

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY

09th September 2026 AT 7.30pm



Present:

Pilling Parish Councillors;

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

5921 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- *Apologies were received from Cllr L Stanger, Cllr McWhirter, Cllr A Leigh, Cllr L Kiersey, Cllr Matthew Salter and PCSO Creighton.*

5922 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

5923 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2026 having been circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5924 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Members of the public present to raise points of interest in connection with planning and proposed Garstang road footpath.

5925 CLERK'S REPORT

- Clerk reported on progress on role course and pay adjustment made for new NALC increase and additional hours for course completion.

5926 REVIEW OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Application Number 26/00669/FUL concerns raised around future development
- Application Number 26/00677/FUL No Objections
- Application Number 26/00682/FUL Two concerns raised and addressed
- Application Number 26/00710/FUL No Objections
- Application Number 26/00182/FUL No Objections suggestion of Agricultural tie raised

Resolved: All updates posted to the Wyre planning website with points raised

5927 REVIEW OF EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

- Councillors read the findings from external auditors report findings agreed.

Resolved: Clerk to publish notice and certificate before the 30th September to the website.

5928 REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

- Councillors agreed new policy for notice boards.

Resolved: Policy read and agreed and now requires publishing to website by the clerk.

5929 REVIEW PROGRESS OF WAR MEMORIAL GRANT

- Councillors approved next stage now pre application approved.

Resolved: Clerk to move to the next stage of main application for grant.

5930 REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Cllr.Savage updated on progress of money allocation system and to arrange meeting to support clerk in preparing for next Audit.

Resolved: Clerk to arrange meeting to collate data required by external auditor.

5931 THE REVIEW LAND REGISTRY PAPERWORK

- Councillors agreed instruction paperwork sent, and the next steps required in the process.

Resolved: Clerk to return signed paperwork

5932 REVIEW FROM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- Councillors ratified letters of termination to current lengths-man and offer of employment to new Lengths-man. Meeting to be held on the 16th September to finalise terms of employment.

Resolved: Clerk to arrange next personnel meeting and meeting with new Length-man.

5933 ONGOING PROGRESS REVIEW OF MULTIPLE LCC ISSUES.

- Items put on hold as Cllr.M.Salter has arranged a meeting to discuss concerns in person, proposed for the 16th September 2026.

Resolved: Clerk to draw up Agenda and confirm time.

5934 PROPOSAL TO IMPROVE WIFI/PHONE SERVICE IN AREA

- Cllr.Curwen updated location suggestion now put forward for a new mast.

Resolved: Parish clerk to contact Cat Smith with location information as she is supporting this improvement.

5935 FINANCE

Income:

Pilling Village Hall	£ 340.00	Monthly Loan Repayment
Lancashire County Council	£ 786.00	Public Realm Work Payment
Wyre Borough Council	£ 705.00	Pilling In Bloom Reimbursement

Invoices for payment:

Payment Type	Inv No	Date	Payee	Amount £	Reason
BACS		August 2026	HMRC	£1154.36	PAYE/ NI
DD		31/08/2026	Unity Trust	10.30	Bank charges
DD		16/08/2026	Unity Trust	3.00	Fees
DD		18/08/2026	Unity Trust	2.10	Fees
BACS		28/08/2026	Salaries*	2277.77	Aug Payroll/Pensions
DD		01/08/2026	Easy Websites	72.60	Website/Admin
SO			PVH	100.00	Rental
DD		02/08/2026	EE	45.80	Mobile Phones
BACS	1000336735	26/08/2026	De-Fib Shop	87.54	Fold House De-Fib (to be re-invoiced)
BACS	INV-14	19/08/2026	EC Data	1200.00	Clerk Laptop
BACS	SB20260940	24/08/2026	PKF	378.00	Remit External Auditor
BACS	PP5	28/08/2026	Temp Lengthsman	2344.28	Hours fr August
BACS		28/08/2026	Fuel	180.40	August Fuel Cost
BACS	202600001347	12/08/2026	Houghtons	25.50	Equipment Fuel
BACS		01/09/2026	Amazon	7.78	A4 paper for Clerk expenses

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

Transfer of £10,000 from Redwood Savings account actioned and awaiting transfer to hit on 22/09/2026

Bank Reconciliation to 31st August 2026 See information.

Unity Trust Bank	£9650.82
Redwood Business Savings	£73,045.77
Hinckley & Rugby Building Society	£60,458.47

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

5936 VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- **Chair's Report**

Cllr N Cookson updated matter now closed from previous Clerk.

- **Pilling in Bloom**

Clerk updated invoices now submitted for reimbursement for In Bloom entry fee.

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

Cllr McWhirter not present but had advised plans at costing stage.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Cllr Whiteside reported from new gates being fitted issue with silt build up which is being resolved.

- **Create Homes/St Williamsgate**

Cllr Ponton updated residents issuing formal complaints on the situation now and the possibility of insolvency.

5937 any other business

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

Chairman

Date