

## Wyre Piddle Parish Council

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on 24th November, 2011 In the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle

*Meeting commenced: 7.30 pm. Meeting ended: 8.45 pm.*

**Present:** Cllrs S Turner (Chairman) C Turner, J Wilkins, G Smout, R Merchant, J Parsons

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

**1/11/11 Apologies for absence:** Cllr M Wilkins.

**2/11/11 Declarations of Interest for a) the Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality:** No changes were recorded.

**3/11/11 Report of District and County Councillor.**

Cllr Tucker reported that South Worcestershire development plan consultation period had been extended to 25th November following problems with the consultation website.

The County highways team had agreed to investigate the potential for vehicle barriers to be fitted at the Eastern Bridge. This would help to prevent the incidence of unauthorised vehicles crossing the bridge.

The Highways team would also be surveying local roads to see what maintenance works were needed. It was pointed out that Mill Lane was in need of substantial works to repair pot holes and a crumbling surface along its length.

The County Highways team had raised further concerns in respect of the Crown House Developments planning application. It was likely that the company would need to submit a revised application which would not now be considered by the District Council Planning Committee until the New Year.

Both the District and County Council were in the process of revising their medium term money plans and were looking for further savings in their budgets. Cllr Tucker reminded the meeting that the Government had asked all first and second tier Councils to maintain a zero increase for their 2012/13 Council Tax precepts.

It was most unfortunate to note that massive cuts in the Youth Service budget were being brought to the fore.

**4/11/11 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 hedgerow at Smiths meadow the Clerk advised that new hedging plants were being purchased.

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.

**5/11/11 Minutes of Parish Council meeting 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2011**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 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.

**6/11/11 Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising from the approved minutes

**7/11/11 Planning**

**(a) To consider applications referred by Wychavon District Council for comment**

**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

The Council raised no objections to this application

**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

The Council raised no objections to this application

**(b) Presentation by the Roger Ainley partnership Pre application planning presentation from Ainley Alexander Partnership Ltd relating to a site at the eastern end of Wyre Road.**

At the invitation of the Council, representatives from the Roger Ainley partnership gave a presentation on outline plans for the residential development of a site at the Eastern end of Wyre Road which had previously been owned by Travis Perkins Ltd.

The outline proposals submitted set out plans for a mixed development of residential property that would see a density of 8 properties per acre at the site.

If the proposals went ahead it would be likely that there would be substantial investment in the local road infrastructure, including the possible development of the Western Link- partly funded by contributions from the developers

There would be an emphasis on the protection and enhancement of the natural environment of the site, and there would be a requirement that 40% of the proposed development would comprise units classified as affordable housing.

The Chairman thanked Mr Ainley and his colleagues for their very full and informative presentation and advised them that the Parish Council would make a full appraisal of any detailed planning application for the site once it was received.

**8/11/11 South West Worcestershire Development Plan. (SWDP)**

The SWDP was now out to consultation on the "preferred options" for development throughout the County. The consultation period runs from 26<sup>th</sup> September until 25<sup>th</sup> November.

The Council had submitted a very detailed response to the consultation document and details were being published on the parish 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 formulating the response to the consultation document.

## **9/11/11 Community Events and Parish Games**

It was announced that the Parish had been successful in being crowned Champions of the 2011 Wychavon Games competition.

The Chairman thanked Carrie Oakley for all of her hard work in organising teams to take part in all 15 of the events as this had been a major factor in the village's success. A celebration evening was being planned and representatives from the parish would be attending the official trophy presentation event.

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

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 from 7.30pm**

Village Games Results and Presentation Night in Evesham

### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011 from 10.30-12.00**

Christmas Coffee Morning at the Village Hall in aid of Church Funds

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011 from 8.30pm to 10.00pm**

*Wyred Up* performing Jazz/Gospel and Carols at The Hotel

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2011 from 2.30pm – 5.00pm**

Children's Christmas Party at the Village Hall

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2011 (Christmas Eve) 6.30pm – 7.30pm**

Christmas Carols and Mulled Wine on the Village Green

## **10/11/11 Poplar Avenue play area**

It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Parsons should research the possibility of securing grant funding to help to update and modernise the play equipment at the Poplar Avenue site. A further report on this subject would be made to a future meeting of the Council.

## **11/11/11 2012/13 Grass Cutting Contract**

Members agreed to invite local contractors to tender for the 2012/213 grass cutting contract. 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 need to be returned by no later than Friday 1y7th February.

## 12/11/11 Finance

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

		£
901002	G Robinson Lengthsman Work	201.52
901003	Jean Wilkins Refreshments	20.00
901004	G Robinson Lengthsman Work	43.60
901005	D Taverner Clerks Salary and office exps October/ November	529.12
901006	HMRC Tax and national insurance december quarter	168.40
901007	n power street lighting september quarter	141.01
901008	clement keys audit Fee	162.00
901009	Society of local clerks Practitioners guide	20.00
901010	New Farm Grounds Maintenance outdoor work september and october	903.90

## 13/11/11 Maintenance of open spaces

**Lengthsman Scheme** – ongoing 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**- new benches had now been installed. New hedge planting was due to be undertaken to bolster growth around the boundary to the Meadow.

**Maintenance of roadways and pavements** – various works needed had been reported to the County Council and responses were awaited – especially with regard to the issue of the clearance of blocked drains.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Approved *Steve Turner*.....

S Turner

Chairman

24 January,2012