

WYRE PIDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council duly convened and held in The Village Hall, Wyre Piddle on **Thursday 28th November, 2013** commencing at 7.30 pm

Present Councillors: - D Creed- Miles Naraine (Chairman)
M Oakley
G Smout
R Merchant
N Wood

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

Apologies recorded: - J Parsons

1/11/13 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

2/11/13 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

3/11/13 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th September.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on held on 26th September 2013, having been previously circulated, were approved as correct record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman

4/11/13 Matters arising from the minutes.

Sovereign Playscapes had submitted an outline design scheme quotation for the refurbishment of the Poplar Avenue play area and a meeting had also been arranged with Playdale Ltd who would be drawing up a similar design for comparison purposes.

Consultation with local residents on the final choice of scheme design would take place in the early spring of 2014

5/11/13 Report of County Councillor Liz Tucker

Cllr Tucker reported that local public meetings on the potential withdrawal of bus subsidies had been organised. Public consultation was running until 17th January and residents were being urged to fill in the consultation response document which was available on the Parish Website or in hard copy from the Parish Clerk. It was noted that the reduction in bus services was likely to have a knock on effect on the economy of the area as people from the villages would have difficulties getting in into the towns to do their shopping. Additionally the removal of bus services would affect the already vulnerable members of the community and increase isolation which could incur additional costs by the County Council elsewhere in their budget.

There had been increasing support for the construction of the Northern link Road to ease the pressure of traffic on both Pinvin crossroads and Wyre Hill.

Following the recent joint meeting of the Pinvin Ward Parishes it was agreed that the parish Council would write the following letter to the Chief executive of Wychavon District Council Underlining the joint resolution, shown below, of support for the scheme which had been drawn up following that meeting

"This vital strategic infrastructure project connecting Pershore Town with the A44 must be constructed at the earliest possible time and in advance of the major residential and employment use developments within Pershore and the Villages.

The Council believes there needs to be an overall strategic approach to the Northern Link that considers the future and the economic health of the area. The Northern Link is a sustainable project and the necessary requirements are in place to enable an early implementation of the scheme.

The cumulative impact of all the residential and employment use projects must be considered together rather than on a piecemeal basis. Such consideration must include the impact of traffic on all approaches to and from Pershore and the Villages in particular Station Road, High Street, Terrace Road, Wyre Road, Wyre Hill and the Pinvin Crossroads. The Councils look to the developers to make significant contributions towards the construction of the Northern Link project.

Without the Northern Link the Council has serious concerns about:-

- *People: Safety implications at road junctions. Pedestrians including school children using existing bridges without adequate footway facilities,*
- *Business: Local shops and commercial outlets being stifled through; traffic congestion, delay of deliveries and unable to expand,*
- *Growth: The Town and Villages becoming less attractive and viable to live, work and shop,*
- *Future: Inherent traffic congestion on the A44 strategic route to the M5 motorway making the area less likely to attract investment.*

The councils concern for the future is that without the pre-emptive construction of this vital strategic infrastructure project there will be serious danger of traffic gridlock at peak times affecting Pershore Town and the Villages"

CLlr Tucker also advised that the Eastern Bridge barrier scheme had been delayed due to problems with the supply of parts of the equipment, but installation of the road barrier and testing was now scheduled for early January

6/11/13 Planning: applications and decision notices

(a) Applications for consideration (click on the blue web links for details)

13/01977- Arbour House, Main Road, Wyre Piddle

Removal of internal wall and chimney breast.

Members raised no objections to this application

13/02115 -Land Adjacent, 4 Avon Bank Cottages, Main Road

Further extension of time to approved application W/10/01958 together with amendments to layout and elevations

Members expressed some concerns over this application and

made the following comments to the Wychavon DC planning officers:-

"Wyre Piddle Parish Council have some concerns over this application and wish to point out that it is not an application for an extension of time, given that the previous permission which was granted on this site has lapsed and further, that policy has now changed with the introduction of the NPPF.

From the plans submitted it would appear that no cycle or bin storage has been provided.

We also question whether adequate means of escape have been provided from the first floor bedroom.

Are the obscured glass windows non opening?

The neighbouring properties are also likely to suffer to some extent a loss of amenity due to overlooking and Number 4 Avon Bank Cottages will suffer from loss of light.

