

Wyre Piddle Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Council held on
29th November 2018
in the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle

Meeting commenced: 7.30 pm - Meeting ended: 8.17pm

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

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

1/11/18 Apologies for absence – None
Absent – Cllr. Naraine

2/11/18 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.

3/11/18 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) None.

4/11/18 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 27th September 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. Wilks. All in favour. They were duly signed by Cllr. Paul (Chair).

5/11/18 Update reports:
Quotes for the bottom gate and fence at Smiths Meadow. Quotes for gate and fence are still awaiting however there are now enough hedgerow canes planted where the fence would have gone so the Parish Council only need to obtain quotes for a gate and post to be fixed. This is still in ongoing.

Proposals to protect the Preaching Cross – The Parish Council have been successful in its application for Schedule Monument Consent to undertake the works at The Cross from Historic England. Cllr. McFarland received a consent letter with some very stringent conditions attached to it. Cllr. McFarland and Cllr. Paul met with a specialist contractor to discuss the scheme of works and Cllr. McFarland is awaiting his quote from him. Other quotes are being sought where possible although this is a specialist field of expertise.

Brambles to be cleared on new play area land by contractor as part of their contract. Cllr. Naraine was not in attendance at the meeting to give an update. Cllr. Paul offered to discuss and ascertain an update from Cllr. Naraine for the following meeting in January. Cllr. Paul mentioned that Cllr. Naraine had now resigned from the parish council with effect from 30/11/18.

Monitoring the state of Smiths Meadow for dog poo. Cllr. Paul informed the Parish Council that dog waste can be disposed of in normal litter bin waste and this

does not pose a problem for litter bin emptying with WDC. Cllr. Paul did note that dog waste being left was not a particular issue for Smiths Meadow with only two incidents being noted, however, it had become more of a problem within the village and on footpaths and villagers were encouraged to mention to dog owners that do not clear their dog waste to do so.

Street light in Church Street outside St Anne's Church being defective No. 7. Street light reported by the Clerk to Prysmian for rectification on the 20th August. Prysmian have attended site and pushed the cell back into place, it seems the tree next to the column is causing the issue. Cllr. Wilks spoke to the Lengthsman who had cut back any foliage obstructing the light cell. Cllr. Wilks has been monitoring this and the light seems to be working. This is probably because the leaves have fallen off the tree and are now not blocking the photo cell. Cllr. Wilks will suggest to the Lengthsman that he needs only trim the branches that grow over the cell before next spring when the leaves grow again.

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.

Vale Public Transport Group (VPTG) - Cllr. Smout - The meeting at the town hall was only an initial one. There was nothing to report on the bus services at the moment. Information has been difficult for those trying to sort this out, another meeting for the 23 November was later cancelled.

WCC Lengthsman Scheme: undertaken since last meeting; Grass verge trimming; Cleared bags of trimmed vegetation from children's play area; Trimmed ivy around road sign outside the hotel; Trimmed branches around photocell on street light outside St Anne's church. The light is now operational.

Lengthsman reported a blocked grate drain by the small roundabout to Cllr. Wilks and marked its location with white paint. Cllr. Wilks reported this drain to WCC Highways- Reference number - 612061. It should be done within next 4 weeks.

Lengthsman attended statutory training course which was in two parts.

Cllr. Wilks had a query about the hedge on the road next to Smith's Meadow. It was in need of a trim. This has now been completed by a local farmer.

Cllr. Wilks had a query from residents of a house near the small roundabout, concerned that although they were taking care of the grass verge outside their property, the Lengthsman was also trimming it. Secondly, they had noticed some branches from their tree overhanging the bridge had been disturbed. Councillor Cllr. Paul and Cllr. Wilks visited the site and had a discussion with the property owner. Their concerns were answered satisfactorily and they were thanked for their work outside their house.

A parishioner questioned if Wyre Piddle Parish Council was adequately insured in case of accident resulting from the Lengthsman not completing tasks. The council has insurance in line with Wychavon guidelines. They were thanked for their continued support of the work of the Parish Council. All queries from parishioners continue to be dealt with promptly.

The Pinvin PACT meeting- Monday 15th October- Burglary statistics were up due to time of year; A Parishioner was assaulted and is being investigated; Any youths names put forward ref antisocial behaviour notices; Mill lane, keys taken from vehicle; Travellers ejected from hotel.; Tools taken from Peace-Avon building site; Avonbank, bike stolen; Boat stolen from village.

Community Speed Watch was mentioned to be organised within the Parish. Volunteers would be required to organise and manage this;

Neighbourhood Watch was mentioned. Volunteers would be required for this and it was discussed that this may be organised by splitting the village into sections of maybe 3. Smart-Water was also spoken about which was covered at a public presentation prior to the September Parish Council meeting. It was noted that since the presentation the presenter has not been back to the Parish Council and Cllr. McFarland offered to follow this up.

6/11/18 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.

