

Wyre Piddle Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Council held on
26th July 2018
in the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle

Meeting commenced: 7.30 pm - Meeting ended: 8.42pm

Present: Cllr. Paul, Cllr. Smout, Cllr. McFarland, Cllr. Wilks.

In Attendance: Carole Hirst (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer)
County Cllr. Tucker and 4 members of the Public.

- 1/7/18 Apologies for absence – Cllr. Naraine.**
- 2/7/18 Declarations of Interest for**
a) the Meeting (Personal and Prejudicial) None.
b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. None.
c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. None.
- 3/7/18 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)** None.
- 4/7/18 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 24th May 2018**
The minutes had been previously circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr. McFarland Proposed they be approved as a correct record of the meeting; Seconded by Cllr. Wilks. All in favour. They were duly signed by Cllr. Paul (Chair).
- 5/7/18 Update reports:**
Issues with Eastern Bridge: Cllr. Paul contacted the Police Commissioner, John Campion about being disappointed with the Police not helping to resolve the issues with the Eastern Bridge. This information was cascaded down to PC Paul Brown. PC Brown response was that in his time as response in this area for the best part of 15 years there has always been some confusion regarding prosecuting motorists going over the Bridge. PC Brown says that he has sorted this out with the Highways and that the Police can prosecute.
PC Brown has sent this message out to all Pershore and Evesham response officers. He is making inroads regarding CCTV with Police and that he will update will update you regarding this.
PC Brown further asked if it would be possible for the parish council to put something in the Piddle Post regarding the bridge having ongoing police patrols and that continuous disregard for the no entry and red lights etc. will result in police prosecutions.
- Quotes for the bottom gate and fence at Smiths Meadow.** Cllr. Paul reported that he was still awaiting a 3rd quote for this work and that he would chase this up. *When all 3 quotes are received he will contact Councillors to make a decision.*

Cost for replacement of the plaque at Smiths Meadow. Cllr. Paul reported that the cost would be £30 for the plaque without wood mount. Cllr. McFarland offered wood from a supply she has. Cllr McFarland Proposed we go ahead with purchasing the plaque. Seconded Cllr Wilks. All in favour.

Proposals to Protect the “Preaching Cross”. Cllr McFarland had a meeting with Neil Rimmington of Historic England at the Preaching Cross recently with Cllr. Paul. Various options available to protect the cross were discussed and Neil felt that the Bell was the best option. He also advised that the Parish Council should remove the moss and gravel from round the cross. We also need to undertake a small repair on the top of the cross. The Parish Council need permission from both Historic England and WCC Highway Engineers as the bells will be on the highway. The Cross has now been weeded, moss removed and gravel cleared thanks to Cllr. Paul and Alan McFarland. *Cllr. Tucker suggested that Cllr. McFarland contact the Clerk at Eckington to see who repaired their memorial.*

Brambles to be cleared on new play area land by contractor as part of their contract. Cllr. Naraine was not at the meeting and the item was deferred to the next Parish Council meeting in September.

Monitoring the state of Smiths Meadow for dog poo. Cllr. Paul reported that he had regularly monitored this over the last two months and had only seen any on two occasions. Councillors discussed whether an additional bin suitable for dog waste could be sited on the meadow. *Action: Cllr. Tucker to ascertain with WDC whether dog waste could be collected with normal litter bin waste or whether a dog bin was required.*

Public Footpath signs missing within the village. Cllr. Paul reported that he had again reported this to the Footpaths Officer at WCC Highways and that he was awaiting installation. Cllr. Paul will continue to chase this up until they are installed.

6/7/18 Adjournment of the meeting for the receipt of public questions.
The meeting was adjourned for public question time. A summary is appended to the minutes.

7/7/18 Planning applications and decision notices

Location/Address	Application	Consultation period	Decision Notice
18/00687/HP Cherry Tree Cottage, Church Street, Wyre Piddle	Implementation of planning approval W/15/01144/PP for a two-storey side extension, porch, roof alterations to create a terrace and small rear extension including internal alterations without compliance with condition 8 (drawing numbers) to amend scheme	21 days from 24 April 2018	Approved 7 June 18

18/00733/FUL The Landings, Main Road, Wyre Piddle, WR10 2JB	Construction of a new dwelling - Variation of condition 9 of W/12/02203/PN to allow first floor of garage to be used for habitable use	21 days from 19 April 2018	Approved June 8th 18
18/00895/FUL Elm Croft, Wyre Hill, Wyre Piddle, Pershore, WR10 2HS	Construction roof a replacement dwelling at Elmcroft	21 days from 10 May 2018	Approved June 25th 2018
18/01294/CLE- Agricultural Land, Abbey View Road, Pinvin	Lawful Development Certification for Existing operation relating to the implementation of planning permission for the construction of a new petrol filling station approved under reference W/11/01867/ET- Consultation -	Clerk to respond to planning Objecting to Certificate of Lawfulness. All in favour.	Consultation to 24th July 18 10 Day extension given

