

## WYRE PIDDLER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council duly convened and held in the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016** commencing at 7.30 pm

**Present Councillors:** - D. Naraine (Chairman)  
G Smout,  
J Paul N Wood and G Johns

**In attendance:** - D Taverner – Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer  
County Councillor Mrs Liz Tucker

**Apologies recorded:** - None

**1/11/16 Declarations of Interest**

**a) Register of Interests: Councillors were 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.

**2/11/16 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

**3/11/16 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016**

The minutes of the meeting is meeting which had been held on 29<sup>th</sup> September were approved and signed by the Chairman has a correct record.

**4/11/16 Matters arising from the minutes.**

There were none

**5/11/16 Adjournment of the meeting to allow for questions on council business from parishioners**

**1. Regarding Car parking outside the Village Hall.** Problems were being encountered by residents when visitors to functions at the Village Hall were parking their vehicles immediately outside on the main road, rather than using the designated Village Hall Car Park.

To help to prevent this the Village Hall Management Committee had agreed to incorporate a clause into the Hall booking conditions to the effect that all users of the hall must park on the village Hall car park and must not park their vehicles immediately outside the Hall to prevent blocking of access to adjacent properties

**2. Regarding the Eastern Bridge traffic signals.** It was noted that the new traffic signal arrangements at the Eastern bridge seemed to working efficiently. However, the re-introduction of a replacement barrier system was still waited. The Parish Council's stance on maintaining the closure of the bridge to all but emergency vehicles and local buses was strongly reiterated

**3. Pershore Public Transport Group:** Members had been invited to a public transport forum on Thursday 13th October at 7pm at Pershore Town Hall, in view of mounting concern over the scale of cut backs and their effects upon travel users and the local economy.

**4. Regarding traffic speed in the Parish.** A request had been submitted for a maximum 20mph speed limit throughout the Parish boundaries. It was agreed to raise this issue with the local policing team, but it was acknowledged that enforcement could be a difficult issue to address.

**6/11/16 Planning: applications and decision notices**

[16 02798](#) **Anchor Inn, Main Road** -Rebuild western gable wall of pub  
There were no objections to this application

[16 01980](#) **Pidele House, Main Road, Wyre Piddle reconstruction of Landing Stage** – application approved 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

[16 02607](#) **Land Adjacent, The Willows, Wyre Road** –  
Relocate entrance to property on opposite side of the property. Installing new gateway and drive.  
it was noted that this application was intended to allay highways safety concerns regarding the site access.

[16 02727](#) **Hill and Moor Landfill Site, Piddle Brook Lane,**  
Proposed operation of an Incinerator Bottom Ash (IBA) processing and recovery facility

Members commented that the number of vehicle movements at the site could be reduced if the bottom ash was sorted at source rather than being taken to the landfill site for sorting. No explanation as to why this is not possible had been submitted with the application.

**7/11/16 Report of County Councillor Hill and Moor Liaison Group**

Hill & Moor weekly vehicle movement data had been circulated at the recent landfill site liaison group meeting. This showed downward trend of District Council, SWS Transfer Station, EnviroSort and HRCs vehicle movements onto the site. The grand total vehicle movements into Hill & Moor had reduced from 730 (w/c 5 September) to 354 (w/c 7 November).

**Southern Link Road**

A report is coming to the February Cabinet meeting setting out the plans for the next stages of the southern link road developments phase 4

**Phase 4** involves the completion of SLR Dualling from the Ketch roundabout to Powick roundabout including the construction of a new bridge over the River Severn parallel to the existing Carrington Bridge, major engineering earthworks and other significant structures. The cost of this project is estimated to be c£70 million the majority of which is intended to be funded through the Department for Transport (DfT) local major schemes bid process and this will be announced in the summer of this year. This stage of the project is due for completion in 2019.

