

WYRE PIDDLER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council duly convened and held in the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle on **Thursday 25th June, 2015** commencing at 7.30pm

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

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

Apologies recorded: - Cllr G Rogers

1/6/15 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.

2/6/15 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

3/6/15 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Parish Council meeting held on 14th May, 2015
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th May, 2015 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record of those meetings.

4/6/15 Matters arising from the minutes.
There were none

5/6/15 Correspondence Received

A request had been received from the Village Hall Management Committee for a temporary interest free loan of £5k for 3 months to assist with renovation work being undertaken in the Village Hall. The intended loan would cover a three month period pending the receipt of grant monies from the District Council.

There were some concerns surrounding the problems which could arise in the loan being repaid, should the works not be completed satisfactorily or within the permitted time period. It was suggested that the VHMC should contact the District Council's officers responsible to see if they would sanction the grant being paid to the VHMC in stages as the project proceeded.

Officers from Worcestershire Association of Community Councils had subsequently confirmed that the Parish Council had no legal power to make such a loan in any event.

6/6/15 Planning: applications and decision notices

[15/01293](#) Cotswold View, Main Road, Wyre Piddle - First floor extension over existing garage -no objections were raised and the application was approved on 23rd June, 2015

7/6/15 County Councillors Report

Immediate improvements to Ketch Junction

Following the completion of a review of the Ketch Junction audit findings, work will be carried out over the coming days to put in place a number of its recommendations.

The audit was brought forward by Worcestershire County Council following public feedback. In addition, interim traffic management arrangements were promptly put in place. These have remained in place while the audit has been completed and the findings have been reviewed by the Council, scheme designers CH2M and an independent engineering firm.

The work was timed to minimise disruption to motorists and be subject to suitable weather conditions and was carried out on a Saturday evening.

It included: Hatching out the merger lane exiting the roundabout onto Carrington Bridge; Removal of the straight on arrow on the right hand lane approach from the Norton roundabout to the Ketch roundabout and replacing this with destination marking; Improving the circulatory markings on the roundabout.

Roads leading up to the roundabout and the roundabout itself remained open, with temporary traffic management arrangements in place to ensure the work can be safely carried out.

The Ketch Junction improvements are Phase 2 of the overall A4440 Worcester Southern Link Road project. This is one of the most significant projects of its type in Worcestershire for decades with investment of over £40m. When complete, it will improve traffic flow along one of the key routes in the county

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

8/6/15 Community events update

Carrie Oakley had submitted the following report:-

PIDDLE POST

The first Piddle Post was printed in March 2008 and work has now commenced on the June 2015 edition. But not by me...For the past couple of months (and hopefully for the next couple), Frans has taken on this role for which I am truly grateful. He has brought a new style and flair to it and we will need to discuss where it goes from here... and with whom....

We do receive positive feedback about the Piddle Post indicating that yes; it does get read and yes; people do find it both useful and informative. Whilst ever that continues, one way or another, we will aim to keep writing, printing and delivering it.

JOINED UP ENTERTAINMENTS

JUE had its first meeting in October 2007 and we feel, in May 2015, that it has become an entity in its own right, bigger than the sum of its parts.

We have organised a host of events over the years, but our annual stock includes:

The Easter Bonnet Parade and Egg Hunt (now with Easter Bunny Bingo)
The Summer Fete (in a new format)
Coffee and Cakes, following the Act of Remembrance
The Children's Christmas Party and
Christmas Carols and Mulled Wine (accompanied by Pershore Brass Band)

These events are generally well attended and enjoyed by villagers and visitors alike.

The events make good use of several of Wyre Piddle's assets including;
Smith's Meadow;
The River;
The Village Hall; and
The Village Green;

To a great extent, the concept of both Joined Up Entertainment and the Piddle Post were envisaged by the Parish Plan and later delivered by the Parish Council. Whilst, as I have touched upon, both have become independent entities in their own right which is a good thing, they have close links to the Parish Council which is equally a good thing and something to be nurtured. For example, the PC can make use of the Piddle Post to get its message out there and raise its profile through the annual events.

On that note, JUE would like to invite the Parish Council to book a stall at this year's Fete. Former Cllr Mike Oakley ran this last year and found it to be a helpful medium by which to discuss the Village Survey he had undertaken in relation to finding ways to spend some of the New Homes Bonus money. Malcolm Haden is taking bookings if you would like to do it again this year.

JUE has money in the bank and is in a strong position to cover all of the outgoing expenditure associated with the running of the Fete next month. After the Fete, we hope to be in a position to consider further donations or purchases to enhance the village.

WYCHAVON SPORT (Parish Games)

I am no longer on the Wychavon Sport Committee but remain involved in Wyre Piddle as Parish Organiser.

The Parish Games have been running since 1978 and, with varying fortunes, Wyre Piddle has entered every year.

I have only been the Organiser since 2011 but, as a consequence of a fantastic team of Captains, we have managed to sustain a top 5 placing, out of over 30 Parishes, each year. An achievement that the Parish should be very proud of indeed.

Once again, in 2015 we will be entering every event and we hope our Captains will train hard, bond with their teams in the pub or hotel, enjoy participating, be proud to represent the Parish of Wyre Piddle and do their level best to bring home a trophy or two... Since 2011 we have come 1st, 5th, 2nd, 3rd – so where next????

I would like to thank the Parish Council for continuing to support the Games both financially and by taking part in them and to thank everyone who assists with and comes to any and all of the village events. It all helps to make Wyre Piddle an even nicer place to live!!!

9/6/15 Finance

a) To approve payment of Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

cheque	Payee	For	£
901123	HMRC	PAYE & Nat Ins	189.45
901124	New Farm Grounds mtce	Grass cutting	1,203.60
901125	AON Insurance	Insurance premium	1,267.30
901126	N power	Street Lighting	40.15
901127	Grant Thornton	Audit fee	120.00
901128	D M Taverner	Salary & Admin Expenses	
		June	332.52

b) Completion of external audit for 2014/15

The External Audit of the Council's 2014/15 accounts had been completed by Grant Thornton LLP on 11th June and the accounts had been given a clean bill of health.

b) New homes bonus

New homes bonus funding of £900 had now been received from Wychavon District Council which would be used to secure the purchase of a Community Access Defibrillator which would be sited at the Village Hall. Training for any volunteers interested in helping with the use of the equipment when needed would be arranged.

Parishioners could contact the Clerk or and Councillor if interested.

10/6/15 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. 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 13 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. An extra cut had been arranged for Smiths Meadow to take place in the week leading up to the day of the Summer Fete

11/6/15 Poplar Avenue Play Area update

Further details of indicative replacement / updated play equipment for the Poplar Avenue play area had been received and further example designs and quotations would be displayed at the Village Hall as part of a consultation event on the choice of the new equipment on a date to be arranged.

12/6/15 Date of next meeting: Thursday 27th August, 2015

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

Chairman

27th August, 2015