

## WYRE PIDDLER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council duly convened and held in the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle on **Thursday 24th July, 2014** commencing at 7.30pm

**Present Councillors: -** M Oakley (Chairman)  
J Parsons  
N Wood  
G Smout

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

**Apologies recorded: -** Cllrs R Merchant and D Creed- Miles Naraine

### **1/7/14 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

### **2/7/14 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

### **3/7/14 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2014**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record of that meeting and were signed by the Chairman

### **4/7/14 Matters arising from the minutes.**

There were none

### **5/7/14 Closure of the meeting to allow questions from Members of the Public**

- (a) E mail from Mr Gary Robinson regarding various issues within the Parish and criticism of Parish Council administration

The Chairman had asked Mr Robinson to send in his updated list of queries which had not been received by the date of the meeting.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that a review of the performance of the Clerk had been undertaken at the Parish Council meeting which had been held on 27<sup>th</sup> March. The work undertaken to administer Council business had been found to be satisfactory at that time. Councillors reiterated their support for the Clerk and expressed continued satisfaction with the administration of the Council's business

### **6/7/14 Planning: applications and decision notices**

#### **14/01062 The Coach House, Church Street**

Rear extension to form orangery and entrance area

This application had been approved on 11<sup>th</sup> July

## **7/7/14 County Councillors Report**

Cllr Tucker advised that Malvern Hills and Wychavon district Councils were looking at proposals to share the post of a joint Chief Executive with a view to saving costs. It was possible that other senior management posts would be the subject of similar reviews.

Wychavon DC were now happy that they could evidence the availability of a five year land supply. National planning policy requires Local Planning Authorities to identify and maintain a rolling five year supply of deliverable land for housing. The timetable for the public inspection phase of the South Worcestershire Development plan had now slipped until early 2015

The outcome of Worcestershire's bid for its economic plan has been announced that a total of £47million has been awarded by government to support a number of critical projects due to start over the next couple of years across the county including:

- Worcester's Southern Link Road;
- Flood alleviation schemes;
- Malvern Hills Science Park;
- Hoobrook Link Road;
- A Centre of Vocational Education supporting engineering apprenticeships and training;
- Worcester Technology Park;
- Kidderminster Railway Station
- Worcestershire Parkway Station

## **8/7/14 Community events update**

Carrie Oakley had submitted the following report:-

### **JOINED UP ENTERTAINMENTS**

For a moment it looked as though this year's Summer Fete was going to be a wash out! However, we had yet another well attended, much enjoyed community event in the wonderful Smith's Meadow.

A million 'thank yous' have been circulated to the wonderful people who have helped transform the village Fete from a 'lovely afternoon' into a 'great event' over the past couple of years. The feedback the JUE team has received is very positive. Thanks to absolutely everyone who helped in every possible way and to those of you who attended, even during that mega downpour!

Whilst first and foremost Joined Up Entertainments is committed to putting on community/village events and is not a fundraising group, since we changed the format of the Fete we have found ourselves not just breaking even but actually making some money, which can only be a good thing.

This year, after costs, JUE has cleared a fabulous £553.....

(If anyone wishes to see a breakdown of our figures, we do have a spreadsheet!!!)

This money will go towards putting on other village events, many of which are free, and we will also be making a couple of donations.

We will be making a donation to the Avon Navigation Trust for their kind assistance in the provision of Boat Trips during the Fete and to Evesham Community First Responders which, in the form of Steve Heywood, provided us with a First Aider on site all afternoon. Whilst

this is a voluntary organisation, they actually have do their own fundraising to pay for their equipment...

St Anne's Church and the WI also raised much needed funds to go into their coffers.

Soon after the event, we had a debrief meeting so that we could put on paper what worked and what we need to work on for next year.

All in all, it was a good day and a fun village event and now we are having a bit of a summer break.

However, please note the date of the next Wyre Piddle Summer Fete which will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### **WYCHAVON SPORT (Parish Games)**

The weather has been a tremendous bonus and has enabled the events to get off to a flying start.

We have already completed several of the One Day Events including Bell Boating, Five a Side Football, Rounders, Petanque and Cross Country. But not without event...

We had hoped for some younger members to take part in the 5-a-Side this year so Captain Mike Oakley would not have to play. However, a couple of the younger ones were unable to get out of bed that early on a Sunday morning and, as a consequence, Mike played.

The outcome was a broken wrist trying (failing) to save a penalty and another of our players sustained 3 broken ribs.

That said, all of the events have been played with great team spirit and healthy competition; it is simply that some of us are getting a bit old for all this sporty stuff!!!!

Points wise, we are a little behind where we were this time last year and if we want to come second again, or better, we are going to have pull all the stops out. We do have an excellent set of Captains and I know Team Wyre Piddle will be the best it can possibly be...

One thing that may assist us is we now have Team T-Shirts! With sponsorship from Andrea and Ian at The Anchor Inn, we have bold red T-Shirts with *The Anchor Inn Wyre Piddle* on the front left and *Piddlers* on the back. Huge thanks to Ian and Andrea and we are sure these will make all the difference!!

### **9/7/14 Finance**

#### **a) To approve payment of Accounts**

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

cheque	Payee	For	£
901098	Collette Accountancy	Payroll preparation	300.00
901099	Grant Thornton	External audit fee	120.00
901100	D M Taverner	Salary and Admin expenses July	265.07
901101	New Farm Grounds mtce	grass cutting -June	456.00

#### **b) Completion of external audit for 2013/14**

The External Audit of the Council's 2013/14 accounts had been completed by Grant Thornton LLP on 10<sup>th</sup> July and the accounts had been given a clean bill of health.

## **10/7/14 New Homes Bonus (NHB)**

Following the Parish Council survey asking for ideas about how the NHB could be spent, It had been agreed to provide an all-weather path through the Parish Church Graveyard to the Garden of Remembrance. The indicative costs for the planned work were estimated at approximately £1,300 and would be partly funded by additional income from planned community events.

The application which had been submitted to the district council for the funds to be released had been approved by the District Council and a sum of £950 was to be credited to the council's bank account. Once received these funds would be paid over to the Church

## **11/7/14 Report from lengthsman and related repair and maintenance projects**

Peter Hurst was again thanked for the excellent work that he had undertaken to the maintenance of the grass verges and other repair projects throughout the village. Peter would be attending a lengthsman training scheme which was due to be run by the county council in early August.

The Clerk was asked to provide details of the dates when the grass cutting contractors were expected to mow the Village Green, Avon Green and the Poplar Avenue play area and surrounds

The Clerk replied that the contract was based on 12 cuts per year and would normally be undertaken in accordance with the following schedule:-

1 cut in late March  
2 cuts each month April to September

The cost of each cut was currently £175

Additional cuts and strimming could be undertaken from time to time by the contractor on request.

## **12/7/14 Poplar Avenue Play Area had been**

Details of indicative replacement / updated play equipment for the Poplar Avenue play area had been displayed at the village fete on 28th June and further example designs and quotations were actively being sought

## **13/7/14 To agree date of next meeting: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2014**

**There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.**

Chairman .....  
24<sup>th</sup> July 2014