

Wyre Piddle Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Council held on
31st January 2019
in the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle

Meeting commenced: 7.30 pm - Meeting ended: 8.50pm

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

In Attendance: 4 Members of the Public (including 3 prospective new
councillors)

1/3/19 Apologies for absence – Carole Hirst (Clerk)
Absent –

2/1/19 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. Cllr. Paul – Item 9
c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the
agenda and their nature. Cllr. Wilks- Item 8 (Planning Permission
ANT).

3/1/19 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to
Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) None.

4/1/19 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the
31st January 2019

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).

5/1/19 Co-option of three new Councillors onto the Parish Council.

There were three vacant seats for co-option onto the Parish Council and three people
expressed an interest and submitted their CV's for information to the Parish Council.
The 3 new councillors introduced themselves. All have submitted CVs and completed
Disclosable Interests form. It was agreed that they will be sent information about
being a councillor. It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider a training
session for all councillors.

Lewis Searle was proposed by Cllr. Paul, seconded Cllr. Smout. All in favour.

Carole Townsend was proposed Cllr. McFarland, seconded Cllr. Wilks. All in favour.

Susan Essex was proposed by Cllr. Wilks, seconded Cllr. Paul. All in favour.

6/1/19 Update reports Parish Councillors.

Cllr. Paul.

Play park and open spaces account

I have now taken control of the play park and open spaces account, remaining funds
are £404.77, the last of the bramble has been removed and the turf has now been
laid. All that is required is to source a plaque to recognise the funding from the
national lottery and contact details for the parish council.

Neighbourhood watch

Need to assign a new councillor to run and coordinate a team of people from different areas of the village for neighbourhood watch. Cllr. Searle agreed to look into this.

Action: Cllr. Paul will pass him relevant contact information.

Cllr. Wilks.

WCC Lengthsman Scheme: report for December 2018

Clearing of gutters, drains and the path on Evesham Road and Eastern railway bridge was completed.

6 blocked gully drains were reported to Worcester County Council on 4th Jan. ref: 629067. They replied as follows: **TMD 16/1/19. Thank you for reporting this drainage issue, it has been added to the Jetvac Programme for cleaning.**

The blocked grate drain by the roundabout to Wyre Rd was reported a second time and the following report received:

14/01/19 Thank you for your enquiry regarding a blocked gully. We inspected the site on 12/01/19 and have raised an order, number CEN/45265, to jet the gully. We will continue to monitor the drainage system as part of our routine inspection regime.

There is sufficient money remaining in the lengthsman budget up until the new financial year. This will be used to address routine jobs such as clearing paths, spraying weed killer on edges and tidying round the memorial. The overhanging branches and brambles growing through the fence on Haines Avenue will be trimmed back.

Parish Games AGM report.

Cllr. Wilks attended the Parish Games Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 23rd January. The secretary of the games gave her report on the successful 40th games in 2018 and was thanked by all for her continuous hard work. She in turn thanked all those involved including Gary Robinson from Wyre Piddle for his support since the games began.

There followed some discussion of successes and things that needed improvement. Some changes were suggested and agreed. Concern was raised over villages who were struggling to provide teams for all the events they enter. Although the aim is to encourage as many as possible to take part, difficulties are caused for the organisers if teams do not show up on the day. It was decided that villages that entered for an event but then did not show up or give notice they were unable to attend would be penalised by the deduction of 2 points from their overall score.

In Wyre Piddle the games' organisers are having difficulty in finding captains and players for some events. There have been requests on the Community Face book page and in the Piddle Post for more interested parties to come forward. Hopefully this will encourage a positive response. However, the feeling at the moment is that it is better not to enter certain events rather than risk the stress of having to find participants at the last minute or causing extra trouble to the organisers and risking the deduction of 2 points.

A report in the Piddle post was referred to. All present had seen it.

Cllr. McFarland.

We Don't Buy Crime.

After our last meeting I have spoken to Mick Simpson and he has confirmed to me that they can go ahead with The We Don't Buy Crime Scheme with a minimum 70% take up of Smartwater instead of the full 300 house hold.

The Police and Crime Commissioner will provide 25% of the required kits for us and will also provide the relevant street signage and assist us in the process of rolling out the kit delivery. Mick Simpson has also emailed me some documents which includes a sample letter to send to householders in the Parish. Area that have taken up

this scheme has seen crime drop 50% and in some quiet high crime area to 70%. Having looked at the numbers it will cost **£2002.5 plus VAT** to roll it out to 75% of the Parish. The VAT can be claimed back by the Council. If the Council is minded to approve the cost then we can get it started as soon as the police are able to confirm a start date. We need to decide how it will be distributed it could be on a first come bases but we must make sure we give everyone an opportunity to know about the scheme. It was proposed that the Parish Council purchase the Smartwater paying the £2002.50 initial outlay. Before the next meeting the Parish Council should consider if they should charge or not. In the meantime the new councillors will be made aware of the current financial situation so the decision can be discussed and made on an informed basis. Proposed by Cllr. Paul, Seconded: Cllr. Wilks. All in favour.

The Preaching Cross.