7/11/18 Planning applications and decision notices

- **18/01833/ADV** Plot 5 Keytec East Business Park, Varden Road, Pershore – Lapwing Specialist Construction Products Limited- Fascia signs and entry sign – CONSULTATION until 9th November 18
- **18/02299/FUL** Rugby Football Club, Mill Lane, Wyre Piddle, WR10 2JF- Internal alterations to existing clubhouse. Single storey extension to create 4no new toilet cubicles, extension of decking in two areas, 2no new shower / wc windows, 16no new solar panels to roof, new roof canopy to end of bar area. CONSULTATION to 6th December 18.
- **18/000056/CM-** Mercia Waste Management- Proposed use of six external storage bays for the bulking of municipal residual waste- Hill and Moor Landfill Site, Piddle Brook Lane, Wyre Piddle, Worcestershire, WR10 2LW- CONSULTATION – to 6th December 18.
- **18/02416/CM-** Hill and Moor Landfill Site, Piddle Brook Lane, Wyre Piddle, Pershore, WR10 2LW- Six external storage bays for the bulking of municipal residual waste- CONSULTATION to 11th December presented to the council.
Mike Oakley commented that the Parish Council may wish to comment on the application asking how much waste would the site be taking and whether the information on this would be presented to the Parish Council.

8/11/18 Finance:-

a) Approval of the payment of accounts

NOV 29th 2018 Payments List

Payee	Description	TOTAL £
HMRC	Oct/Nov	129.60
New Farm Grounds Maint	Oct-18	290.40
Carole Hirst	Clerk Salary Oct to Dec 5th 2018	518.08
Carole Hirst	Expenses from Sep 28th to Nov 29th	72.75

Peter Hurst Lengthsman	Sept	126.90
British Legion	Wreath	30.00
NPower	Energy Consumption1/7 TO 30/9/18	302.32
NPower DEBT COLLECTORS	Energy Consumption1/4/17 TO 30/6/17	177.48
DO IT WISER	Laser Jet Ink	139.50
TOTALS		1,787.03

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

b) Bank Reconciliation as at 27th September 2018

Per Bank Statement Business Account	31,983.17
Per Bank Statement BB Instant Online	25,134.26
TOTAL AT BANK	£57,117.43

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

NOTED.

- c) New Discuss and agree the 2019/20 Precept.** A revised budget for 2018/19 was circulated prior to the meeting to all councilors and a proposed budget for 2019/20 showing a proposed Precept remaining the same as for 2018/19 at £13,362. Cllr. Smout Proposed that the 2019/20 Precept be set at £13,362 with a 0% increase on 2018/19. Cllr. McFarland Seconded. All in favour.

9/11/18 County and District Councillor Tucker Report.

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

Parish Councillor Reports.

Cllr. McFarland –

Parish Review Questionnaire: The Cllr. Paul, Cllr. Smout and Cllr. McFarland had a meeting to look at the questionnaires for The Parish Review. There were 35 respondents out of 300 questionnaires sent out. Thanks to those that took the time to reply. We have grouped the replies into issues that are remits of WCC, WDC, POLICE, Parish and House Holders responsibility.

What came out strongly in all the areas in no particular order are:

Footpaths; Retaining of strategic gap; Prosecution of bridge users; Parking and enforcement; More litter bins; a village shop; A bus service; More news about WPPC and its achievements and news; A pavement to Wyre Road, Station and School.

Cllr. Paul.

Smiths Meadow: New hedgerow community planting consisting of 420 native hedgerow canes (210 year-round colour, 105 wildlife and 105 wild harvest) on the 24th November went really well. Cllr. Paul and Stuart Paul cleared the bramble the weekend prior to the planting and on the day of planting we had 16 volunteers turn out to take part in the planting. They were Kate B, Mike O, John B, Nancy and Richard MP, John and Caroline, Rachel L, Brenda P, Stuart P, Dean and Jenny, Misan and Alan M, Jenny and Trevor, and finally Colin for hiring the rotavator. The Parish Council would like to thank all volunteers – A great morning was had by all.

Remembrance Sunday service

Cllr. Paul would like to thank all involved in the Remembrance Service on the special 100 year anniversary. A great job was done by all and a special thanks to Peter and Jackie Hall for the work they did on the poppy cargo netting.

Eastern Bridge

The last Cllr. Tucker heard was an email early in October from Ian Bamforth, Highways Operations Manager, saying that they were still working on the options paper for the Eastern Bridge barriers. He still had to find out whether they would have to install vehicle restraint barriers on the bridge for some options which would mean significant additional costs.

Action: Cllr. Paul to ask for an update.

Cllr. Wilks- SWDP Review meeting on 6th Nov 2018

The South Worcestershire Development Plan is currently under review and any comments need to be submitted by 17th December 2018. Part of the Review requires Wychavon District Council to identify land for development purposes to meet the Government's housing target to 2040. This has been done through a "Call for Sites". The meeting mainly outlined the need to build around 1200 houses across South Worcestershire every year for about the next 20 years or so. Also land for employment particularly in Wychavon is needed. Additionally, sites are to be identified which are suitable for the traveller and gypsy community. Following axing of bus services to more rural areas it is thought new development will have to be around established communities and transport hubs. It is hoped most housing development will take place around previously developed areas. However, green field sites are not ruled out.