**County Council Budget 2017/18**

The County Council was likely to increase its precept by 2.94% in 2017/18 in relation to :

- 0.94% to provide financial support for the delivery of outcomes in line with the Corporate Plan Shaping Worcestershire's Future and the priorities identified by the public and business community
- 2% Adult Social Care Precept ring-fenced for Adult Social Care services in order to contribute to existing cost pressures in 2017/18 due to demographic changes and an increased demand for more complex services

**8/11/16 Community events update**

Carrie Oakley had submitted the following report:-

**WYCHAVON SPORT (Parish Games)**

I send my apologies for not attending this month’s Parish Council meeting as I will be at the Wychavon Sport Parish Games Presentation Night where this year’s results will finally be revealed. As previously noted, we have absolutely no idea how we have done – whilst I truly believe we are fabulous, punching way above our weight, I do not actually think we are in the running for any prizes this time. However, we had an excellent year entering every single event led by a fine band of Captains and we did come 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Senior Table Tennis!

**PIDDLE POST**

Issue 91, December 2016 is underway and will be coming through your letter-boxes and dropping in your in-boxes soon.

**FACEBOOK**

Katie Joyce is continuing to manage the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/wyrepiddlecommunity](http://www.facebook.com/wyrepiddlecommunity) Have you 'liked' it lately?

**JOINED UP ENTERTAINMENTS**

Remembrance Sunday gave us a bright, sunny morning and a good number of people came to the Memorial for the Act of Remembrance. Poppies were laid and the Last Post was sounded – Following this our team provided Coffee and Cakes in the Village Hall and our little pink bucket was circulated raising £130.00 which, this year, was donated to The Royal British Legion.

The next event on our Calendar is the Children’s Christmas Party on Saturday 17 December from 4.30 to 6.30pm. We have recruited additional assistance for this event calling upon Ruby Edwards and Charlie Hughes who we hope to enlist to take on the Easter Bonnet Parade too...

Finally, this year we will have Christmas Carols and Mulled Wine on the Village Green accompanied by Pershore Brass Band. This is a free event where buckets raising money for St Richard’s Hospice will be circulating. As always, this is on Christmas Eve from 6.30 to 7.30pm. Here’s hoping for SNOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**9 /11/16 Notice of retirement of Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer**

The Clerk gave notice of his intended retirement with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> September,2017. There were already a couple of interested candidates for the role and it was suggested that the formal recruitment of a successor should commence immediately following the Council’s Annual General Meeting in May, 2017 to facilitate a smooth handover of duties.

**10/11/16 Finance**

**a) To approve payment of Accounts**

**The following accounts were approved for payment: -**

cheque	Payee	For	£
901178	D M Taverner	clerk salary & expenses October	309.31
901179	D Naraine	VAS Sign brackets	30.00
901180	New Farm grounds mtnce	grass cutting	478.80
901181	HMRC	PAYE & Nat Insurance Sept Qtr	199.94

**b) Bank account balances at 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

The Clerk circulated details of the Council bank reconciliation statement as at 24th November, Bank balances at that date were represented by; -

	£
Bank Current account	4,230.95
Bank Deposit account	29,902.51
National Savings account	13,841.78

Total Cash held at 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 47,975.24

Members were shown sight of the relevant bank statements for verification purposes.

**C) Parish Precept 2017/18**

The Clerk circulated details of the Council’s projected budget for 2017/18 and it was resolved to set a Parish Precept of £11,830 for 2017/18 an increase of 1.95% over the 2016/17 Band D Council Tax Levy

**11/11/16 Poplar Avenue Play Area update**

Further details of indicative replacement / updated play equipment for the Poplar Avenue play area had been received The Chairman and Clerk had recently commenced work to finalise community grant funding bids and it was hoped that this work could be completed before April 2017

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**12/11/16 Smiths Meadow**

Cllr Paul advised that he had been in contact with the District Council regarding the permissions required for the construction of a landing stage at the bottom of Smith’s meadow and that he would present an update report on this intended project once further information from Wychavon had been received

**13/11/16 Roads and pavements maintenance**

The main road through the Village had now been fully resurfaced by the County Council’s Highways team to an excellent standard. A request had been received for fencing to be placed around the Preaching Cross at the top of Church Lane to help to prevent damage to it from passing vehicles.

**14/7/16 Date of next meeting: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2017**

**There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm**

Chairman .....  
26<sup>th</sup> January, 2017