

WYRE PIDDLER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council duly convened and held in the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle on **Thursday 28th January, 2016** commencing at 7.30pm

Present Councillors: - D Naraine (Chairman)
G Smout, G Johns
In attendance: - County Councillor Liz Tucker
D Taverner – Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

Apologies recorded: - Cllr N Wood

1/1/16 Declarations of Interest

a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests: There were none.

b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature: There were none

c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature: There were none.

2/1/16 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)

No such requests had been received

3/1/16 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th November, 2016

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th November, 2016 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record of that meeting.

4/1/16 Matters arising from the minutes.

There were none.

5/1/16 Closure of the meeting to allow questions on Council business from members of the public.

(1) From Mr Mike Wilby regarding tree works at Poplar Avenue.

Mr Wilby noted that it was pleasing to see that work to pollard the Willow Trees at Poplar Avenue was being undertaken. Mr Wilby had previously requested that some new saplings should be planted to replace three of the trees which had died off in recent years. The Chairman advised Mr Wilby that he and the Clerk would be attending a site meeting at the play area on 1st February and that he was welcome to attend that meeting to discuss the issues which had been identified

(2) From Mr Gary Robinson regarding Council Vacancies

Mr Robinson requested that his name should be put forward to fill one of the existing Parish Council member vacancies. The Clerk advised that this would be in order and the matter would be listed for consideration at the March Parish Council meeting. In accordance *with schedule 12 of the 1972 Local Government Act* a successful candidate must have received an absolute majority vote of those existing members present at the meeting and voting.

(3) From Mr Gary Robinson regarding the potential for the introduction of a maximum 20 mph vehicle speed zone in Church Street

Mr Robinson requested that consideration should be given to the implementation of a 20mph zone in Church Street- running down to Mill Lane. This would be a matter that would need to be referred to the County Council

for consideration, although it was pointed out that enforcement of such a limit would be extremely difficult to achieve.

(4) From Mr Gary Robinson regarding road re-surfacing

Mr Robinson advised that he had been informed by County Council officers that road re-surfacing would be carried out in the Village during late April/ early May and there would be action taken to resolve issues at the Eastern bridge.

(5) From Mr Frank Turner – asking about progress on the refurbishment of the Poplar Avenue play area

The Clerk advised that he and the Chairman were meeting representatives from play equipment suppliers on 1st February with a view to progressing a refurbishment scheme as soon as possible.

6/1/16 Report of County Councillor Mrs Liz Tucker

The District Council had achieved management savings through sharing functions with Malvern Hills District Council

This year's recommended County Council budget requires £24.6 million of savings as the council continues to address rising demand from our ageing population and our most vulnerable young people along with a significant reduction in funding from Central Government. Of this £22.6 million of savings have been identified leaving a gap of £2 million based on what we know prior to the publication of the local government settlement. The County Council remains optimistic that this savings gap can be addressed by the end of the financial year.

It is proposed that there will be an increase to the council tax precept of 3.94%. This includes 1.94% to recognise the rising demands to protect vulnerable children, forecast to be £5.8 million in 2016/17 and a 2% increase in line with the Chancellor's announcement that councils can raise council tax by an additional 2% for Adult Social Care.

As part of the 2016-17 County Council Budget proposals there is the significant investment in a two-year Driving Home highways infrastructure improvement programme and ongoing annual road maintenance.

£12 million of capital funding has been allocated to the Driving Home programme, which will be used on rural and urban roads across the county.

The work will include full surfacing, patching and surface dressing to improve and extend the lifespan of Worcestershire's highways network. In addition, £0.5 million will be invested each year for ongoing road maintenance. The County Council and its partners have enabled significant investment to be made in a number of infrastructure schemes which are either nearing completion or well progressed

Further improvements are underway on the Southern Link Road which will greatly improve traffic flow and the new Worcester Six development that will lever in more significant investment from the private sector and drive business growth and job creation. Work to progress the new Worcestershire Parkway Regional Interchange railway station is progressing and remains a vital part of delivering the Strategic Economic Plan for the county area.

Following the resignation of Leader of the County Council, Councillor Hardman over the Christmas period Councillor Simon Geraghty had been appointed leader of Worcestershire County Council. He becomes the youngest leader in the Council's history and the youngest County Council Leader in the country. support available in the community, and about all kinds of care services for older people and adults with disabilities.

This can be found at: <http://ylyc.worcestershire.gov.uk/>

Northern Link

Cllr Tucker was due to attend a further meeting on the Northern Link proposals specifically aimed at alleviating current problems around Station Road in Pershore and the proposals that were due to considered for the Pinvin crossroad junction

7/1/16 Planning Applications

15 02241 -The Retreat, Main Road -Front extension to upper ground floor (road level), and balcony overlooking river to rear of riverside dwelling. The application had been approved on 27th November, 2015

15 02944 -4 Avon Bank Cottage, Main Road Removal of Condition 4 (no buildings or structures within - 7m of the top of the bank) to enable safe access to moorings, Condition 5 (solid timber panels on both ends of the balcony) to enable opaque glass panels and Condition 10 (approved drawing numbers) to allow substituted drawings, of planning permission W/13/02115/PN granted 13/12/2013 for the erection of a two and a half storey dwelling house. The application had been approved on 2nd February, 2015

