

Wyre Piddle Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 31st January, 2013 in the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle

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

Present: Cllrs D Creedmiles Narraine, R Murray Peters, R Merchant, G Smout, J Parsons, M Oakley

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

1/01/13 Apologies for absence: CSO Simon Hall

2/01/13 Members Disclosable Pecuniary interests and any changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality

No changes were necessary to Members previously recorded declarations.

3/01/13 Report of District and County Councillor.

Cllr Tucker reported that the planning application for Staddlestones, Main Road, had been deferred for consideration by the District Council's Planning Committee.

An inaugural meeting of the Northern Link working group had taken place and the need for a Northern Link Bridge (to join the by-pass by Ferry Fast) was clearly recognised. The group will be working to foster support for the project and further updates on the progress of the project would be provided on a regular basis

The County Highways team was continuing to work on a scheme to fit vehicle barriers to the Eastern Bridge. The barrier scheme would be modelled on the same basis as those situated at the entrance to County Hal. It was anticipated that the works would be undertaken before the end of March.

Both the County and District Council tax precepts would see no increase in 2013/14. Much greater budget cuts, in the order of an additional £20m, would now need to be made by the County Council in each of the next two financial years.

A vehicle activated speed sign had been purchased from Cllr Tucker's County Member Budget. The sign is to be shared on rotation by Wyre Piddle, Bishampton and Pinvin. The Clerk would be coordinating a meeting with the other parishes involved to establish the sign sharing arrangements.

4/01/13 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.

There had been increased police activity following recent burglaries that had taken place on the Poplar Avenue estate during January. Pc Simon Hall had made personal visits to local residents to by way of reassurance to them and had given appropriate advice on crime prevention.

5/01/13 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th November, 2012
The minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 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.

6/01/13 Matters arising from the minutes
There were no matters arising from the approved minutes

7/01/13 Planning matters

(a) Current applications

12/02732 Lyme Cottage, George Lane –

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling
Members raised no objections to this application

(b) 12/02303 Staddlestones, Main Road, - Erection of dormer bungalow

Members raised the following objections to this application:

It was felt that the overall size of the building would be inappropriate for the relatively small scale of the site and its location in the village. The new building would be an over development of the area and the resulting living spaces appear to be too cramped for a family home. The completed dwelling would be out of keeping with the spatial character of the area.

Concerns were raised regarding the generation of additional traffic, parking and noise in the immediate area from vehicles accessing the development if it was to be completed.

It was felt that the provision of 'off street' parking to 'Staddlestones' is not a guarantee that it will be used due to practical access reasons to the site and that the issue of subjective parking on Wyre Road by the residents of 'Staddlestones' will remain.

8/01/13 Parish Council Member Vacancies

An application for the existing Council member vacancy had been received from Mr Peter Gardner of Middle Cottage, Church Street. Mr Gardner's nomination for co option to the Parish Council was proposed by Cllr Murray Peters and seconded by Cllr Creedmiles- Narraine. It was then

unanimously resolved that Mr Gardner should be co opted to serve as a Parish Council Member.

9/01/13 Community Events

Carrie Oakley had submitted an update regarding community events that had recently taken place:-

WYRE PIDDLER IN PICTURES 8th December 2012

There was an excellent attendance at this event in the Village Hall. John Kellet presented a fabulous slideshow with commentary and the audience participated pointing out who was who on many occasions. The Village Hall raised in excess of £100.00 from the Raffle, Picture Quiz and by donations. It was a successful evening and there have been many requests to run this again from people who were unable to make it the first time. This will be discussed with the Village Hall Committee as they could turn it into a fundraising event.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 15th December 2012

37 children and 2 babies attended the party this year. DJ Chris kept them entertained, Santa turned up and much fun was had by all. The party was funded by Joined up Events. (JUE)

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN 24th December 2012

This was really well attended once again. There was plenty of mulled wine and mince pies and Pershore Brass Band kept everyone singing Christmas Carols. There was a fundraising bucket in the Mulled Wine tent and the Band raised £213.80 in the hour that the event ran for which was donated to the County Air Ambulance.

Future events...

EASTER BONNET PARADE will take place on Easter Monday the 1st April 2013

JUE will be having a meeting soon to discuss 2013 events and the Easter Bonnet Parade will be the first on the Agenda.

VILLAGE FETE 29th June 2013 -A date for the diary.

VILLAGE GAMES

The AGM was held on 29th January 2013 and in general all events will run in the same way as previous years but there is one interesting alteration. As a result of the Parish of Wyre Piddle hosting the Presentation Evening last November at Piddle Park, Carrie has been liaising with the Rugby Club and, this year, we are planning to run the 5-a-Side-Football and the Rounders on the same day, at Piddle Park as a 'family day'. With food, the bar, the facilities etc..., we are really hoping that Wyre Piddle will get behind this one either participating in the teams, or watching from the sidelines.

The Parish Council had agreed to support the entering all the events again this year.

5 PARISHES REGATTA (Bell Boating) – 18th May 2013

This is a great afternoon out for everyone, whether competing or not. Wyre Piddle will be putting out a Team and it is being viewed as part of the training for the Village Games Bell Boating event on the 29th June!

Andy Train, from Fladbury Canoe Club, has re-confirmed his willingness to assist with the Wyre Piddle Smith's Meadow Bell Boating venture

10/01/13 Payment of accounts

The under mentioned accounts were **approved** for payment:-

Cheque			£
1044	D M Taverner	Clerk Salary and Admin Expenses Dec & Janua	527.44
1045	N power	Street Lighting	140.68
1046	Smart Cut	Grass cutting and mtnce of open spaces	1,332.00

11/01/13 Maintenance of open spaces and parish Lengthsman Scheme

As part of the annual review of the Lengthsman Scheme it was unanimously resolved that the Council should seek applications for the role of the Parish lengthsman for the year 2013/114. The Clerk was asked to draw up an appropriate recruitment advertisement for display within the Parish and on the council's website. The current contractor would be invited to apply.

A meeting had been arranged with Roy Fullee – County Highways Manager for Wychavon area to jointly inspect various issues with roads, footpaths and drainage throughout the Parish

12/01/03 Poplar Avenue Play area

It was that investigation work should be undertaken with a view to establishing a project to upgradethe equipment in the play area. This work would need to be funded from the Council's earmarked Section 106 funds and it was hoped that some grant funding may be available to the Council once a suitable scheme had been devised.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8 35pm

Approved
D Creedmiles- Narraine - Chairman - 28th March, 2013