

Wyre Piddle Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on 29th March, 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, G Smout

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

1/29/3 Apologies for absence: Cllr J Parsons.

2/29/3 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.

3/29/3 Report of District and County Councillor.

Cllr Tucker reported that work on the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) was continuing and the next phase of work would be the consideration of the consultation responses made to the preferred option sites which had been included in the draft plan.

There was now a new national planning policy document on the provision of travellers' sites and this policy would be built into the emerging SWDP

A new Head of Planning at Wychavon - Giorgio Framallicco- had been appointed and was due to take up his post on 1st April

Cllr Tucker advised that Peter Jesson had resigned as the Chairman of PACT and a new Chairman was now being sought.

The County Councils medium term target budget reductions 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.

Both the County and District Council Tax precepts had been frozen at their 2011 levels

The County highways team were continuing to look at the possibility of fitting vehicle barriers to the Eastern Bridge. The Clerk reported that Jonathan Fraser -Customer & Community Manager at the County Council- would be invited to the next meeting of the Council to present further information on the suggested scheme

4/29/3 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 Eastern Bridge the Clerk advised that he had reported damage to the cameras and warning signage to the County Council

Further reports had been sent in to the County Council regarding defects with roads and pavements throughout the Village. The Clerk advised that he had also requested the County Council to jet and unblock all road drains in the Village.

A resident asked whether the Village had considered exerting the Best kept Village Competition and the Clerk was asked to obtain further information regarding the competition with a view to an entry being made in 2013

5/29/3 Minutes of Parish Council meeting 26th January, 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th January, 2012 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.

6/29/3 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the approved minutes

7/29/3 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

Queens Jubilee - Following discussion it was agreed that the Council should purchase some presentation Jubilee Mug and coaster sets which would be presented to Primary School age Children at the Village Fete. 80 sets were to be ordered at an estimated cost of £450 funded from the Council's Section 137 Community budget head.

8/29/3 Grass Cutting Contract for 2012/13- 2015/16

Tenders had been received from

Smart Cut Ltd
New Farms Grounds Maintenance (Current contractor)

Following consideration of the tender bids received it was agreed to defer consideration of the award of the contract until the Council's May meeting.

In the interim the current contractors – New Farm Grounds Maintenance – would continue to undertake grass cutting work

9/29/3 PACT Meeting – 14th March, 2012

A meeting of PACT had been held on 14th March which had been attended by Cllrs Smout and Creedmiles-Naraine

Topics raised had included the ongoing issue of drivers ignoring the stop signals on the eastern Bridge and excessive speeding of vehicles through the Village

The Chairman of PACT – Peter Jesson- had resigned and a new chairman was being sought.

10/29/3 Application for rural rate relief – Anchor Inn, Main Road

Following discussion the Council resolved to support the application for Discretionary rate relief for the Anchor Inn for 2011/12.

The Council was of the view that the business is of benefit to the local community and it would be reasonable to grant the relief. The cost to the parish Council would be £63.52

10/1/11 Finance

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

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| 901015 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