

PILLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PILLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY
11^h September 2024 at 7pm**



Present:

Pilling Parish Councillors;

*Neil Cookson, Chairman
Graham Curwen, Vice Chairman,
Elizabeth Cookson,
Steve Phillpotts,
John Savage,
Paul McWhirter,
Alf Whiteside,
Sarah Collinge
Julia Brewer, Clerk to the Parish Council*

In attendance:

*Cllr Adam Leigh (Wyre)
PCSO Beth Kirkpatrick
Dave Ponton*

5486. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr J Judkins.

5487. DECLARATION ON INTERESTS

Councillors declared 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.

5488. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2024 having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5489. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

PCSO Beth Kirkpatrick

PCSO Kirkpatrick reported that they were hopefully going to be starting a drink driving campaign once the new Sergeant at Garstang had started and would be actively targeting local roads in the area.

In response to an enquiry from Cllr N Cookson regarding a break-in at agricultural premises on Skitham Lane, she confirmed that she was not aware of this. It was generally agreed that it had probably not been reported but that farmers needed to be encouraged to report thefts within the area so that others could be alerted.

PCSO Kirkpatrick was thanked for her attendance.

Wyre Councillor Adam Leigh

- Create Homes – Cllr A Leigh reported that, despite assurances from Create Homes, the contractor was still awaiting payment so that he could complete the work, but that Create Homes had stated that this was because their Finance Director was currently on holiday.
Cllr A Leigh would monitor the situation and report back to the next meeting.
- Glenfield – Cllr A Leigh reported that the removal of the condition had been rejected.
- Chemical Waste – Amenities Area- In response to enquiry from Cllr A Leigh, Cllr N Cookson confirmed that there had not been a specific report of someone being seen disposing of their chemical waste, and that this was more of an issue for Fluke Hall which was in the parish of Preesall.
- Wheel Lane Flooding – Cllr A Leigh reported that he had chased up with Lancashire County Council regarding the digging out of the dyke.
- Local Plan – Cllr A Leigh referred to the consultation on the Local Plan which specified that 6000 more homes were required than originally forecast but that, currently, there were no plans for increases in houses in Pilling.
He highlighted the need for individuals to use the consultation period to make their comments and will keep the Parish Council updated.

Cllr G Curwen, on behalf of the rest of the Council, thanked Cllr A Leigh for his attendance and his proactivity in response to issues raised by the Parish Council.

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

5490. CLERK'S REPORT

Further to the report that had been circulated, the Parish Clerk updated the meeting with respect to the Scribe Accounts package and informed them that she had decided not to proceed with the subscription until after she has completed the first AGAR. This was in order that she could make an informed decision, at which time she would report back to the Council.

Resolved: The Clerk's Report was noted.

5491. CO-OPTION TO OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

A resume from Dave Ponton had been circulated with the agenda and it was noted that he had been invited to attend as an observer at the meeting.

As it was noted that previous applicants to the parish council had been interviewed it was Cllr N Cookson proposed that the Personnel committee should conduct an interview before appointing.

Resolved: Personnel Committee to conduct an interview with Dave Ponton for the position of Parish Councillor.

5492. COMMISSIONERS COMMUNITY FUND

Cllr N Cookson highlighted the possibility of grant funding of £5K which could be obtained from the Commissioners Community Fund for initiatives to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour amongst young people.

Resolved: Councillors to give some thought to proposals under the scheme for which a grant could be applied for.

5493 PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

Revised policies for Public Attendance, Recording at Parish Council meetings and Publication Scheme had been circulated.

Resolved: To adopt the updated policies for Public Attendance, Recording at Parish Council meetings; and the Publication Scheme.

5494 REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE

The notes of the Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday 4 September were received and the following response to planning applications noted:

Application Number: 24/00657/PIP

The Committee had no objections in principle, subject to the replacement dwelling building being in keeping with the architectural style and open and rural aspect of the area, together with the requirement to stay within the 35% increase in footprint.

Application Number: 24/00681/FUL

The Committee had no objections to the proposal.

Application Number: 24/00669/FUL

The Committee had no objections to this proposal.