The following link will take you to the SWDP summary document

<http://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/PL-SWDPReport-summary-2018-FINAL.pdf>

This sets out clearly the aims and objectives of the review process and includes a link to how you can comment.

Parish Games Report.

This year saw the 40th anniversary of the Wychavon Parish Games. 26 Parishes entered teams with approximately 1100 players taking part altogether. Wyre Piddle has been involved since the start in 1978. This year Bretforton were the champion Parish (for the 4th year running!), Badsey and Aldington were runners up and Eckington and Harvington shared an Award of Merit for taking part in all 15 events. Wyre Piddle did amazingly well, taking part in 14 of the 15 events and coming 6th out of 26 Parishes with 132½ points. The Wyre Piddle Bell Boating team secured the runners up trophy and they are determined to win it next year. Wyre Piddle was classed this year as a "Small" Parish as we currently have just under 500 people on the electoral roll. We were pipped to the post for the "Small Parishes" Trophy by Wick by just half a point. Cllr. McFarland and Cllr. Wilks from the Parish Council attended the awards evening at Bretforton Social Club on Thursday 22nd November and were pleased to applaud all the winners and runners up. They also collected the Bell Boating trophy on behalf of the Bell Boating team, impressing many of the gathering who did not realize they did not actually take part in the race themselves! Many thanks go to the organisers of the games this year who have taken on the mantle for the first time and done a splendid job. Congratulations to all who took part and continued the great community spirit in competing and having fun.

10/11/18 Cllr. Naraine Resignation.

Cllr. Naraine has tendered his resignation as a Parish Councillor with effect from the 30th November 2018. Cllr. Paul wished to record his thanks to Cllr. Naraine both in his role as Chairman of the Parish Council over recent times and also for projects that he has led on such as Smiths Meadow and the Childrens Play Area. The Clerk will now be contacting Wychavon District Council to record this resignation.

11/11/18 Correspondence.

- Email – 11/10/18- Worcestershire County Council has set up a Bus Scrutiny Task Group 'to investigate the current bus and community/alternative transport provision, including the availability of transport at crucial times of day to get to work, to school or college, to medical appointments and for shopping'. The Task Group would like to hear the views of parish councils.
- 14th Oct - Faithton House on Worcester Road, being one of the new houses after the bridge- Lengthsman enquiry. **Covered under Lengthsman update.**
- Email- WDC- 24 Oct- The Leader of Wychavon, Cllr. Linda Robinson has stood down to allow the council time to prepare ahead of district-wide elections next May.
- Email – WDC – 19 Nov – Revised Christmas Refuse Collection dates. Collection days for Wyre Piddle remain unchanged. **NOTED.**

Date of next meeting.

To confirm date of next meeting: **Thursday 31st January 2019**
at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.17pm

Approved as a true record Cllr. J. Paul
Chairman 31st January 2019

6/11/18 Parishioners Comments – Notes

Gary Robinson commented about the neighbourhood Watch Scheme saying that in his experience from the past at least 3 or more individuals would be needed as volunteers to cover the whole village.

A Parishioner commented that dog walkers would be ideal for keeping an eye on the neighbourhood and reporting back to the representative for that part of the village who would co-ordinate all the findings.

A Parishioner asked for an update on the Smart Water project idea. Cllr. Paul reported that since the last meeting the co-ordinator for Smart Water had not been in touch despite saying that he would. Cllr. McFarland will follow this up although it was commented that the project required 300 households to be involved which was really on the limit of the village. A suggestion was made to possibly join forces with Lower Moor and Cllr. Paul said that this would be added to the email.

Gary Robinson asked who would be paying for the Smart Water Project. Cllr. Paul reported that the project would need to be voted on and that at this time no vote had been taken.

A parishioner asked what the timescales were going to be for the traffic lights on Wyre Road. Cllr. Paul reported that Cllr. Tucker would need to answer this question but that the Parish Council is doing all it can to chase this up. Gary Robinson commented that he had contacted WCC, WCC Highways and WDC and said that they were not interested. He also reported that he had spoken to Persimmon Homes who say that the roadworks will be completed by Christmas subject to the weather. (Wyre Piddle Parish Council accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of this information).

Gary Robinson asked for an update on the Eastern Bridge. Cllr. Paul commented that this would be reported as part of the update reports to follow but gave some detail. (see update reports (Minute 9/11/18)).

Gary Robinson also asked whether any of the Councillors had attended the meeting of the SWDP. Cllr. Wilks reported that she had attended and that it would be covered under her update report (See Minute 9/11/18).

Gary Robinson also asked for an update on the Link Road. Cllr. Paul commented that the update would need to come from Cllr. Tucker the WCC County Councillor who unfortunately was not in attendance. Cllr. Paul agreed to ask for an update on this. Gary Robinson said that he had met two WCC Highways people at the end of May and they were quite clear that they had got it well in hand and that when the link road is built they will also be repairing the traffic lights at Pinvin so that the flow is much more along the A44 with slip roads allowing for a better traffic flow. (Wyre Piddle Parish Council accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of this information).