8/7/18 Finance:-

a) Approval of the payment of accounts

July 26th 2018 Payments List

Payee	Description	TOTAL £	Payment
HMRC PAID	JUNE Taxable Deductions	104.60	BACS
HMRC -UNPAID	July Tax Deductions	64.80	BACS
New Farm Grounds Maint	2 x cuts May&Jun 18	1,161.60	BACS
Carole Hirst	Clerk Salary June including agreed overtime 2018	417.90	BACS Total £676.94
(2018 Pay rates applied)	Clerk Salary July 2018	259.04	
Carole Hirst	Expenses from 24th May to July 26th	212.80	BACS
Currys PC World	i.t. equipment	14.99	debit card
Peter Hurst Lengthsman	April to 26th July	582.60	BACS
ICO	Register GDPR	35.00	DD
NPower	1 Apr to 25 May	108.44	BACS
BHIB Insurance	2018/19	420.90	BACS
Wyre Piddle Play Area Acc.	WCC Grant towards new play	1,000.00	BACS
Wychavon Sports Council	Wych Parish Games	69.00	BACS
TOTALS		4,451.67	
GREEN REPRESENTS PAID			

Cllr. McFarland proposed the payments be made- Cllr. Wilks Seconded – All in favour.

b) Bank Reconciliation as at 26th July 2018

Per Bank Statement Business Account	29,767.51
Per Bank Statement BB Deposit Acc.	25,130.02
TOTAL	£ 54,897.53

Reconciled with cash book/bank statements and signed by Cllr. Paul as reconciled.

c) Update on bank account charges.

The Clerk reported that Cllr McFarland was now a full signatory on the on-line banking and that the Clerk had been set up to process payments on-line without a second authorization. The cash book and bank statements would be reconciled each bi-monthly meeting.

9/7/18 Updates

Lengthsman Liaison: The Clerk reported that WCC Lengthsman Scheme require the Lengthsman to be monitored and submit monthly invoices and worksheets for payment. This is currently not being achieved and therefore it was proposed that a Councillor be nominated to work with the Lengthsman to give support in completing the worksheets. Cllr. Paul nominated Cllr Wilks for this position. - Cllr. McFarland seconded this proposal – All in favour.

10/7/18 County and District Councillor Tucker Report.

- (a) Cllr. Tucker handed a flyer to the Parish Council promoting the PACT Team giving details of how they may be contacted. Cllr. Paul offered to put it on the village noticeboard. A meeting at Fladbury Neighbourhood Watch is planned for Wednesday 5th September at Fladbury Village Hall. The meeting will invite various outside agencies involved in crime prevention. The meeting will be open for others to attend and it was discussed whether WP Parish Council might attend.

Cllr. Tucker had this week attended a meeting with WCC to discuss the Eastern Bridge issues. Four options were put forward:

1. Spend £2500 to keep it as it is (£1000 contribution from WP Parish Council);
2. Change over to traffic lights which would give priority for service vehicles (WCC to look into the costs for this);
3. Change over to standard traffic lights;
4. Repair the barriers now and try to keep going until the bridge works are complete and then move over to ordinary traffic lights.

Cllr. Tucker to report back to the next meeting.

Cllr. Tucker reported positive messages re traffic order enforcement as discussed in Minute Reference 5/7/18.

She said that a further PACT meeting was due September or October 2018 and asked Councillors if they had a preference. Councillors stated they had no preference.

The road closure work to be carried out at the end of July was reiterated from the May Annual Parish Council Meeting (See Minute Reference 15/5/18 (2).)

Parish Councillor Reports.

- (b) **Cllr. McFarland** - Attended Supporting Communities organised by the Wychavon District Council on the 5th July. It was attended by many parish and Town Councillors. There were a few important areas that the Parish Council may be interested in like the New Homes Bonus Scheme, where there is still over £1 million available for parish and town councils to apply for.

There are going to be a series of workshops for parish and town councils during the year with the first one on the 20th October on running a successful Village Hall. Cllr. Paul to mention it to the WP Village Hall Management Committee at their meeting in September.

Wychavon village of culture is for Parish, Town, Hamlets or villages to win about £5000 to deliver projects around cultural activities during 2019 and an opportunity to be crowned Wychavon village of culture for that year. This will happen every year.

WDC have announced A Community Legacy Grant scheme with £3 million available for "innovative and ambitious capital projects that create a lasting community legacy".

Cllr. McFarland has organised with Mick Simpson of the "We don't buy Crime Scheme" to come and talk to the Parish Council at 7pm before the Council meeting on the 27th September 2018. It is hoped that by holding it directly before the Parish Council meeting it will encourage the community to attend and perhaps stay for the Parish Council meeting.

