

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY
12th March 2025 at 7pm**



Present:

Pilling Parish Councillors:

*Neil Cookson, Chairman
Graham Curwen, Vice Chairman,
Elizabeth Cookson,
Judy Judkins
Steve Phillipotts,
Alf Whiteside,
Dave Ponton
Paul McWhirter
Julia Brewer, Clerk to the Parish Council
LCC Councillor Matthew Salter
Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh
Residents*

In attendance:

5591. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr John Savage and Cllr Sarah Collinge.

5592 DECLARATION ON INTERESTS

Cllr. G. Curwen, Cllr. P. McWhirter and Cllr. J. Savage declared their interests as members of Pilling Village Hall Committee.

5593. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2025 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5594. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Planning application : 25/00092/FUL Rushside Stables

Representation was made by residents to the Parish Council regarding the above planning application. It was agreed that, although the Parish Council had already raised objections, they would pass on the concerns of the residents.

Wyre Cllr Adam Leigh

- **Speeding: Carr Lane**

Cllr Leigh reported that he had received several complaints regarding speeding on Carr Lane and that he had instigated some speed checks and was also looking into obtaining speed cameras.

- **Planning Issues**

Cllr Leigh reported that he was dealing with several planning enforcement issues. Cllr Curwen drew attention to the current situation at Mill Bridge, Dameside, and the general untidiness of the site and whether it was possible to do anything about this..

Lancashire County Council Cllr Matthew Salter

- **Local Government Reform**

Cllr Salter informed the meeting that at a recent meeting Angela Rayner had indicated that there would be a Mayor in position within Lancashire in 2026.

- **Highways**

Cllr Salter advised that the Highways Capital programme had been published and that Bradshaw Lane in Pilling was included for resurfacing.

Parish Councillors expressed their consternation at this considering the amount of traffic and the condition of the road compared to that of Smallwood Hey and questioned the criteria for making this a priority.

Resolved: Pilling Parish Council to write to Lancashire County Council regarding the decision to resurface Bradshaw Lane.

In response to this, Cllr Salter emphasised that residents needed to keep reporting pot holes using the 'lovecleanstreets' app on the Lancashire County Council website as this data would be used to inform decisions regarding priorities for Lancashire County Council Highways.

Cllr E Cookson also highlighted the recent roadworks on the A588 Lancaster Road, and that there had not been any notification to residents in advance of the road works, despite the response from Lancashire County Council indicating there had been a mail drop.

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

5595. CLERK'S REPORT

Resolved: The Clerk's Report was received.

5596. PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

No policies were discussed.

5597. LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SAFE TRADER SCHEME

Information on the Lancashire County Council Safe Trader Scheme had been circulated.

Resolved: to include details of the scheme in the next Parish Newsletter.

5598. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Parish Clerk had circulated the revised agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting and suggested that a notice of meeting was placed in the next Focus magazine to more widely publicise the event.

Resolved: The Parish Council agreed the finalised agenda and agreed to the place a Notice of Meeting in the Focus Magazine at a cost of £60.

5599. RESPONSE FROM WYRE COUNCIL REGARDING MEETING WITH CREATE HOMES

The response from Rob Clewes, Principal Planning Officer, was considered and although the Parish Council acknowledged and appreciated the position of Wyre with regard to the situation with Create Homes, it was generally considered that there was a lack of response to the Parish Council's requests to meet with Planning regarding planning and enforcement.

Resolved: It was agreed that Wyre Cllr Adam Leigh would approach the Head of Planning regarding arranging a meeting with himself and a member of the Parish Council.

5600. LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT: INTERNAL AUDIT

A letter of engagement had been received from the Internal Auditor setting out the services and requirements of the internal audit and fee cost of £250.00 for the Council to consider.

Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to the terms of the engagement and the fee of £250.00 as outlined in the letter of engagement.

5601. PARISH NEWSLETTER: SCHOOLS COMPETITION

The Council considered the proposal for a competition for children from the two primary schools in Pilling to design the cover for the Parish Newsletters produced in Spring and Autumn.

Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to the proposal for the schools competition and to the award of a £20 book token to the children who were successful in having their designs chosen.

5602. DISPOSAL OF MANUAL LAWNMOWER

Further to the acquisition of a new manual lawnmower for the Parish Lengthsman, the Clerk enquired whether the old lawnmower could be disposed of under the Assets and Disposals Policy.

Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to consult with the Parish Lengthsman regarding the disposal of the old lawnmower.

5603. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The following planning applications were considered:

Application Number: 25/00128/FUL

Proposal: Proposed garage with first floor bedroom, following the demolition of existing garage

Location: The Windmill Taylors Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire

Resolved: The Parish Council objected to this proposal due to the proposed increase in size and installation of windows which were not necessary for a Garage.

Application Number: 25/00140/FUL

Proposal: Proposed installation of Air Source Heat Pump to rear elevation

Location: Rushmere Wheel Lane Pilling Preston Lancashire

Resolved: The Parish Council have no objections to this proposal.

5604. FINANCE

Income:

St. John's Church	£ 25.00	Grounds Maintenance
Pilling Village Hall	£ 340.00	Monthly Loan Repayment
Lancashire County Council	£ 637.00	Amenity Grass Cutting

Councillors are asked to resolve the following **Payments**:

Payee		Reason
HMRC	£ 746.88	PAYE/NI
Houghtons Filling Station	£ 107.68	Diesel
C&C Supplies	£ 24.48	Parish Maintenance
C&C Supplies	£ 72.81	
C&C Supplies	£ 17.34	
Wyre Building Supplies	£ 259.60	Parish Maintenance
Wyre Building Supplies (Credit)	£-126.06	
Wyre Building Supplies	£ 232.49	
Wyre Building Supplies	£ 17.00	
Wyre Building Supplies	£ 343.89	
Wyre Building Supplies	£ 5.40	Defibrillator
Imperative Training Ltd	£1194.00	
Screwfix	£ 140.00	Circular Saw (Parish Maintenance)
Colin Cross Printers	£ 108.00	Pop-Up Banner
Village Hall	£ 35.00	Room Booking (Community Action)
DFX Systems	£ 60.00	Digital Drop-In (Community Action)
Glasdon UK Ltd	£ 204.19	Litter Bin
Cornthwaite Group	£ 774.00	Stihl Lawn Mower (Parish Maintenance)
	£4181.70	

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

1. Staff costs for February*	£ 4462.15
2. Easy-Web-Sites	£ 66.00
3. Pilling Village Hall rental	£100.00
4. Towers and Gornall	£ 68.40
5. EE	£ 40.56

**inclusive of PAYE/NIC contributions.*

Bank Reconciliation to 28th February 2025

See information.

Unity Trust Bank £ 16,153.87

Furness Building Society £ 84,488.51

Resolved: Councillors accepted bank reconciliation and budget monitoring to 28th February 2025.

5605. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- **Chairman's Report**
Cllr Neil Cookson reported that he and Cllr Whitside had gone to the Winmarleigh Moss Open Day which was very informative.
- **VE Day Celebrations**
Cllr E Cookson informed the meeting that the menu for the event would be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Pilling in Bloom/Pilling Community Action**
Cllr Judkins reported that there were 3 more digital drop-in sessions planned and enquired whether it would be possible for the Parish Council to consider whether it would continue to run the sessions after this time.
- **Pilling Village Hall**
Cllr McWhirter reported that work would be starting on the improvements to the childrens play facilities in the forthcoming week.
- **Our Future Coast Working Group/Flooding Issues**
Cllr Whiteside reported that he had gone on a trip to Southport to view the a similar scheme.
- **Create Homes/St Williamsgate**
Cllr Ponton referred to the response from Rob Clewes, Wyre Council, to the letter requesting a meeting together with the subsequent lack of response from Create Homes.

Bearing this in mind and considering that Wyre Planning were also not receiving any response to correspondence with Create, Cllr Ponton suggested that the Parish Council write to Create Homes regarding the 'stand off' position and attempt to act as a mediator between the two parties.

5606 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.21pm.

Chairman

Date