

Wyre Piddle Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Council held on
27th September 2018
in the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle

Meeting commenced: 7.30 pm - Meeting ended: 8.22pm

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

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

1/9/18 Apologies for absence – Cllr. McFarland

2/9/18 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.

3/9/18 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) None.

4/9/18 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. Smout Proposed they be approved as a correct record of the meeting; Seconded by Cllr. Paul. All in favour. They were duly signed by Cllr. Paul (Chair).

5/9/18 Update reports:
Quotes for the bottom gate and fence at Smiths Meadow. Cllr. Paul reported that one of the 2 quotes received had now withdrawn and that he had still not received the outstanding quote and therefore he was awaiting 2 quotes before the work could be progressed. **Action: Cllr. Paul to obtain 2 further quotes.**

Brambles to be cleared on new play area land by contractor as part of their contract. Cllr. Naraine reported that the brambles had now been cleared.

Monitoring the state of Smiths Meadow for dog poo. Cllr. Tucker to ascertain with WDC whether dog waste could be collected with normal litter bin waste or whether a dog bin was required. As Cllr. Tucker was not in attendance Cllr. Paul agreed to contact Cllr. Tucker to see whether this information was available. **Action: Cllr. Paul to contact Cllr. Tucker to ascertain whether dog waste could be mixed with normal waste and collected for emptying together.**

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. **Action: Cllr. Paul will continue to chase this up until they are installed.**

18/01294/CLE- Agricultural Land, Abbey View Road, Pinvin-Certificate of Lawfulness- The Clerk reported that the parish council had just received notification that WDC Planning has refused the Certificate of Lawfulness. The Parish Council asked to put on record thanks to Mike Oakley and Cllr. Tucker for all their hard work in challenging this case.

Vale Public Transport Group (VPTG) - Cllr. Smout to be the Wyre Piddle Parish Council representative on the Vale Public Transport Group. Cllr. Paul had received an email regarding information on the next meeting and some background on VTPG. Action: Cllr. Paul to pass this onto Cllr. Smout for her to attend the meeting and report back to the next Parish Council meeting in November.

The next Pinvin PACT meeting will be on Monday 15th October at 7.30 pm at Sandfields.

6/9/18 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.

7/9/18 Planning applications and decision notices
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8/9/18 Finance:-
a) Approval of the payment of accounts

Sept 27th 2018 Payments List

Payee	Description	TOTAL £	Payment
HMRC	Aug Tax Deductions	129.40	BACS
New Farm Grounds Maint	Aug 18	290.40	BACS
Carole Hirst	Clerk Salary Aug	259.04	BACS TOTAL SALARY 518.28
Carole Hirst	Clerk Salary Sept 2018	259.24	
Carole Hirst	Expenses from July 27th to Sep 27th	125.92	BACS
Peter Hurst Lengthsman	01/08/2018 lengthsman duties	134.40	BACS
WHSmith	20 x 1st class and 20 x 2nd class stamps	25.00	DEBIT
NPower	Energy Consumption	118.29	BACS
John Paul	expenses for materials	47.01	BACS
TOTALS		1,388.70	

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

b) Bank Reconciliation as at 27th September 2018

Per Bank Statement Business Account	26,950.70
Per Bank Statement BB Deposit Acc.	25,132.19
TOTAL	£52,082.89

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

c) New Farm Grounds Maintenance. Reschedule suspended cut from July. Councillors commented that a cut is ready for Poplar Play Area and The Close but the remaining grass wouldn't need a cut for around 2 weeks.

d) PKF Annual Governance Review now complete.

9/9/18 County and District Councillor Tucker Report.

Cllr. Tucker was not in attendance and no update report received.

Parish Councillor Reports.

Cllr. McFarland - The Preaching Cross

Cllr. McFarland contacted the Clerk at Eckington and she advised that their Parish Council got the Bell Bollards from Furnitube. She also researched to see if there are any other companies that do the Bell Bollards for price comparison but it appears Furnitube is the only one. She has spoken to Furnitube and the Bollards are £896 plus VAT each. The turn round is one to two days.

Cllr. McFarland has also put in the application for Schedule Monument Consent to undertake the works at The Preaching Cross to Historic England. She has received a letter from Neil Rimmington saying that the application has been passed to one of the business officers for logging and that they will write formally.

She has also sent a part of the form to Gerry Brienza as part of informing him of the works.

She is in the process of obtaining quotations and once approval is obtained the parish council should be able to start works of protecting The Preaching Cross.

Pollution of Piddle Brook

Cllr. McFarland has spoken to Dave Throup of the Environment Agency for an update regarding the last pollution of Piddle Brook.

He said he had spoken with the investigating officer and they are still working on legal case files and further interviews with suspects need to be undertaken. Unfortunately, their response work to recent dry hot weather has slowed things down. Once the case file is complete a decision will be taken on what action is appropriate. This seems to be ongoing. He had said before that it could take a year before we hear of any outcome!