The Questionnaires regarding the Wyre Piddle Parish Plan been delivered. Thanks to the Chairman Cllr. Paul, Cllr. McFarland and Cllr. Wilks. The Parish Council have had some returned but we will wait until the middle of August before collating the responses.

Cllr. McFarland attended the "Severn Waste Service" meeting. There were 3 "Schedule 5" notifications during the period March to June 2018. A breach of carbon dioxide limit; A fire; A breach of CO2 and Methane.

Cllr. Paul- Cllr. Paul has secured 420 saplings from the Woodland trust which should be delivered November 18 or February 19 depending on demand. The Parish will need a working party of around 10 people to prepare the ground and plant the saplings. There are Medium Year-Round Colour (105 saplings); Medium Wildlife (105 saplings); Medium Year-Round Colour (105 saplings); Medium Wild Harvest (105 saplings).

11/7/18 Correspondence.

- PCC's commitment to reducing crime. Noted.
- Parishioner Willow Bank 8/6/18 – complaint about grounds maintenance to play area and rubbish left on site by contractor after play area installed. Cllr. Paul visited the site and chased Cllr. Naraine about the rubbish left on the site by the Contractor. Response sent.

- Wychavon DC News on Pershore Road Closure Plans. Residents and businesses in Pershore are being strongly urged to attend an exhibition next week to find out more about the planned closure of part of one of the town's main roads during the summer. Persimmon Homes is hosting the exhibition at Pershore High School on Wednesday 27 June from 4pm to 7pm to explain about the highway works planned to take place on Station Road. The works are essential in order to accommodate the new housing development being built along the route and includes the installation of permanent 4-way traffic lights, widening of the existing highway and pedestrian crossing points. In order to carry out the work Station Road will be closed at the junction with Wyre Road up to Pershore High School from 21 July to 23 August with traffic diverted along Wyre Road and Abbey View Road. Further work will take place from 28 August to 21 December. This will require Wyre Road to be closed for five days during October half-term but it is hoped the remainder of the work can be carried out under the existing temporary traffic lights. While the works are required to be carried out as part of the planning permission Wychavon District Council granted for the Wyre Meadows development, the programme of highways work and planned road closures have been agreed with Worcestershire County Council.
- Network Rail will soon be completing some works on the railway that may have an impact on residents in the local area. They will be sending letters and leaflets to the residents living near the railway.
- WCC- Senior Ecologist- Highways are planning to carry out scour repairs to the Piddle Brook bridge on Worcester Road in Wyre Piddle, but before they can start we need to carry out surveys for lamprey and native crayfish, to ensure that repair works don't impact upon these protected species.

12/7/18 Subsidence underneath the pavement at the mini roundabout.
Given the pending road works along station road, increasing car use from new development and the recent car crash at the Western Bridge. Safety improvements at the roundabout. Cllr. Paul reported that this had now been completed.

13/7/18 Draft Communications Policy and revised Standing Orders and Asset Register for consideration. The Parish Council Standing Orders and Asset Register were updated and presented to the Parish Council along with a draft Communications Policy. These were sent in advance of the meeting. Cllr. Wilks proposed they all be adopted - Cllr. McFarland Seconded – All in favour.

Date of next meeting.

To confirm date of next meeting: **Thursday 27th September 2018**
at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.42pm

Approved as a true record Cllr. J. Paul
Chairman 27th September 2018

6/7/18 Parishioners Comments - Notes

A member of the public reported that further to reports earlier this year regarding pollution in the Piddle Brook killing the fish, he was pleased to say that he had personally seen sights of healthy fish now back in the brook.

A member of the public thanked Cllr. Paul for keeping him informed of current issues within the parish. He also reported that he had been contacted by a member of the Vale Public Transport Group (VPTG) who was making a plea to see if the Parish Council would be open to the idea of a Wyre Piddle representative on the Vale Public Transport Group. They currently have reps from Pershore and Evesham Town Councils on the main group plus parish council reps from Drakes Broughton, Norton, Fladbury, Eckington and Defford and work to improve both bus and rail services in the Vale.

It was commented that usage of the new improved bus services from Wyre Piddle introduced last October was very encouraging but that there is concern about usage from other villages on the Evesham-Pershore corridor which could affect future timetable planning and services - so a voice for Wyre Piddle could prove important.

It was also requested that help could be given with distribution of the leaflets throughout the village for the VPTG.

Cllr. Paul offered to distribute leaflets via his route whilst delivering the "Journal".

Cllr. Paul proposed that Cllr. Smout attend the VPTG meeting.

Seconded by Cllr. McFarland. Cllr. Smout agreed to attend the next meeting.