Concern is also raised over parking as although the plans show a small area for off road parking this will lead to a loss of two on road spaces.

At present a telegraph pole blocks access to the parking area and it is unclear if this is to be removed, it is also unclear what effect the extension to the next door property (the Retreat) will have on the proposal as this has not been shown on the plans.

Part of the development is also in an area which was affected by flooding in 2007 and development in this area is likely to lead to a loss of flood storage and so increase flooding downstream.

As this is, effectively, a new application it is considered important that permission is not granted until a consultation response has been received from the Environment Agency.

If permission is granted WPPC request the imposition of conditions controlling parking for site operatives, hours of work during the development and the repair of any damage caused to the highway and footpaths during construction."

13/02365 - Land Adjacent, Peace Avon, Main Road,

Proposed detached dwelling on greenfield site with: - detached garage retaining walls and undercroft tiered decking new highway vehicular entrance and driveway riverbank mooring with sheet piling landscaping and paths

Members expressed some concerns over this application and send the following comments to the Wychavon DC planning officers:-

"Whilst the design appears to be very impressive when viewed from the River, the street-scene as viewed on the plans has been likened to a Dental Surgery with a porta cabin for a garage.

It is noted that the garage has a sedum roof and hedging is shown on the plans but these will not necessarily be permanent and without these the garage could appear rather blocky.

Of concern to WPPC is the preservation of the trees on site, in particular the two Willow Trees on the

River bank. It would appear the root preservation zone has been taken from the crown of the trees (which are over the River) rather than the base of the trunks which does not give adequate protection to these trees.

If permission is granted WPPC request the imposition of conditions controlling parking for site operatives, hours of work and the repair of any damage caused to the highway and footpaths during construction.

It is also requested that consideration be given to a Tree Preservation Order for the protection of the two Willow Trees on site or at least an advisory notice added to the planning permission stating the penalties for damaging trees in a Conservation Area."

(b) To note any Planning Decision notices received from Malvern Hills District Council

13/01255 Land off, Wyre Hill, Wyre Piddle

A mixed residential development of 41 units containing 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses, some detached, semi detached and terraced, and 1 and 2 bedroom flats.

Application refused 25th October, 2013

13/01798 Land Adjacent, Meadow View, Evesham Road, Upper Moor

Outline application for 2 detached live/work units served by a private drive access on land at Main Road

Application refused 16th October, 2013

7/11/13 Joint Police and Community (PACT) meeting

Clr M Oakley reported that he had attended the recent PACT meeting which had been very informative. PCs David Shortell and Rod Gurney had been in attendance and had outlined their intentions to create a more visible police presence in the Village and had undertaken to carry out more speed enforcement action in Wyre Piddle and the surrounding areas.

8/11/13 Community events and Village games update

Carrie Oakley had submitted a comprehensive update report on Community events which is reproduced below as follows:

"VILLAGE GAMES UPDATE 28th November 2013

We are thrilled to announce that having entered 14 events over a 5 month period, with 34 Parishes within Wychavon taking part, little old Wyre Piddle came a fantastic 2nd place overall accruing 147.5 points with the winners, for the second year running, Eckington gaining 153.5 points. When we won overall 2 years ago, we had just 136 points, so they are all winning scores!!!

Team work, Competition and Community are the buzz words which describe how we did it.

A huge thank you to all of our captains; Bas Morris, Mike Oakley, Chris Gooderham, Ali Haultain, Eve Meusz, Pete Bond, Simon Neale, Mick Kohut, Miles Taylor, Adrian Fletcher and to absolutely everyone who participated.

The Wychavon Sport AGM is on Monday the 27th January 7.30pm at the Civic Centre.

I am willing to continue in the role of Wyre Piddle Parish Organiser and I hope that the Parish Council will feel able to continue to support us by paying our entry fees next year.

PIDDLE POST UPDATE 28th November 2013

I have just completed the December Piddle Post (the 62nd edition!) and once again, I have organised the printing because we have not yet got onto an even footing with the new Five Alive printing arrangements. But we will...