Cllr. McFarland delivered a detailed overview of the process followed to protect the Preaching Cross. A quote for £7,000 has been received to cover the cost of installing 4 bell bollards. An application has been made to the New Homes Bonus Scheme to cover the cost. Cllr. Searle asked if any further quotes had been sought as it is usual practice to consider 3 quotes before making a decision. Cllr McFarland replied other quotes have been sought but no other company has been found who will do the work. The company who have quoted have been recommended by Worcester Highways Department. Cllr. Searle asked if appropriate permissions had been sought from the Highways Department. Cllr. McFarland replied that all required permissions had been granted. Cllr. Paul Proposed that the Parish Council approves having the bell bollards installed to protect the Preaching Cross when funds become available. Seconded by Cllr. Wilks. All in favour.

Cllr. Smout.

No further information on changes to bus services. Concern raised over traffic using roundabout at Western end of the village. *Action: Cllr. Paul will report to P.C. Paul Brown.*

7/1/19 Adjournment of the meeting for the receipt of public questions.

The meeting was adjourned for public question time. No questions were raised by the public.

8/1/19 Planning applications and decision notices

18/000060/REG3- Pinvin Junction (Junction between Evesham Road (A44), Station Road (A4104) and Main Street (B4082), Pinvin
County Council is applying to Worcestershire County Council for planning permission for the above proposal. The proposal includes:

- Moving the alignment of the B4082 (Main Street) approach to allow for future concurrent running of the side roads in the same stage, with opposed right turns. Single straight-ahead lanes on the A44 would be retained on the eastbound carriageway;
- The existing right turn onto the B4082 and the corresponding left turn would be facilitated by a short junction link and, therefore, these movements would be taken out of the existing signal-controlled junction;
- Optimisation of the method of signal control to provide greater junction capacity;
- The extension of the existing A44 eastbound right turn lane (towards the A4104) increasing the capacity for this movement and facilitating access to the residential properties on the south side of the A44; and

- New areas of highway, footway, controlled signals including pedestrian crossings and uncontrolled pedestrian crossings.

18/02299/FUL-Persore 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.
APPROVED.

18/02596/FUL Lower Avon Navigation Trust Ltd, Mill Lane, Wyre Piddle, WR10 2JF- Change of use of land to expand existing storage area to provide a secure area for temporary storage when the existing yard is at capacity.
CONSULTATION to 22nd January 2019.

9/11/18 Finance:-

a) Approval of the payment of accounts

31st January 2019 Payments List

Payee	Description	TOTAL £
HMRC	To 5th Jan 2019	64.80
HMRC	To 5th Feb 2019	64.80
Carole Hirst	Clerk Salary to 5th Jan 19	259.04
Carole Hirst	Clerk Salary to 5th Feb 2019 2019	259.04
Carole Hirst	Expenses from Nov 30th to 31st Jan 2019	69.35
Peter Hurst	Oct/Nov Lengthsman	292.20
John Paul	Expenses	55.73
NPower	1st oct to 31 dec 18	296.86
New Farm GM Sept Invoice	Sept cuts	290.40
P Hurst Dec 18	Lengthsman	140.70
TOTALS		1,792.92

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

b) Bank Reconciliation as at 31st January 2019

Per Bank Statement Business Account £30,317.54

Per Bank Statement BB Instant Online £25,136.36

TOTAL AT BANK £55,453.90

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

NOTED.

9/1/19 County and District Councillor Tucker Report.

- Eastern Bridge – no further news on how to resolve ongoing issues regarding the Eastern Bridge.
- Several options are under discussion. Cllr Tucker will report back when there is any further news.

- Pinvin crossroads improvements. Planning for this improvement which will ease traffic flow and speed up traffic by providing more lanes will be applied for in late March 2019. More details about plans and timescale will follow.
- Northern Link Road. This has actually been talked about since before the WP bypass. Plans are still under development. Cllr Tucker will attend a meeting on 1st Feb 2019 and will update us on any movement forward. Plans have not been formally submitted as yet but we must remain mindful that it is imperative that the strategic gap is maintained.
- Signage for eastern side of Wyre Piddle. There is currently confusion for delivery vehicles caused by the Wyre Piddle sign which marks the start of the Wyre Piddle Parish because the post office has designated all of Evesham Rd beyond the railway bridge as the postal area 'Upper Moor', with an Upper Moor postcode, despite this actually being part of the Wyre Piddle village. Highways have proposed a suggestion that the Wyre Piddle sign be moved further towards the railway bridge to prevent this confusion in the future. Councillors will be invited to meet with them to discuss this suggestion. Councillors need to canvass the views of the residents who live in this part of Wyre Piddle as to whether this would be an agreeable solution.
- The protection of the Preaching Cross. Cllr Tucker will contribute £1000 from her budget towards the cost of protecting the Preaching Cross. This will become available in the new financial year. Cllr McFarland thanked her for this.
- County Council budget under strain. 70% of the budget is now being spent on social care. County Hall are attempting to find ways of reigning in or reallocating budgets. However, it is likely that there will be less people employed by the Council in future.

10/1/19 Correspondence.

- Email 2/12/18 street light number 48 by the brook bridge on the left-hand side drive in is broken not working: Reported same day to Prysmian.
- Email 7/1/19 – WDC - Community Grants Scheme, closing date 29th March. Information was passed on to Cllr's. Essex and Townsend for consideration.
- Letter emailed to councillors 8th Jan from WDC re New Homes Bonus funding for discussion. New Homes Bonus grant of £8440 was remaining in the pot. Cllr. McFarland reported that she has submitted an application to spend this money on the protection of the Preaching Cross.

Date of next meeting.

To confirm date of next meeting: **Thursday 28th March 2019** at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Approved as a true record Cllr. J. Paul
Chairman 28th March 2019