

Wyre Piddle Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on
29th June 2017
in the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle

Meeting commenced: 7.30 pm - Meeting ended: 8.35pm

Present: Cllrs D Naraine, G Smout, N Wood, J Paul
In Attendance: Mr D M Taverner (outgoing Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer)
Mrs C Hirst (incoming Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer)
County Cllr L Tucker

- 14/18 Apologies for absence – Cllr G Johns**
- 15/18 Declarations of Interest for a) the Meeting (Personal and Prejudicial) and b) Any Changes to be Notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality -No changes to the existing information lodged with the District Council were declared.**
- 16/18 Appointment of new Clerk** The Chairman welcomed the newly appointed Clerk – Mrs Carole Hirst -to her first meeting and thanked the retiring Clerk- David Taverner for his twelve years of service as Clerk to the Council.
- 17/18 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Parish Council meeting held on 18th May,2017**
The minutes had been previously circulated and were unanimously approved as a correct record of the meetings
- 18/18 Matters arising from the minutes**
There were none
- 19/18 Adjournment of the meeting for the receipt of public questions**
There were none
- 20/18 Planning applications and planning decision notices**
There were none
- 21/18 County Councillor Report**
Cllr Tucker advised that she had arranged for Gerry Brienza – Highways Manager for the area - to jointly inspect problem areas and matters arising within the Parish with the Chairman. A date for this meeting was due to be set imminently
- Concern had again been expressed regarding damage to the Eastern Bridge Barriers. Repairs were due to be undertaken but the County Council had indicated that they could not afford to repeatedly carry out such repairs on an indefinite basis

22/18

Community Events and Parish Games update

Carrie Oakley had submitted the following report

Reporting on the Piddle Post, Joined Up Entertainments and Wychavon Sport's Parish Games

PIDDLE POST

Issue 98 has been completed and we creep ever closer to my maximum of 100, although I have just realised that as I am willing to do it until the end of the year, this will actually take me up to 102 – I really need to work harder on getting a replacement to take this on.

JOINED UP ENTERTAINMENTS

The 10th annual Summer Fete was fabulous. Possibly the best so far. The sun shone, but not too brightly, the teams all worked really hard to set it all up and then run the various stalls and the people came.

We started setting up around 9.30am and finished clearing up by about 6.30.

During the Fete, between 2-5pm we had games, stalls, cakes, ponies, reptiles and raccoons and the old fashioned Penny Arcade. We had Chips, Pimms and Cream Teas. We had Boat Trips. In the central arena surrounded by straw bales we had a dog show – Waggiest Tail and Most like their Owner. Later we had children's races including egg and spoon race, three legged race, sack race and more. Throughout the afternoon we had Wyre Piddlers performing under the pointy tent including the entire Meusz family including Eve, Nino, Tash and Sofia who entertained us with covers as well as their own music.

And we had a bit of a show stopper of a moment. We had Wyre Piddle band Piggy Doo Dar – this trio of eleven years olds captured our attention as they thrashed out their own material on the drums, bass guitar and lead guitar. The lead guitarist/vocalist started by saying "this is the biggest audience we have ever had" – but he didn't appear to be nervous, he looked like he was saying in his head "bring it on". They had such stage presence and confidence it was awesome...

So, if you're going to end on a high note, this was it. Both Ali Haultain and I are exhausted but happy as our years with JUE come to an end.

We will be having a Fete debrief meeting next week and as previously advised, Ali and I are putting together Event Folders to enable the remaining members of the team, and anyone else who cares to join them, to continue to run events that have become well established, if they want to. I hope so, as I really want to go to the Fete next year!!! (Saturday 30 June 2018).

Finally on the subject of JUE, I would like to extend thanks to Mr and Mrs Stokes, who recently moved to Wyre Piddle (into one of the new houses by the pumping stations) as they volunteered to assist on Fete day and we put them to good use pretty much all day. I understand that Mrs Stokes has also adopted the Tubs at the entrance to the village.

Thanks also to Gladys Smout for offering to help on Fete Day but we really didn't want to ask, we think she already does enough! – Thank you also for your generous donation to the JUE pot.

WYCHAVON SPORT (Parish Games)

We have started... Mike Oakley captained the Bell Boating team last Saturday. He really struggled to get a team together this year as many of his usual trusty comrades were away or tied up with the Fete. However, we did get a team on the water and we came 10th gaining 7 points for the Parish.

Next, Eve Meusz assisted by Ali Haultain will be fielding their best Rounders Team this coming Sunday 2 July and we wish them well.

The following Sunday (9th), Mike Oakley will be taking a team to Badsey for the 5 a side football. He doesn't have a team in place yet so if you know anyone who is male, over 16 and has kicked a ball, please point them in Mike's direction.

Chris Gooderham has been seen on the streets of Wyre Piddle chasing runners to recruit his team for the Cross Country on Monday 17 and Rob Perry is warming up for the Petanque on Sunday 23rd.

As ever, we have good and reliable Captains who, by hook or by crook, will do their best to get a team out there.

We hope they all do their very best but, above all, we hope they enjoy it...

Carrie Oakley

23/18 Financial Matters

(a) Payment of Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment: -

| Cheque | Payee | | Net £ | VAT £ | Gross £ |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| 191 | P Hurst | Lengthsman Invoice | 225.00 | - | 225.00 |
| 193 | New Farm Grounds Mtce | Grass Cutting March - to May | 1,627.50 | 325.50 | 1,953.00 |
| 192 | D M Taverner | Clerk Salary - April to June 2017 | 810.13 | | 810.13 |
| 194 | AON Insurance | Insurance Premium 2017/18 | 462.13 | | 462.13 |

(b) Bank Reconciliation statement as at 29th June

| | £ |
|---|------------------|
| Opening Cash at 1/4/2017 | 51,314.83 |
| add Receipts 2017/18 to 29/6/17 | 7,781.00 |
| less payments 2017/18 to 29/6/17 | - 225.00 |
| Cash held at 29/6/17 per bank statements | 58,870.83 |

24/18 Poplar Avenue play area refurbishment

Grant funding totalling £13,500 had now been secured for this project and it was anticipated that work would start on site during late July

25/18 Dates of future meetings

Following discussion, it was proposed that future meetings of the Council in 2017/18 would take place on: -

At 7 30 pm in the Village Hall on: -

2017

Thursday 28 September

Thursday 26 October

Thursday 30 November (Precept Setting)

2018

Thursday 25 January

Thursday 22 March

Thursday 24 May (AGM and Annual Parish Meeting)

26/18 Co Option of new Parish Councillor

Misan McFarland, a local resident, was nominated the Chairman to be co-opted to serve as a Parish Councillor. This nomination was seconded by Cllr John Paul and it was **unanimously resolved** that Misan McFarland should be co-opted to serve as a Parish Councillor with effect from 1st July 2017

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Approved as a true record D. Naraine.....Chairman
27th July, 2017