

Wyre Piddle Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on 26th January, 2012 In the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle

Meeting commenced: 7.30 pm. Meeting ended: 8.35 pm.

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

In attendance: D M Taverner (Parish Clerk) and County Cllr Mrs L Tucker

1/1/12 Apologies for absence: Cllrs G Smout and J Parsons.

2/1/12 Declarations of Interest for a) the Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality: No changes needed to be recorded.

3/1/12 Report of District and County Councillor.

Cllr Tucker reported that Crown House developments application was likely to be considered by the District Council's planning Committee at their March meeting in early March.

Cllr Tucker advised that the medium term budget reductions which needed to be made to the County Council's budget were now some £20 million higher than had been originally anticipated. The total savings required would total approximately £90 million over the next four years.

It was likely that both the County and District Council Tax precepts would be frozen at 2011 levels

The County highways team were continuing to look at the possibility of fitting vehicle barriers to the Eastern Bridge and Cllr Tucker would be asking for further updates as to progress on the scheme.

4/1/12 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.

Mr Kenneth Hassall the new landlord of the Anchor Hotel introduced himself to the meeting. In response to a question from Mr Hassall the Clerk provided details of the application process to be followed in respect of discretionary rural rate relief. The Council would adjudicate on any such application as and when it was received.

5/1/12 Minutes of Parish Council meeting 24th November, 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th November, 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 of that meeting.

6/1/12 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the approved minutes

7/11/11 Planning matters

(a) Decision notices received from Wychavon District Council

Ref W 11/02639 Land Adjacent, Peace Avon, Main Road, Wyre Piddle

Extension of time application for permission W/08/02425/PN for two detached houses with associated parking & landscape works

Application approved

Ref W 11/02534 Little Nook, Chapel Lane

Removal of planning condition to allow the annexe at the property to be used for residential or holiday accommodation

Application refused

Ref W/11/02135/CU – Simms and Woods Ltd

Siting of 40 caravans for seasonal workers accommodation, including winter storage and associated development (Hill and Moor Parish)

Application refused

(b) Current applications

Ref W/11/0998 - Crown House Developments - Outline application for 5 hectares of employment land with some matters reserved for B1, B2 & B8 use. Land adjacent to, Wyre Road, Pershore.

The Parish Council's planning working group had now submitted a detailed response to the District Council's consultation on the application. Full details of the response sent had been published on the Parish Council's website

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 compiling such a thorough and detailed response to the application. The Clerk advised that the application was likely to be considered by the District Council at its March meeting.

8/1/11 Community Events and Parish Games

Cllr C Turner drew attention to the following forthcoming community events that were being staged in the Village by the joined up events team:

Monday 9th April 2012 (Easter Monday) 2.30pm
Easter Bonnet Parade in the Village

The Big P event on Saturday 26th May 2012 or Saturday 2nd June-
further details to follow

Saturday 30th June 2012 from 2.30pm -5.00pm
Village Fete in Smith's Meadow and Cream Tea Garden

Sunday 19th August 2012
Flower Show at the Village Hall

9/1/11 Grass Cutting Contract for 2012/13- 2015/16

Members agreed to invite the following local contractors to tender for the Parish grass cutting contract for the three year period from 2012/13 to 2015/16. The contract would be based on twelve cuts being made in the year on a "cut and collect" basis for:-

Smiths Meadow
The Village Green
The Poplar Avenue Estate
Avon Green

Tender bids would be invited from

Smart Cut Ltd
New Farms Grounds Maintenance (Current contractor)
Mervin Merchant

Tender bids were due to be returned by no later than Friday 16th March so that they could be considered by members prior to the new contract being let at the Council meeting scheduled for Thursday 29th March

10/1/11 Finance

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

901011 D Taverner	Clerks Salary and office exps	559.12
901012 N power	Street Lighting - December Qtr	141.01
901013 Wychavon District Council	Elections Administration	25.00
901014 G Robinson	Lengthsman work December	122.71

11/1/11 Maintenance of open spaces

Lengthsman Scheme – further 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.

Smiths Meadow- a general tidy up of inter debris in Smiths Meadow had now been undertaken by the Council's outdoor contractors. New hedging had also now been laid to help to bolster growth around the boundary to the Meadow.

Maintenance of roadways and pavements – the Clerk had been in contact with Roy Fullee Divisional Engineer at the County Council to ask when works to reported defects to blocked drains and the road and pavement surfaces throughout the Parish would be undertaken.

12/1/11 Council Member resignations

Cllr Martyn Wilkins gave notice of his resignation from the Parish Council with immediate effect

Cllr Steve Turner gave notice of his intention to resign his position on the Parish Council, and that of Chairman of the Council, effective following the Council meeting scheduled for 29th March.

The Clerk advised that he would inform the District Council of the two resignations so that the Council member vacancies could be advertised.

A new Chairman of the Council would need to be elected at the Council's Annual General Meeting now scheduled for Wednesday 23rd May

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm

Approved S Turner - Chairman - 29th March, 2012