Cllr. Paul- Cllr. Paul responded to a parishioner letter requesting action on the bend due to parking in front of the gate at Smith's Meadow. Cllr. Paul has installed a "No Parking" sign on the gate.

A new Smiths Meadow gate plaque has now installed.

Woodland trust has informed Cllr. Paul that the 420 native hedgerow canes (consisting of 210 Medium year-round colour, 105 medium wildlife, 105 medium wild harvest) will be delivered around 5/16 November. We will be looking for volunteers to prepare the land and to plant them, hopefully around the weekend of 24/25 November. *Action: a news item to be put in the Piddle Post requesting volunteers to help with this project.*

Cllr. Paul has contacted BBC Hereford and Worcestershire to look at running a story from the community around the planting and is awaiting a response.

The parish plan feedback forms are in. The Parish Council needs to get together and come up with a plan of action on dealing with the responses.

The bus shelter glass has been kicked in. Cllr. Paul commented that the glass was intact and offered to repair the bus shelter. The Parish Council accepted Cllr. Paul's offer and thanked him for his offer of help on this task.

Cllr. Wilks- met with the Lengthsman, Peter Hurst, on 22nd August. He acknowledged that he had not been submitting monthly invoices and worksheets promptly. This is partly because he often receives payment some months after submission and also because Wychavon rarely come to check his work promptly (if at all). However, he will endeavour to submit paperwork promptly in the future.

Cllr. Wilks and the Lengthsman agreed that we would let him know about any Lengthsman tasks notified by councillors or parishioners. She has since let him know about two concerns raised by parishioners, i.e. the gulley by Smith's Meadow and overgrown foliage by the children's playground. Both of these items were dealt with within a few days.

It has come to light that Peter does not currently hold a Lengthsman training certificate. He did attend a previous training session but did not stay to take the test. He is now awaiting dates for the next available training session that he can attend.

The Clerk commented that delay in invoice payments was down to the fact that invoices are agreed at bi-monthly Parish Council meetings. As all Lengthsman invoice payments are re-claimed from the WCC Lengthsman Scheme it was discussed whether we could have delegated powers for the Lengthsman Liaison Representative (Cllr. Wilks) to verify the Lengthsman's work each month to enable him to be paid on a monthly basis. Once verified, the Clerk to the Parish would arrange payment of his invoices and the payments would be reported as part of the finance update at Bi-monthly meetings.

Cllr. Paul proposed this be accepted, Seconded by Cllr. Wilks. All were in favour.

10/9/18 Correspondence.

- 9th August – email re Vale villages to suffer Bus cuts- off peak bus services in the Vale are again under threat following a review of non-commercial services by bus company First Midland Red. Astons coaches are now picking up 3 times a week in Wyre Piddle.
- 20th August – email from public re light in Church Street outside St Anne's Church being defective No. 7. Reported by Clerk to Prysmian for rectification.

Action: Clerk to contact Prysmian to chase this up as reports say this is still out of action.

- 22nd August – email from Ethos Environmental Planning - South Worcestershire Open Space Assessment (including Community Buildings) - Town/Parish Council Survey – Cllr. Wilks duly completed the forms. (The Parish Council thanked Cllr. Wilks for her hard work).
- 22nd August - Village facilities & Rural Transport Survey – Cllr. Wilks duly completed the forms. (The Parish Council thanked Cllr. Wilks for her hard work).
- 25nd August – email: Obstruction to path adjacent to play area on Poplar Avenue, WP. This has now been cleared.
- 18th Sept – email re Metal Mesh noise impact on residents for information.
- 24th Sept – email from WCC Highways- **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (Main Road, Wyre Piddle)(Temporary Closure) Order 2018:** to close that part of Main Road, Wyre Piddle from its junction with Worcester Road to its junction with Evesham Road in order to facilitate new sewer connection works by A G Redman & Sons. **Maximum duration:** 18 Months. Anticipated duration: **5 days** Commencing: **29 October 2018**. Councillors Noted this information.
- 24th Sept email from WDC Planning Support Manager. - A new type of application was introduced on 1st June 2018 and it is called "Permission in Principle". It is an alternative way of gaining planning permission for housing-led development. It can apply to mixed use schemes as long as housing occupies the majority of the site / development. Councillors noted this information.

Date of next meeting.

To confirm date of next meeting: **Thursday 29th November 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

6/9/18 Parishioners Comments – Notes

A member of the public brought it to the Parish Council's attention that "Avon Green" land is owned by WDC and is being maintained by them and by WP Parish Council. Action: Clerk to check with WDC that this is the case and then speak to New Farm Grounds Maintenance to amend the contract if necessary.

Gary Robinson wanted to put on record his personal thanks to Cllr. John Paul for replacing the plaque on Smiths Meadow. He commented that the Smiths family would be extremely proud.

Gary Robinson also wanted to record his thanks to all those who serve to maintain the flower tubs around the parish. WP Parish Council concurred with Gary's comments and thanked Gary for raising this.