8/1/16 PACT meeting notes - 20th January, 2016

PINVIN PACT MEETING – NOTES

(Covering Pinvin, Bishampton, Throckmorton, Hill and Moor, Wyre Piddle)

20 January 2016 at Sandfields Farm. Lower Moor 1930 – 2030 hrs

PRESENT:

Steve Wood (SW)
Angela Robinson (AR)
Gladys Smout (GS)
Paul Jeanes (PJ)
Nikki Merrett (NM)
PCSO Rod Gurney (RG)

APOLOGIES:

Ken Rowe
Liz Tucker
James Harris
PC Dee Stanley (DS)
PCSO Simon Hall (SH)

S/N	ITEM	ACTION
1.	<p>The previous meeting on 12 August 2015 was discussed and a general discussion followed regarding the various issues that had been raised. RG advised that some of the actions had not been completed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wyre Piddle Eastern Bridge – ongoing 2. HGVs in Throckmorton – ongoing Dave Shortell had not been able to hold a site meeting due to long term sickness. 3. The Cross Wyre Piddle – leaflet drop not arranged due to Dave Shortell’s sickness. However Safer Neighbourhood team (SNT) had monitored and RG had visited at 7pm this evening but no problems had been seen. 4. PCSO Natasha Forsythe had now moved to the Evesham Town North 	

	<p>Team and had been replaced by PCSO Simon Hall who had worked on the Area previously.</p> <p>5. RG advised members that as Dave Shortell was still on long term sick Leave, PC Dee Stanley was currently serving as the SNT officer for Evesham Town South and Rural West SNT.</p>	
2.	PJ asked about vehicles parking on footpaths as there was starting to be a problem in Lower Moor. RG advised that the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) would monitor and, where necessary, issue warning notices in the first instance. <i>(After leaving the PACT Panel Meeting RG visited the area and issued one warning notice to a car parked on the footpath).</i>	SNT
3.	NM raised the issue of fly tipping in various locations around the Bishampton area. RG advised that any discovered should be reported to Wychavon District Council Technical Services. RG further stated that the SNT would monitor the situation.	NM SNT
4.	In the absence of LT the issues she had raised via e mail to RG were discussed in general terms but held over until LT could be present to present the issues.	LT
5.	The meeting decided that the current priorities should be carried over to the next meeting	SNT
6.	PRIORITIES Village patrols and publicity of these Traffic issues on Long Lane and in Throckmorton	SNT
7.	DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 30 March 2016 at Sandfields Farm, Lower Moor, commencing at 7.30pm	All

9/1/16 Community Events update

No major changes to the events diary were envisaged. The events group are considering a street party during 2016 to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday

The Anchor Inn has re-opened following extensive refurbishment.

The Remembrance Sunday Service was well attended and the sale of refreshments in the Village Hall following the service raised £90 for the Help for Heroes Charity.

The Children's Christmas party on 19th December had been well attended and enjoyed

The Christmas Carols event on the Village Green on Christmas Eve had proved as popular as ever and an amount of £196 had been raised for the SSAFA Charity

Wyre Piddle had performed extremely well in the Wychavon games events coming third overall and Carrie Oakley had attended the games presentation evening on behalf of the Parish.

The Easter Bonnet parade would be taking place again this year on 28th March

The JUE team were investigating the possibility of help from others to help with the organisation of a street party to be held in June to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday

Carrie was again thanked for all her continued hard work on behalf of the Council.

10/1/16 Finance

a) To approve payment of Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment: -

901141 D M Taverner	Salary & Admin Expenses - December	282.32
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901143 New Farm grounds Mtnce	Grass Cutting Final 2015 bills	2,053.20
901144 HMRC	PAYE and Nat Insurance December Quarter	200.60

b) Bank account balances at 28th January,2016

The Clerk circulated details of the Council bank balances as at 28th January which were represented by; -

	£
Bank Current account	7,447.42
Bank Deposit account	29,827.29
National Savings account	13,738.74

Total Cash held at 28th January, 2016 **51,013.45**

11/1/16 Report from Lengthsman and related repair and maintenance projects

Peter Hurst was again thanked for the excellent standard of work that he had undertaken to the maintenance of the grass verges and other repair projects throughout the village during the year. He would be undertaking further work to tidy the general area around the playground in Poplar Avenue. A final claim for the reimbursement of the work undertaken recently under the auspices of the Lengthsman scheme was due to be submitted to the County Council.

Carrie was again thanked for all her continued hard work on behalf of the Council.

12/1/16 Poplar Avenue Play Area update

Further details of indicative replacement / updated play equipment for the Poplar Avenue play area had been presented at consultation events in the Parish. The Council was now considering the various schemes and cost quotations received with the objective of having the refurbished play area open by the spring of 2016. A further meeting with Wicksteed Ltd Had been arranged for 1st February to firm up on the chosen equipment design and costings for the refurbished play area.

13/1/16 Date of next meeting was confirmed at Thursday 31st March, 2016

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

Chairman

31st March, 2016