Schofield,
W. Whiteside
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
One resident



4193. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received for this meeting from Cllr. G. Morris and Cllr. J. Savage. In the absence of the Chairman Cllr. G. Curwen was Chairman for this meeting.

4194. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors were asked to disclose pecuniary or non pecuniary interests in matters to be discussed at this meeting.

4195. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved; The minutes of the last meeting, held on 14th January, 2015, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4196. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow the residents present to speak.

Police Report

Fuel was stolen from an office off Union Lane the following day fuel was siphoned from secured vehicles parked at the same premises. Three sets of two way radios, a camera and cash were stolen from an office building on Lancaster Road. There were no anti-social behaviour incidents reported for January 2015.

The Parish Council received Police information concerning the reporting of incidents in Wyre and police attendances at Parish Council meetings. Reporting crimes and incidents to each Town and Parish Council would severely hamper with work of the Police in the community. Whilst the Councillors appreciated local staffing levels they wished to express their concerns at a senior level.

The meeting was resumed.

4197. DEFIBRILLATOR APPEAL

Cllr. E. Moorat reported on progress. The Appeal was launched in the New Year through the Green Magazine and personal appeal letters to organisations and

businesses in Pilling, this has brought forward a number of donations plus the Buffalos are to donate a defibrillator and Mr. McCarthy at Glenfield will pay for both a defibrillator and case. Fundraisers are being held in the village at St. Johns School, the Elletsons Arms and St. John's Church. Both the defibrillators and cases will be ordered from the North West Ambulance Service.

Resolved: To order three defibrillators and cases.

1. St. Johns School, School Lane
2. Glenfield Caravan Park, Smallwood Hey Road
3. The Elletsons Arms, Lancaster Road

4198. STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL ORDERS AND APM

Standing Orders were reviewed against Councillors copies, with the inclusion of the latest update from N A L C concerning the recording of meetings. Financial Orders and APM – Annual Parish Meeting's Standing Orders were reviewed, against Councillors copies and agreed.

Resolved: Councillors accepted Standing Orders, APM Standing Orders and Financial Orders were accepted by Pilling Parish Council.

4199. ASSET REGISTER

Councillors reviewed the Asset Register against the information provided.

Resolved: Pilling Parish Council accepts the Asset Register for 2015.

4200. LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

Information on the criteria for submitting to the scheme has been circulated. Details of the new Local Council Award Scheme have been published to replace the Quality Parish Council Status. As Pilling Parish Council still carries this status the council applied for automatic transition to Foundation level, at no cost, this status will expire on 31st January, 2016 and in the meantime Councillors considered the Award Scheme as presented. Councillors considered that being no tangible beneficial evidence it would not be pursued at present, but could be reviewed in 6 months time.

Resolved: Councillors considered that the Award would bring any benefits to the Parish and would leave an application at present.

4201. REPLY FROM DAVID THOW ON PLANNING MATTERS

Councillors were supplied with the reply to planning matters enquiry made in July, 2014. The Councillors noted Mr. Thow's comments and his acknowledgement of mistakes made by Wyre Council, but still considers the whole planning process is one designed to confuse and as such it is felt necessary to share these matters with Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils to raise these problems with other Wyre Parish Councils. There are a number of discrepancies in the reply which the Parish Council has noted.

Resolved: Take up certain issues again with Mr. Thow and pass information to Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils.

4202. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were granted:

14/00898/FUL

Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling
Location: Tarn Farm, New Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

14/00911/FUL

Proposal: Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (resubmission of planning application ref 14/00657/FUL)

Location: Woodacre House, 71A Smallwood Hey Road, Pilling

14/00731/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a brick wall with 1.8 metre high columns and railings in part
Location: Westminster House, Garstang Road, Pilling

14/00802/FUL

Proposal: Siting of 27 touring caravans, erection of an amenity block, new internal access road and additional landscaping
Location: Midwood Caravan Park, Head Dyke Lane, Pilling

Planning Committee

The following planning applications will be decided on 4th February, 2015:

14/00942/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of a single dwelling including layout and access (all other matters reserved)

Location: Land at Libby Lane, Pilling

The application has been refused, due to Pilling being in a designated flood plain.

Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;**15/00001/FUL**

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling with 8 x PV panels to the southern roof elevation, erection of stables/store and all-weather riding arena, installation of sewage treatment plant and new vehicular access onto New Lane

Location: Glen Cottage, New Lane, Eagland Hill, Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification and raises the nature of the ground on site to Wyre.

15/00095/FULMAJ

Proposal: Retrospective application for the erection of 15 affordable dwellings

Location: Land at Blue Bell Close Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this retrospective application which will allow for funding for occupation for local families.

Tree Preservation Order

The TPO number 15 of 2014 for land to the rear of Bradleys Electrical, Lancaster Road has been made permanent on 5th February, 2015, following no objections received in the consultation. The trees are on the river bank and provide a public wooded amenity.