Application Number: 24/00693/FUL

The Committee had no objection in principle to this proposal subject to the increase in size to be within the agreed 35% of the existing footprint.

Application Number: 24/00635/FUL

It was noted that this application had been done in retrospect however the Committee had no objections to this proposal.

Application Number: 24/00715/LAWE

The Committee had no comments on this application.

Resolved: To adopt the recommendations of the Planning Committee.

5495 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER DATE OF PLANNING COMMITTEE**For consultation:****Application Number: 24/00734/FUL**

Proposal: Detached house and swimming pool pursuant to variation of condition 8 (future development permission) on planning permission 05/01334/FUL

Location: Plot 4 Land Adjacent Shangri-La Garstang Road Pilling

Resolved: The Parish Council opposes the withdrawal of condition 8 and seeks neighbourhood consultation.

Notification of appeal:**Application Number: 24/00082/FUL**

Appeal Reference: APP/U2370/D/24/3348684

Location: Eagland Hill Farm New Lane Eagland Hill Pilling Preston

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension and new front porch

Resolved: The Parish Council has no comment.

5496 FINANCE**Income:**

1. St. John's Church	£ 25.00	Grounds Maintenance
2. Pilling Village Hall	£ 340.00	Monthly Loan Repayment
3. Pilling Village Hall	£3600.00	Loan Repayment

Resolved: The Council resolved to make the following payments:

Payee		Reason
J. Brewer	£ 148.10	Expenses (ILCA Training Course)/Postage Costs
Mrs. J. Judkins	£ 165.00	Pilling Community Action
C and C Supplies	£ 23.16	Tarmac (2 x invoices)
Wyre Building Supplies	£ 49.90	Pilling in Bloom
Houghtons Filling Station	£ 169.36	Diesel/Pilling Bloom (July)
Houghtons Filling Station	£ 126.01	Diesel (August)
Mrs E Roodhouse	£ 1.00	Ground rent for public seat, Smallwood Hey
LALC	£ 40.00	Training for Clerk re Planning
Viking	£ 61.67	Printer Ink Cartridges
	£ 784.20	

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

1. Staff costs for August	£	4265.24
2. Easy-Web-Sites	£	30.36
3. Pilling Village Hall rental		£100.00
4. Towers and Gornall		£ 68.40

Bank Reconciliation to 31st August 2024**See information.**

Unity Trust Bank £ 31243.07

Furness Building Society £109488.51

Resolved: Councillors accepted bank reconciliation and Budget Monitoring to 31st August 2024.

5497 VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- **Chairman's Report**

Cllr Cookson reported that United Utilities had cleared the blockage causing flooding at Smallwood Hey.

- **Afternoon Tea VE Day**

Nothing to report.

- **Pilling in Bloom**

Cllr S Phillpotts reported that following an issue with a resident at No 3 Carr Close, it had been decided to remove the galvanised troughs as they were too shallow. It was also noted that there were problems in the area regarding residents parking on the road and not in the car park.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter to Regenda regarding the issue of parking and the abuse received by the Parish Lengthsman.

- **Pilling Community Action**

Cllr. N Cookson reported on behalf of Cllr J Judkins and informed the meeting that the walks had now completed for this year and had been a success.

- **Our Future Coast Working Group**

Cllr S Phillpotts and Cllr A Whiteside updated the meeting on the progress to date, both with the Environment Agency and Our Future Coast.

A meeting was being planned to be held on 6 November with all the farmers in the area regarding the proposed schemes and the move to form a group to manage this going forward.

5498 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Cllr N Cookson reported that he had received a card of thanks from Gillian Benson, retiring Clerk.
- It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Pilling Pottery along with a donation from the councillors to a charity of choice in thanks for the time spent on making the vase presented to Gillian.
- Broadfleet Bridge – noted that there were trees growing out of the bridge and also at Stakepool which needed removing, Clerk to report issue to Lancashire County Council.
- Golden Ball – it was noted that building work had commenced on the Golden Ball.
- Jimmy Jenkinson – Cllr G Curwen reported that Jimmy Jenkinson had died and it was agreed that a card should be sent from the Parish Council as he had been a parish councillor for Pilling.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.04 pm.

Chairman

Date