I have included the email link that Cllr Liz Tucker sent to me regarding the Bus Services Review Consultation. The link takes you to the Questionnaire so that we can all engage with the debate whether we use the Bus Services or not. I have put in my telephone number so that those without email access can call me and I will provide Hard Copy questionnaires.

JOINED UP ENTERTAINMENTS UPDATE 28th November 2013

Following the Act of Remembrance on the 10th November at the War Memorial, the JUE team provided free coffee and cakes at the Hotel and we raised £100 for Help4Heroes. We are alternating the donation between H4H and The Royal British Legion.

This Saturday the 30th November the Village Hall Committee is hosting a fundraising re-run of the Wyre Piddle Picture Show with Joined Up Entertainments working in the background as their event 'sparkle' deliverers. John Kellett, Professional Photographer, will be presenting the Picture Show and he will be using much of last year's material because, quite simply, it was so good! But more has been added including one picture for which we had to gain written permission from the subject to allow us to include it in the Picture Show!!! The scene is set in Smith's Meadow on a snowy winter's night and all I can say is I am not sure this is what Mr and Mrs Smith had in mind for the Meadow when they donated it to the Parish.... Come along and see for yourselves!!!! Doors open at 7.15, the Picture Show starts at 7.30 There will be Mulled Wine and Mince Pies.

On the 14th December we are holding the Children's Christmas Party in the Village Hall with Santa, DJ Chris, Party Food and lots of children! 3.30 to 5.30pm

Christmas Eve 6.30 to 7.30 on the Village Green, sees the return of Pershore Brass Band, Carol Singing and more Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. Thereafter, Christmas will have officially started.

These two Christmas events bring us to the starting point for Joined Up Entertainments as, following our first meeting in October 2007, these were the first events we organised. For both, this is their 8th consecutive year. I would really like to say a huge 'thank you' (even though they are not here anymore) to Steve and Tina Turner who were the inspiration and driving force behind JUE. Gone from Wyre Piddle, but certainly not forgotten. Thank you"

Thanks were again extended to Carrie both for her report and for all of the hard work she has continued to undertake and organise on behalf of the local community.

9/11/13 (a) Finance – to approve payment of accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Chq No	Payee	For	£
907071	D Taverner	Clerk Salary and expenses october	288.67
		Reimbursement of lifebuoy purchase	278.79
		Rememberance Sunday wreath and bugler	61.60
907072	G Robinson	Lengthsman Scheme - october	322.76
901073	D Taverner	Clerk Salary and expenses november	265.07
901074	K Boulton	Llifebuoy installation	54.00
	New Farm grounds		
901075	Maintenance	Grass Cuttting Sepember & October	666.00

(b) 2014/15 Draft budget

The Clerk presented a paper setting out the indicative net expenditure budget and anticipated precept for 2014/15. The precept would be set at the January meeting but would be limited to an increase of no more than 1.98% over 2013/14 approved budget figure.

10/11/13 Maintenance of Open Spaces:

(a) Smith's Meadow

The new lifebuoy had been delivered and had been installed in Smiths Meadow and a new litter bin had been ordered. It had been suggested that a Dummy CCTV Camera should be sited in the Meadow to deter vandalism but it was felt that such a measure would have a limited impact.

(b) Poplar Avenue Play area

- (i)** A meeting had been held with Playdale Ltd who were working to design an indicative scheme for the refurbishment of the Children's Play Area and further comparable quotations were being sought. Repairs had been undertaken to some of the equipment which had become worn. The Parish Lengthsman would be asked to remove leaves in the play area which were causing a slip hazard.
- (ii)** Tree surgery work had been undertaken to the damaged willow trees near to the play area.

Lengthsman projects

- (i)** The lengthsman reported re blockages to some of the drainage ditches in Mill Lane which were reported to Wychavon Distinct Council for potential enforcement action to be undertaken against landowners where appropriate
- (ii)** Strimming works were required to overgrown bridleways running off George Lane

11/11/13 Maintenance of roadways and pavements – a list of priority works had been submitted to the County Council for assessment.

A vehicle activated speed had recently been sited on Wyre Hill. Data collected had been submitted to the local policing team who had undertaken some speed enforcement action as a result

12/11/13 The date of next Parish Council meeting was agreed as **Thursday 30th January, 2014**

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm

Signed
Chairman - 30th January, 2014