

WYRE PIDDLER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council duly convened and held in the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle on **Thursday 7th July, 2016** commencing at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance: - D Taverner – Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

Apologies recorded: - County Cllr Mrs L Tucker

1/7/16 **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.

2/7/16 **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

3/7/16 **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Parish Council meeting held on 26th May, 2016**

The minutes of the 2016 Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting held on 26th May 2016, having been previously circulated, were approved as correct records of those meetings.

4/7/16 **Matters arising from the minutes.**

There were none

5/7/16 **Adjournment of the meeting to allow for questions on council business from parishioners.**

1. From Mr Gary Robinson asking whether the parish council had any views on a recent national press article which had suggested that there was a high risk that residents living in close proximity to a waste tip had a high risk of contracting cancer as a result. The Chairman replied that he was not aware of the availability of any evidence to either repudiate or support this assertion.
2. From Mr Gary Robinson expressing concern at the upswing of crime and disorder within the District. The Chairman replied that the Parish Council would be continuing to support the work of the local policing team, in this regard, through liaison work at the regular PACT meetings which were attended by Cllrs Smout and Rogers.
3. From Mr Gary Robinson challenging the accuracy of minutes relating to a PC meeting held during 2015. The Clerk advised that the approval of the minutes of PC meetings was under the remit of elected members only and could not be challenged by a non – council member unless the PC approved

a formal resolution to carry out any such an amendment. The Clerk also advised that PC minutes must be approved by the Council before they can be published.

6/7/16 Planning: applications and decision notices

16/01024 OUT - The Park, Abbey View Road, Pinvin, WR10 2HT Outline Application for 10 Holiday Lodges and Access

The Parish Council objected to this application on the basis that to allow this proposal in this unsuitable location would be reckless and potentially dangerous given the lack of infrastructure, highway issues and the hostile environment for those on foot. The PC also questions the desirability of this site as a holiday destination in light of the potential noise from the railway, HGV route and A44 bypass and of the smells from the tip. Additionally, there already exists ample local good and attractive holiday home/camping provision along Mill Lane.

In the event that WDC decides to approve this application, it must be borne in mind that the accommodation proposed is located in an area where the provision of permanent housing is contrary to both the NPPF and the SWDP policies. Accordingly, the countryside location must not be compromised and needs to be safeguarded.

Therefore, to ensure that the proposal is used as described, the PC would request that enforceable model conditions are imposed and monitored limiting the occupancy of the Lodge style structures to Seasonal/Holiday Use with a requirement that a Register of Occupants is maintained. This can be achieved by specifying the months per year when they can be occupied and by allowing use for no more than 28 days by any one family. This is particularly important when considering the planning history of this site and the previous three caravans which were used for residential accommodation for a six-month period without the benefit of planning permission (Planning Application W/10/02845/CU).

16/01440 FUL - The Gables, Church Street, Wyre Piddle WR10 2JD Single storey side extension

Whilst the Parish Council raised no objections to this application it was noted that the next door neighbours to the property had expressed concerns regarding the potential loss of light to parts of their property.

7/7/16 Community events update

The Street party for the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations had been enjoyed by all those who had attended. A total of £1,124 had been raised with part of these funds being donated to the Village Hall maintenance fund.

An appeal has been launched for help to pay for the repair of the West Window at St Annes Church and some £804 had been donated to the appeal fund from the sums raised at the street party.

The Summer Fete on Smiths Meadow had been favoured by good weather and had again been well attended.

The Wychavon Parish Games had got underway with the bell boating event. The list of the individual games organisers was published in the Piddle Post and villagers were encouraged to make contact and join in with the various competitions.

Planning for the Village Show scheduled for 21st August was now in progress.

8/7/16 Finance

a) To approve payment of Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment: -

cheque	Payee	For	£
901164	D m Taverner	clerk salary - july	269.91
901165	Bransford Nurseries	plants for flower tubs	58.50
901166	AON insurance	insurance premium	451.82
901167	Wychavon sport	Parish Games entry	69.00
901168	New Farms Grounds Mntce	Grass Cutting June & July	1,215.90

b) Bank account balances at 30th June, 2016

The Clerk circulated details of the Council bank reconciliation statement as at 30th June. Bank balances at that date were represented by; -

	£
Bank Current account	9,365.15
Bank Deposit account	29,902.51
National Savings account	13,841.78

Total Cash held at 30th June, 2016

53,109.44

9/7/16 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 with New Farm Grounds Maintenance 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. For example, an extra cut had recently been arranged for Smiths Meadow to take place in the week leading up to the day of the Summer Fete

The contract was next due for review in April 2017.

10/7/16 Poplar Avenue Play Area update

Further details of indicative replacement / updated play equipment for the Poplar Avenue play area had been received and further work needed to be undertaken to attempt to secure grant funding for the project.

11/7/16 Smiths Meadow

Cllr Paul advised that he had been in contact with the District Council regarding the permissions required for the construction of a landing stage at the bottom of smith's meadow and that he would present an update report on this intended project once further information from Wychavon had been received.

Two of the benches in Smiths Meadow had been unbolted and had been secured back in place by the parish lengthsman.

12/7/16 Roads and pavements maintenance

Preparatory marking work had been undertaken by the county council and it was anticipated that resurfacing of the main road through the village was due to be carried out.

Cllr paul reported that some of the pavements in the Parish were damaged and were becoming unsafe. The relevant locations needed to be reported to the county council for remedial action to be undertaken.

13/7/16 Date of next meeting: Thursday 25th August, 2016

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Chairman
25th August, 2016