4203. FINANCE**Donation Request**

Wyre Area Road Safety Committee is requesting a donation to continue their work with Lancashire County Council Highways; it is over five year's since the last request. Councillors considered the request and noted the work the Committee has done in the Parish.

Resolved: to donate £20.00 to the continued work of the Wyre Area Road Safety Committee.

Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance meeting was held in the morning and signed off the third quarter's accounts. There is a recommendation to transfer £447, this being half the Parish Lengthsman work.

Resolved: To transfer £447 to the Reserve Account.

Payments received since the previous meeting:

1. Bank Interest to 31 st December, 2014	£ 0.31
2. Bank Interest to 31 st January, 2015	£ 0.14
3. J. Gaunt – Defibrillator	£ 50.00
4. Garden Power NW - Defibrillator	£100.00
5. Fylde Saddlery - Defibrillator	£ 50.00
6. St. Williams Church - Defibrillator	£ 50.00
7. Pilling Historical Society – Defibrillator	£ 35.00
8. Pilling Charities Dance Group - Defibrillator	£100.00
9. Mr. and Mrs. Hull – Defibrillator	£ 10.00

Resolved: Councillors accepted the following invoices for payment:

1. Clerk's salary adjustments and expenses	£ 49.38	
2. Parish Lengthsman wage and expenses	£ 60.52	
3. Prudential AVC	£250.00	Additional Voluntary Contribution
4. Catterall Parish Council	£ 19.66	phone and broadband
5. Garstang Timber and Building Supplies	£ 19.76	
6. Bell Farm – Christmas Party, 2013	£120.00	inks. Donation of £14.20
7. Bell Farm – Christmas Party, 2014	£130.00	inks. Donation of £14.28
8. Houghton's Filling Station	£ 70.01	
9. Bradley's Electrical	£ 24.63	
10. Furness building Society – Reserve Account	£447.00	Finance Committee
11. C A Traffic – SpID Repair	£247.20	
12. Wyre Area Road Safety Committee	£ 20.00	

Direct Debits

Staff costs	£1,670.00
Local Government Pension Scheme	£716.57

Transfer

Transfer from Reserve Account	£5,000.00
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4204. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**Report of the Wind Turbine Grant**

Cllr. E. Moorat reported that contact has been made by Grantscape, who are managing funding from the two wind turbines in Eagland Hill, with meetings to start in March. Cllr. Moorat will be representing Pilling with representatives from Eagland Hill, Nateby and Out Rawcliffe.

Report of the Wyre Councillor

Cllr. D. Lawrenson reported that the full council will meet on 18th February with the budget being set at the meeting on 5th March, this should remain the same.

Pilling In Bloom

Cllr. W. Whiteside reported that the four tubs from Partners, the development at Poppyfield Way will be placed at Bradshaw Land and the Village Green. Multi purpose compost will be purchased and 8 of the floral tubs will be replaced.

Report of the representative on Pilling 20 20

Cllr. G. Curwen reported that the business plan with the project's financial profile for the new hall and vital for funding submissions is being developed by local residents. The group is to meet Community Futures next week to discuss possible funding sources. A

gant chart, setting out activities to do and when is to be prepared. All the planning applications for both sites have been granted, although certain conditions have to be met. An architect is to be appointed and four have been approached who all seem to be looking at a build in the region of £750,000. The group is to meet David Thow and Garry Payne to ensure Wyre Council is aware of progress and they are still supporting the project.

Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils – Meeting held 15th January. Reply from the Chief Constable talked about a Police hybrid model, which is working in Kirkham at present and it is hoped it will be rolled out in Garstang. This should bring more Police officers to Garstang and therefore more Police presence in rural areas. Lancashire County Council - Mr. Sim Lane-Dixon

The highway works programme for the coming year has not been finalised. The amenity grass cutting contracts will be paid at the same rate as this year and further savings of £300m over the next 3 years.

Wyre Council - Garry Payne

Wyre's Government grant has reduced by 15% for next year, but this will have no effect on front line services. The Parish Charter will be rolled in with the engagement review being carried out in Wyre. Wyre will stop sending hard copies of planning applications from January, but this will be reviewed in 6 months.

Police - Sergeant Danielle Freaney

Expanded on the Hybrid Model, where Police officers would take control of ALL crimes and incidents rather than referring them to specialist departments. Officers reduced by 1,250, that is one third in the past few years and Garstang offers one sergeant, two Police Officers and one PCSO to cover the Over Wyre area. She urged members of the public to complain if the action by an officer with not up to acceptable standards.

4205. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS

Moles on the Village Green

The problem has been reported to Wyre Council, who are not to eradicate the problem, but will level the soil. Unfortunately this means there is no grass for the children to play on as the area has been decimated by the moles. The Parish Council will inform Wyre Council that should they not act on this problem then the Parish Council will and re-charge it back to Wyre.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Chairman

Date