

Wyre Piddle Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of **Wyre Piddle Parish Council** held **on Thursday 30 March 2017 commencing at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle.**

1 To Consider Apologies for Absence – Cllrs G Smout and N Wood

2 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

Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or any other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4)(b) of the Code of Conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items unless a Dispensation has been requested/granted.

Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may result in the commission of a criminal offence.

3 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) *(to be submitted to the Clerk not less than three days before the meeting)* There were none.

4 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th January 2017 The minutes of the meeting held on 26th January were unanimously approved as a correct record of that meeting

5 Any matters arising from the minutes There were none

6 Closure of the meeting to allow questions on Council business from Members of the Public. The Clerk set out the rules and methodology for the co-option process following a public question

- 9 Report from Hill and Moor Community Liaison Group meeting – held on 15th March 2017** -the notes of the meeting were available on the Hill and Moor landfill site web facility
- 10 Community Events and Parish Games update-** these details were incorporated in the March edition of the Piddle Post
- 11 Finance: -**
(a) Approval of the payment of Accounts
(b) Bank reconciliation as at 31st March 2017
(c) Draft Final Accounts 2016/17
(d) Annual Audit Return and Governance Statement 2016/17

The Clerk presented the report of the Internal Auditor who had examined and approved the accounts, bank reconciliation and associated statements which had been prepared for the 2016/17 financial year. They had been found to be a true and fair view of the Parish Council's financial position as at 31st March 2017.

The annual audit return was now due to be submitted to Grant Thornton (UK) PLC

- 13 Recruitment of Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer following the retirement of David Taverner**
Four applications for the post had been received and interviews had been scheduled for week beginning 5th June
- 14 Maintenance of Open Spaces:**
Poplar Avenue – Play area and surrounds – update on refurbishment scheme and SWEF Grant application
Grant funding of £13k had been approved by Wychavon DC and the Severn Waste Environmental Fund respectively
- (d) Maintenance of roadways and pavements**
- to consider installation of bollards near Preaching Cross
This matter was due to receive further consideration following a meeting with English Heritage on its feasibility
- 15 To confirm date of next meeting: Thursday 25th May, 2017 (Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting)**

The Public and Press are cordially invited to attend the meeting