

Wyre Piddle Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on 29th September, 2011 In the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle

Meeting commenced: 7.30 pm. Meeting ended: 8.25 pm.

Present: Cllrs S Turner (Chairman) C Turner, M Wilkins, J Wilkins, G Smout, R Merchant

In attendance: D M Taverner (Parish Clerk)

1/09/11 Apologies for absence: Cllr J Parsons.

2/09/11 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.

3/09/11 Report of District and County Councillor.

Cllr Tucker reported that the County Highways team had raised concerns in respect of the Crown House Developments planning application. It was likely that the company would need to submit a revised application which was unlikely to be considered by the District Council Planning Committee until late November at the earliest.

Both the District and County Council were in the process of revising their medium term money plans and were looking for further savings in their budgets. Cllr Tucker reminded the meeting that the Government had asked all first and second tier Councils to maintain a zero increase for their 2012/13 Council Tax precepts.

4/09/11 Report of Local Community Police Officer.

The Clerk gave a resume of the PACT meeting which had taken place on 13th September

Members attending the meeting had included:- Peter Jesson (Chairman), Liz Tucker, Geoffrey Day, David Snell, David Taverner, Brian Price, Susan Price, CSO Rod Gurney and CSO Simon Hall,

The two CSO's had explained the changes to the panel area. P.C. Shortell covers Evesham Town South and Evesham Rural West of which Pinvin ward is part. CSO Hall has been moved from Evesham Rural West to the Evesham Town South team

Mobile Police Station visits throughout local villages during late September had been arranged.

The recorded crime figures for July and June (A total of 36 in the panel area) were given to the meeting. Concern was expressed about the high figures for July and there was particular concern at

the high figures for Pinvin and Lower Moor which together took 81% of the figures for July and 87% for June.

There had been some discussion on the subject of Vehicle Activated Speed Signs and the Clerk advised that he would be representing Wyre Piddle on the working group that was being established to look at the possibility of buying such a sign on a shared basis with neighbouring parishes. they do make a very noticeable difference. A one day trial of the sign in Wyre Piddle had shown there to be a noticeable difference in terms of the speed of vehicles passing it down Wyre Hill.

Om gong concerns persist with the traffic lights on the Eastern Bridge and speeding vehicles through the Village. It was also mentioned that parked cars blocking pavements was still a problem in Wyre Piddle.

5/09/11 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.

In response to questions regarding the hedgerow on the Marina side of Smiths meadow the Clerk advised that he would be seeking quotations for new hedgerow planting which would hopefully screen off the Marina to the Meadow. It was agreed that an area of the river bank could be cut back to allow easier access for fishermen. Two new benches had been ordered for the Meadow and were due to be fitted.

Further reports had been sent in to the County Council regarding defects with roads and pavements throughout the Village but it was disappointing that there did not seem to be a coordinated response to these reports by the County Council and works were being undertaken very much on a piece meal basis.

6/09/11 Minutes of Parish Council meeting 28th July, 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th July, 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.

7/09/11 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the approved minutes

8/09/11 Planning

(a) To consider applications referred by Wychavon District Council for comment

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

The Chairman extended grateful thanks of behalf of the Parish Council to the planning working group team comprising Carrie Oakley, Richard- Murray Peters, Eleanor Creed Miles, Dev Naraine, Malcolm Haden and Mike Martin, for all of their hard work in formulating the response to this application which had now been sent to the District Council.

The Clerk advised that the County Council's Highway officers had raised objections to the application and it was likely that significant revisions would need to be made by the applicants prior to the consideration of the plans by the District Council.

9/09/11 South West Worcestershire Development Plan. (SWDP)

The SWDP was now out to consultation on the "preferred options" for development throughout the County. The consultation period runs from 26th September until 18th November.

The same team of residents that had been involved with the response to the Crown House Developments application had also volunteered to draw up a response to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council. It was agreed that any response should be circulated to Parish Council Members for their consideration prior to its submission.

10/9/11 Poplar Avenue play area

It was agreed that the Clerk should research the possibility of securing grant funding to help to update and modernise the play equipment at the Poplar Avenue site. A further report on this subject would be made to a future meeting of the Council.

11/9/11 Community Events and Parish Games

Carrie Oakley advised that Village teams were performing strongly in the miens darts, dominoes, pool and skittles events. The final event was due to take place on 1st October and the Parish was in the running to win some silverware. The Chairman thanked Carrie for all of her efforts in co-ordinating the various entries to the events on behalf of the Parish.

The Clerk advised that the Remembrance Sunday service would be taking place at the War Memorial at 11am on Sunday 13th November.

12/09/11 Finance

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

Cheque	Payee	Description	Amount
			£
900998	G Robinson	Lengthsman Work	170.87
900999	HMRC	PAYE Tax and Nat Ins	168.40
901000	Cheque Cancelled		-
901001	D Taverner	Clerks Salary and office exps August/ September	529.28

13/09/11 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 the hedgerow in various locations

Smiths Meadow- new benches had arrived and were due to be fitted.

Maintenance of roadways and pavements – various works needed had been reported to the County Council and responses were awaited.

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

Approved *Steve Turner*.....

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Chairman

24 November, 2011