

WYRE PIDDLER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council duly convened and held in the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle on **Thursday 20th November, 2014** commencing at 7.30pm

Present Councillors: - D Naraine (Chairman)
M Oakley
N Wood
G Smout

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

Apologies recorded: - Cllr R Merchant

1/11/14 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: *Agenda item 8b planning application*[14/02399](#)
Land off Wyre Hill. It was noted that the properties of Cllrs Wood and Naraine were located in close proximity to the application site.

2/11/14 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

3/11/14 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th September, 2014

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th September, 2014 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record of that meeting and were signed as approved by the Chairman.

4/11/14 Matters arising from the minutes.

There were none

5/11/14 Community access defibrillator scheme.

Representatives from West Midlands Ambulance Service, gave a presentation on the various types of defibrillator systems which were available for the Council to purchase. Examples of defibrillator housing cabinets were also circulated. Grant aid for purchase of the equipment and training in its use could be provided by the British Heart Foundation and West Midlands Ambulance Service. Members agreed that consideration should be given to purchasing a defibrillator which could be sited at a suitable location within the Parish.

6/11/14 Closure of the meeting to allow questions from Members of the Public

E mail from Mr Gary Robinson regarding various issues within the Parish.

- (a) ***Request for protective fencing around the Preaching Cross in Church Street to prevent damage by passing traffic.*** The Council did not feel that this would be helpful as it would further narrow the existing junction there. Research into the possibility of securing grant aid for the

cleaning of the Village Hall War Memorial would be undertaken. English heritage (EH) had been contacted to see if grant funding could be made available for cleaning of the Cross. Currently EH were happy that the preaching cross was in a relatively good condition but a watching brief would continue to be made.

- (b) ***Ongoing issue with the state of roads and pavements throughout the parish*** This had been reported to the County council for their attention but their maintenance budgets were severely constricted and such works were being undertaken on a priority ranking basis throughout the County

7/11/14 County Councillors Report

The planning application [14/02399](#) for a mixed residential development of 40 dwellings on land at Wyre Hill would be called in by the District Council planning to committee for consideration if officers were to recommend it for approval.

Further repairs to the Eastern Bridge barrier system would be undertaken by the county council although it was reaching the stage where the county council might not be willing to continue to fund the ongoing costs of the damage which was being caused by errant vehicle drivers. The police had been asked to put more effort into investigating the deliberate damage of the barriers. This had also been raised with the police at a recent PACT meeting.

Tom Comerford is the new highways liaison officer appointed for the area and Cllr Tucker requested that she be sent a list of outstanding of maintenance issues in the Parish so that she could follow up on progress with them.

The Poplar Avenue estate had now finally been given adopted status by the County Council

8/11/14 Community events update

Carrie Oakley had submitted the following report via the latest edition of the "Piddle Post":-
Remembrance Sunday on the 9 November saw bright sunshine and a strong turnout at the Memorial. This year Richard Murray-Peters had compiled a Roll of Honour, from which the names were read commemorating the 100th anniversary year since the commencement of the First World War. Following the Act of Remembrance Coffee and Cakes were provided at the Hotel where £100.00 was raised and donated to The Royal British Legion

Bulb Planting – Big thanks to the small team of happy and willing volunteers who helped to plant 1,300 early flowering Narcissus Bulbs through the village. These should flower in early March and, over time, naturalise and spread. It's lovely to think that some of the children who helped plant these will see them blossom for years to come. The money for the bulbs was obtained by Wyre Piddle Parish Council from Wychavon District Council out of the New Homes Bonus

The Children's Christmas Party is on Saturday 20 December 3.30 to 5.30pm at the Village Hall. Tickets cost £5 and are available from JUE members

Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve 6.30 to 7.30pm on the Village Green is back with Pershore Brass Band keeping us in tune and mulled Wine keeping us warm. The 'buckets' will be raising money for the County Air Ambulance once again.

The Anchor Inn – is holding another Quiz Night on Thursday 11 December at 8pm and The Piddlers Party is on Saturday 20th at 2pm followed by Christmas Karaoke at 4pm. Early opening to say 'cheers' on Christmas Day at 10am. There is a New Year's Eve Meal and Live

Music by Nigel Smith... So, lots going on at The Anchor including Quizzes in January on the 8th and 22nd starting at 8pm.

Sing-Along with Eve – Monday 22 December 7.30-9.30 at the Village Hall (£3.50) brings you traditional and popular Christmas Songs and Carols, with Jenny Wilks on Piano. So bring friends and family and have a Sing-Along party with Mince Pies and Nibbles

The Piddlers Drama Group extends an open invitation to join them on Tuesday 13 January 2015 at 7pm at the Piesse of Piddle Hotel

The Parish Games – Hooray for Wyre Piddle!!!! Having entered all 15 events over the past 5 months, with 31 Parishes participating, we came a fabulous 4th overall. Our efforts did not go unnoticed or unrewarded... At the Presentation Evening on the 19 November, we received The Award of Merit Trophy for being so fab! Thanks must go to all of the wonderful Captains and to each and every person who participated. Thanks also to Ian and Andrea at The Anchor for sponsoring our terrific T-Shirts and to Adrian for making them

9/11/14 Planning applications

(a) Applications for consideration

14/02399 Land off, Wyre Hill, Wyre Piddle

A mixed residential development of 40 units containing 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses, some detached, semi-detached and terraced, and 1 and 2 bedroom flats. Resubmission of 13/01255/OU. The planning sub group were working on an updated response objecting strongly to this application

14/02079 Little Nooke, Chapel Lane, Wyre Piddle

Change of use of existing residential annexe to a dwelling and construction of a new wall, fence and gates. There were no objections to this application.

(b) Decision notices received

14/01659 Sunibrae, Chapel Lane, Wyre Piddle

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two detached dwellings
Approved 10th September, 2014

10/11/14 Finance

a) To approve payment of Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

cheque	Payee	For	£
901108	D M Taverner	Salary&Admin expenses Oct	292.47
901109	Mike Oakley	Bulb Planting	188.34
901110	HMRC	PAYE & NAT insurance	377.89
901111	K Boulton	Tree surgery	288.00
901112	New Farm grounds mtce	Grass Cutting	2,133.60
901113	D M Taverner	Salary&Admin expenses Nov	295.07

(b) 2014/15 Draft budget

The Clerk presented a paper setting out the indicative net expenditure budget and anticipated precept for 2015/16. The Council resolved that the precept for 2015/16 should be limited to an increase of no more than 1.98% over 2014/15 figure.

Following discussion it was agreed that the 2015/16 Parish Precept should be set at a sum of £ 11,380. The relevant precept request form would be sent to the District Council

12/11/14 Assets of Community value

The right gives eligible groups the opportunity to identify and nominate assets that are of value to the local community and gives them a fair chance to make a bid to buy them on the open market if the owner decides to sell.

A community can use this right to buy a local asset like a village shop, community centre, library, children's centre, allotment or pub. The right covers private as well as public assets.

It was agreed to request the District Council to establish the Anchor Inn on their list of assets which are deemed to be valuable to the local community.

If the request was granted then this would effectively give the Parish Council or a community group a six month time frame on being notified of the sale of the property to formulate a bid to purchase it.

13/11/14 Date of next meeting: Thursday 29th January, 2015

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

Chairman
29th January, 2015