

## **Wyre Piddle Parish Council**

### **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on 28th July, 2011 In the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle**

*Meeting commenced: 7.30 pm. Meeting ended: 8.15 pm.*

**Present:** Cllrs S Turner (Chairman) C Turner, M Wilkins, J Wilkins, Cllr G Smout, J Parsons

**In attendance:** D M Taverner (Parish Clerk)

**1/07/11 Apologies for absence:** None were recorded.

**2/07/11 Declarations of Interest for a) the Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality:** No changes were recorded.

**3/07/11 Report of District and County Councillor.**

Cllr Tucker advised the meeting that the Crown House developments planning application was unlikely to be considered by the District Council Planning Committee until September.

The County Council were still looking for budget savings and it was most regrettable that these included likely cuts in the budget for people with learning disabilities.

The County Council is aware of the dangers being caused by the spate of thefts of manhole and drain covers throughout the County. Parishes were asked to be vigilant and report any incidents of note to the Worcestershire Hub.

**4/07/11 Report of Local Community Police Officer.**

The Clerk advised that CPO Rod Gurney and CPO Simon Hall had tendered their apologies for being unable to attend the meeting, but had informed the Clerk that they would present an update on parochial policing matters at the PACT meeting scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Smout and the Clerk would be representing the Council at that meeting.

**5/07/11 Closure of the Meeting to allow Parishioners Present to Speak on any Matter on the Agenda. The maximum time allowed per individual and other parochial matters for discussion to be at the discretion of the chairman. Questions which required a particular response to be submitted in writing.**

Following questions from a resident the Clerk advised that he had asked the Council's Outdoor contractors to undertake work to trim bushes and foliage surrounding the play area in Poplar Avenue. Pollarding of the Willow trees in Poplar Avenue would also be undertaken.

Further reports had been sent in to the County Council regarding defects with roads and pavements throughout the Village – a response from the County Council was awaited.

Questions were again raised concerning the ongoing problems caused by dog fouling throughout the Village and especially in Smiths Meadow. The Clerk advised that this matter was listed separately as an item on the agenda and would be dealt with at that point in the meeting.

Mr Barry Morris asked if he could clear an area on the riverside bank in Smiths Meadow to enable easier access for anglers to the river. This was agreed by Councillors and thanks were extended to Mr Morris for his efforts in this regard.

**6/07/11 Minutes of Parish Council meeting 23 March, 2011**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 March, 2011 had been previously circulated for approval by Members. No amendments were necessary and after being put to the vote it was resolved that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**7/07/11 Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising from the approved minutes

## **8/07/11 Planning**

### **(a) To consider applications refereed by Wychavon District Council for comment**

#### **Ref W 11/0989**

#### **Land adj Wyre Piddle Pumping Station – a reserved matters application for the erection of two dwellings**

The Clerk advised that this application had been subsequently withdrawn by the applicant

#### **Ref W 11/00988**

#### **Outline application for 5 hectares of employment land with some matters reserved for B1, B2 & B8 use. New access for pedestrians & cycles; car & cycle parking; sustainable drainage measures including storage pond for surface water attenuation; provision of utilities infrastructure & all ancillary enabling works**

A detailed response to this application had now been submitted to the District Council by the working group. The final report had been posted on the Parish Council website and thanks were extended to Carrie Oakley, Richard- Murray Peters, Eleanor Creed Miles, Dev Naraine, Malcolm Haden and Mike Martin for their excellent efforts in formulating the response.

## **9/07/11 Environmental matters – Dog fouling throughout the Parish.**

Several complaints had been received from residents regarding the ongoing issue of dog fouling throughout the Village and especially in Smiths Meadow.

Additional signage had been erected to remind dog owners of their responsibility for clearing dog mess. The Clerk advised that he had been in contact with the District Council's Environmental Crime officer and he had prosecutions would be undertaken against dog owners where it could be clearly proven that they had not complied with the laws surrounding this issue.

## **10/7/11 Parish Games and Community Events**

Carrie Oakley advised that Village Teams had recently participated in the Bell Boating and 5 a side football events. The draw was about to take place for the pool competition. The Cross country and rounders events were now due to be held in early September.

Cllr C turner gave an update on the very successful Village Fete that had taken place on 25<sup>th</sup> June. The event had generated substantial funds which would be used to support local clubs and organisations in the Village.

Two picnic benches, jointly funded by the Joined up events Committee and the Parish Council had been purchased for Smiths Meadow.

## 11/07/11 Finance

The Clerk presented the following invoices for approval for payment:-

Cheque	Payee	Description	Amount
			£
900991	G Robinson	Lengthsman Work	229.24
900992	Wychavon DC	Litter Bins	1,759.50
900993	Cheque Cancelled		-
900995	New Farm Grounds Mtce	Grass Cutting June/ July	516.50
900996	Marmax Ltd	Benches Smiths Meadow	936.00

## 12/07/11 Maintenance of open spaces

**Lengthsman Scheme** – ongoing works had been undertaken by the Lengthsman in agreement with the Clerk and the County Council. The most recent invoice had been presented to the County Council for reimbursement. Further works were being undertaken to cut back overgrowth from ditches in Mill Lane.

Attention needed to be paid to the culvert in George Lane which had become blocked. The Clerk was asked to contact the District Council to ask for culvert gate to be unlocked so that remedial works could be undertaken.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm

Approved .....

S Turner  
Chairman

29 September, 2011