

## WYRE PIDDLER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council duly convened and held in the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle on **Thursday 27th August, 2015** commencing at 7.30pm

**Present Councillors:** - N Wood (Chairman)  
G Smout, G Johns  
**In attendance:** - County Councillor Liz Tucker  
D Taverner – Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

**Apologies recorded:** - Cllr D Naraine

**1/8/15 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.

**2/8/15 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

**3/8/15 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2015**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record of those meetings.

**4/8/15 Matters arising from the minutes.**

Re minute 5/615 following the 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 Clerk advised that he had consulted with Worcestershire CALC on the matter who had informed him that unfortunately the Parish Council had no legal power to make such a loan facility available

**5/8/15 Planning applications**

**[15/01610](#) Sunibrae, Chapel Lane, Wyre Piddle, Pershore, WR10 2JA**

Reserved matters application for the appearance and layout following outline planning permission W/13/01659/OU for the demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two detached dwellings.

It was agreed that the following response to the application should be sent the District Council:-

The Parish Council supports the redevelopment of this site but are disappointed with the lack of detail and quality of the design that is being put forward in this application. Wychavon DC champion good design and this application would appear to fall far short of the high standards that the District Council would normally expect.

No details of landscaping, external appearance or ecological mitigation have been submitted and it is

hard to see how these dwellings would integrate into the street scene in Chapel Lane

## **15/01917 Little Nooke, Chapel Lane, Wyre Piddle, Pershore, WR10 2JA**

Application under section 106A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to discharge the requirements relating to the legal agreement Dated 25 September 2008 associated with planning permission Ref.no. W/07/01652/CU which relates to the use of the annexe accommodation

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application.

## **6/8/15 Community events update**

Carrie Oakley had submitted the following report:-

"Let's start with a big thank you to Frans Swarte who took on the Piddle Post from April to July. He has done a great job keeping the wheels on and bringing a fresh and new perspective to it. *Thank you Frans, very much appreciated*

**The Summer Fete:** This is the first opportunity to report on the Fete held in Smith's Meadow way back on June 27 and what a day it was! The weather was glorious, attendance was high and the 'joined up' ethos of JUE was much in evidence. We had a whole team dedicated to Boat Trips, which proved to be incredibly popular; a new Creative Writing and Drama Group, which had the crowds enthralled with its production of St George and the Dragon; 3 live bands performed under the famous Pointy Tent, all from Wyre Piddle! There were stalls and games and chips and Pimms and cakes and the old fashioned Penny Slot Machines returned this year. The afternoon was enjoyed by hundreds of people... We have had debrief meetings and anticipate that next year the Fete will continue to grow and improve. As you know JUE is not a fundraising group but one which endeavours to join up with other parties and groups within the village to put on events where previously there were none. However, the Fete has this marvellous by-product called 'cash'. This goes back into the JUE coffers enabling other events to be supported throughout the year, such as the Easter Bonnet Parade, the Children's Christmas Party and Carols and Mulled Wine on the Village Green. In addition to this, this by-product has enabled JUE to make some donations this year as a small gesture to say 'thank you' and, in most cases, to provide a bit of necessary funding. Donations have been made to the Avon Navigation Trust, whose assistance is greatly appreciated; Evesham Community First Responders, who were present in the Meadow and need financial support to purchase their equipment; the new Creative Writing and Drama Group, whose performance in the Meadow added a new dimension to the Fete; and the rather fabulous BL3ND, who would ideally like a Tour Bus but we think the donation might only just stretch to a few trips on the 551! Thanks to everyone who supported, attended or helped with the Fete in whatever way, it is all hugely appreciated. ***Next year's Fete is on Saturday 25***

### **June**

**The Flower Show:** There were some new categories this year and some absolutely fabulous entries. Ellie Edward's Victorian dress, inclusive of a full on bustle, was a masterpiece and has to get this special mention. There was even some Parsnip Envy in certain quarters!

**The Village Hall** – is having some refurbishment work undertaken between the 1<sup>st</sup> September and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October in three main areas. 1; to improve the toilets facilitating disabled access; 2, to improve lighting both within and outside the building including wall lighting with dimmers on the inside and lighting to give illumination from the hall to the car park on the outside (which will hopefully encourage use of the mainly empty Car Park and reduce road parking); and 3; work to improve the wooden floor. This work follows a grant from Welcome to our Future and will further enhance our Village Hall making it more desirable, thus more hireable... For future bookings please call Thelma on 552479.

**W.I.** Due to the work noted above, the next W.I. meeting will be held at 12 Avon Green at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16 September. If you would like to attend, please contact Glenda on 552561.

**MacMillan Coffee Morning** – Friday 25 September 10am -12pm (this is in the Village Hall during a gap between the scheduled works). Come along for a cuppa, a slice of cake and a

chat in support of this charitable organisation. Donations for the Tombola and Bookstall would be most welcome – Contact Pauline Monks on 553510 or deliver to 'Lyndhurst'.

**Pershore Food Bank** – Thank you to everyone from Wyre Piddle for the welcome donations. Please, if you can, do keep up the generosity. The collection box is in the entrance hall of the Hotel. Thank you to Graeme for allowing it to be there.

**St Anne's Church** – The Holy Communion for Harvest is on Sunday 20 September at 10am. Any harvest produce will be given to the Maggs Centre. Tinned or packaged food, along with fresh vegetable etc... would be welcomed.

**The Anchor Inn** – *Exciting news...* The pub was only closed for a few days this time before Amanda and Adrian re-opened the doors for business. The word on the street is one of positivity and hope and a feeling that this couple could prove to hold the right formula. Amanda and Adrian have run pubs before. Adrian is a Chef intending to be mainly working in the kitchen and Amanda is a friendly and helpful front of house, 'behind the bar' kind of Landlady. They have plans and ideas for the building and an apparent commitment to work hard to make it happen. The impression gained is that they are aiming for a food led village pub, sourcing local produce for the menu and getting involved in the community."

## 7/8/15 Finance

### a) To approve payment of Accounts

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

cheque	Payee	For	£
901129	D M Taverner	Salary & Admin Expenses july	282.32
901130	British Heart Foundation	defibrillator	400.00
901131	safety tec Ltd	defibrillator cabinet	485.55
901132	D M Taverner	Salary & Admin Expenses August	287.32
901133	n Power	Street Lighting	419.94
901134	New Farm grounds mtnce	Grass Cutting	957.60
901135	wychavon Sport	Parish Games Entry	69.00
901136	P Hurst	Lengthsman Work Aprl to Sept	970.91

### b) Bank accounts reconciliation at 27<sup>th</sup> August

The Clerk circulated details of the Council bank balances as at 27<sup>th</sup> August which were represented by;-

	£
Bank Current Account	5,122.21
Bank Deposit account	29,827.29
National Savings and Investment Account	13,738.74

Total Cash held at 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 48,688.24

## 8/8/15 Report from PACT panel 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 and County Councillor Actions

### Wyre Piddle Eastern Bridge

The panel discussed the issue of the Signals on the bridge and the frustration over the damage which has previously been caused, and with no prosecutions having been forth coming. The Council remain reluctant to replace property and as cameras are not an option the problem remains.

The volume of incorrect traffic is very slight; however the possibility still remains with debris onto the railway line a Risk that still needs eradicating.

The only option left is with the reinstatement of two way light system with a traffic order prohibiting motor vehicles. The Order apparently already exists.

- A leaflet drop will be arranged for Wyre Piddle residents under a survey of what's concerning your village from West Mercia police (PC 1347 to arrange )
- Liz Tucker will check on the Traffic Order
- If the order is in place the police will raise awareness and enforcement of the order will be implemented.
- Traffic volume and category will need to be reviewed to support Police resource allocation.

### **HGVs in Throckmorton**

The panel discussed the ongoing problem of Long Lane in Throckmorton and the quantity of HGV's within local businesses. The removal of limitations of traffic flow towards the Upton Snodsbury Road has caused concern. Likewise Qinetiq were not inclined to dictate which way traffic left their site.

The concern that Kevin Ward of the Willows has over the constant near miss incidents outside his property still is a serious factor that the panel try to resolve.

The speed surveys over the last three months by PCSO Gurney all give the same results of low speed of vehicles but the width of the road is of concern when oncoming traffic meets each other.

Marshalls have not been identified in any incidents and their staff remain very focused on vehicle speed due to employment counting on it.

Safety Road Camera Partnership Team review David Perridge has this listed for the next meeting which will be held on operations forum 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2015

A request that these patrols could be advertised after their completion on the SNT website showing where PCSO / PC have engaged. The Website is still not fit for purpose and this will be taken under advisement.

The Reference to Hi Vis patrol also seemed harsh and alarming. The rebranding of Village Patrol is more pleasing.

### **The Cross Wyre Piddle**

The panel discussed this issue and the consensus at present is that no yellow line should be put down. The caravan traffic at the moment along with the day to day bus timetable sometimes make impossible for motorist to navigate safely out of the way.

### **Speeding at Lower Moor**

This is felt no longer to be an issue due to the quantity of parked vehicles forming natural traffic calming measures.

### **Unlawful party on the Spring Onion Site Chapel Street.**

The panel are aware that the "Rave" had over 300 youngsters attend. Police have spoken to the teenagers who organised this and formal prosecutions are in hand. Reassurance by the police had been completed. The venue buildings have been made such that no-one would like to remain in them due to cow manure which has been spread inside.

The land is now up for sale and it was confirmed that there is no intention or desire to allow this land to be purchased by travellers.

### **Wyre Piddle Crime spike**

The relocation of the Orchardene children's home residents will allow a more realistic reported crime to show on the website. The panel praised local neighbours for their resilience

**Road Safety Pinvin and Station Road**

**Cllr Tucker** reported that there are to be 5 new crossing points on Station Road but none where really needed by the Civic centre. The Northern Link is still on the County Councils agenda but financial resources are still pending.

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**Parking near schools**

- Liz Tucker to revisit the yellow lines issue

**9/8/15 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 and a claim for the reimbursement of the work undertaken during the period April to September Had been sent to the County Council

**10/8/15 Poplar Avenue Play Area update**

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

**11/8/15 Date of next meeting: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

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

Chairman .....

24<sup>th</sup> September, 2015