

Wyre Piddle ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Clerk: Carole Hirst

Present: Cllrs. J. Paul, G. Smout, M. McFarland, C. Townsend,
L. Searle, S. Essex

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

Apologies: Cllr. J Wilks.

Wyre Piddle Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 16th May 2019 at 7 pm in the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle.

Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

1 Elect a Chairman for the meeting- Cllr John Paul was duly elected as Chairman for the Annual Meeting.

2 Parish Council Annual Review – Chairman's Report.

Firstly, I would just like to say how hard it would be to run the Parish without the support of many residents and Councillors giving up their time in pursuit of a better place to live. I would like to say a big thank you to all those who have helped over the past year along with many thanks to our contracted colleagues giving their best. To name but a few the councillors Misan, Jenny, Gladys, Susan, Lew, Carole for their time and commitment, Mike and Carrie for all the time spent on planning, the JUE team for their time spent on the village fete, Easter egg hunt, Christmas party etc, Gary Robinson for his continued knowledge sharing of what's happening around the village, the village hall committee for their time spent looking after this asset to our village, Ruby and Chris for their time on the Parish Games, Malcolm for continuing the piddle post, Carole Hirst for looking after us as clerk, Pete Hurst for his Lengthsman duties, and all who took part in the centenary remembrance service in November and also to all the unnamed volunteers, thank you!

For the first time in my 4 years as a councillor it's great to see we have a full quota of 7 councillors, I can only imagine the amount of ideas and projects that can be achieved.

Many projects have been happening over the last year including; the protection of the Preaching cross, New homes bonus money, new hedge row planting in Smith's Meadow, a new plaque on Smith's Meadow gate, erecting of the footpath sign over the eastern bridge, a lot of background work with PC Paul Brown ref the Eastern Bridge traffic lights, completion of the play park, Smart Water, Neighbourhood watch and the Litter pick .

As of May 2019, there are several projects that the Parish Council will be pursuing; the fencing around the mini roundabout at the bottom of Wyre Hill, vehicular protection around the Preaching cross, a second defibrillator, a new gate at the bottom of Smith's Meadow along with many others. We have undertaken and will be continuing with the progress of the renovation work at Smith's Meadow, although it will be some time before the planting becomes established I think it's looking really good already and I am sure this will become another focal point of the village.

I am sure that going forward the Council will continue to look for new initiatives and ideas that will help to benefit the village community as a whole and we are always keen to encourage committed volunteers to come forward to help and develop any projects which they may be interested in.

So, to sum up, due to all the work that has been going on in the background, I think the Parish Council is now much more effective and efficient in its running and as long as it continues to be mindful of its assets in terms of planning for future eventualities it will continue to provide a very good service to its residents.

3. District and County Councillor Report – Cllr Liz Tucker Wychavon District Council.

WDC opted for a nil increase in Council Tax for the second year. Savings have been made by having shared management with Malvern Hills District Council. WDC has got the new waste collection contract.

The SWDP review is still going on. They are currently assessing sites and will be reporting on sites that they are rejecting shortly. They will be undertaking consultation on those remaining sites around November/December time.

The Filling Station application 19/00613/FUL Agricultural Land, Abbey View Road, Pinvin is back again. The local aspect is that it was a mistake to grant permission the first time. Councillor Paul reported that Mike Oakley has been working with Wyre Piddle Parish Council in constructing its response and this has now been submitted which states that WPPC objects to the application.

The New Homes Bonus Funding rules at WDC have changed their rules and any funding unallocated will now be used to establish a Legacy Project Fund.

Worcestershire County Council.

WCC increase Council Tax by 3.9% overall. Within that sum, there is 70% dedicated to Social Care, Vulnerable Children and Adult Social Care as the government recognises the need for this, some of whom require council support.

Local Issues.

The barrier is in silent obedience at the moment. WCC will not do anything until the Northern link is in place and she feels that at present the quieter this is left the better.

The Northern Link itself can be completed by summer 2021 if planning goes through on the 9th July 2019 if it doesn't go through planning there will be a delay as the Slow-Worms will hibernate and nothing will be able to progress until they wake up around March 2020.

Pinvin Crossroads is now approved but can't start before September 2019 because of current works on Station Rd Pinvin and Severn Trent closures through the summer holiday in order to undertake water works.

The Station Road Project delays between September 2019 and Autumn of 2020 but Cllr. Tucker does not believe it will be closed all that time.

The Station Road Works delays due to inclement weather earlier this year. Cllr. Tucker reported that the latest information she has received is that the traffic lights at Pinvin will be up and running by the 24th May 2019.

4 Local Community Police Officer report – none received.

5 Report from Village Hall Committee –

This year the Committee membership has been: -

Chairman: Stephen Malkinson, Vice-Chairman & Treasurer: Malcolm Haden

Secretary: Mike Smith

Bookings Clerk: Colin & Thelma Thomas

Other Committee Members: Glenda Griffiths, John Paul.

The committee meets at least every two months and is well attended.

This year we have welcomed John Paul on to the committee representing the Parish Council. We are at least one committee member short and we are having trouble in finding willing replacements.

The hall has been used throughout the year by The Table Tennis Club, Puppy dog training, The Women's Institute, The Parish Council, Coffee Mornings, Village quiz, Good companion lunches, Children's Christmas party, Elections, together with Training days, Band and Dancing practices, Private functions and meetings. The hall was again used for a professional play which was very well received.

Although we more hirers this past year, there is still plenty of scope for increased use of the hall, and we are actively seeking to find ways that this can be achieved. However, we recognise that we have had to place time and noise restrictions on private parties so that nearby residents are not inconvenienced late at night. Car parking outside the village hall continues to be a problem to residents. Despite our best efforts to encourage hall hirers to use the car park the problem persists.

Looking to the future we have decided to postpone creating an entrance into the hall from the car park but are having to seriously investigate replacing the flat roof area as it is beginning to leak especially in very bad weather. It will not be too long before we need to redecorate the hall if we want to maintain the high standard that has been achieved over recent years.

During the year we have had the fire extinguishers checked and certified. The portable appliances have been PAT tested.

During the year our cleaner, Mrs Jackie Hall, has resigned as she has now a fulltime job, however her place has been taken by Mrs Tabatha Parker and she continues to maintain the cleanliness of the hall to a high standard.

Mark Attwood has continued as our gardener and has maintained the garden and car park surround well. Even though John and Lyn Stokes have moved to Bishampton they still give of their services We are very grateful to them We wish to thank the WI for agreeing once again to maintain the wooden barrels outside the hall.

Finally, many thanks to all members of the committee for their continued commitment to Wyre Piddle Village Hall.

6 Reports from Village Organisations.

Wyre Piddle table tennis club has gone from strength to strength over the last year. Thanks to the generosity of Liz Tucker and a well-put-together proposal put together by Ruby, we were given a grant for 2 new tables last year. Part of the deal also saw us donate one of the old tables to the Riverside Centre in Pershore.

We managed to double the number of teams playing in the league from 1 to 2, entering a second division team made up predominantly by juniors. Ray Griffiths and I also played in that team to help support the youngsters. Our first division team finished the year in second place. Our second division team managed to come 9th, avoiding the bottom spot. However, that only tells half the tale as the juniors improved massively through the season.

Next year it is looking likely that the Evesham league will split into 3 divisions, giving new players the chance for a less scary introduction to match play, rather the dropping straight into division 2.

The club still meets on Sunday from 6-7pm, although we are having a one-month break in May. We have a new committee being formed and the first meeting is later in May, with the aim of increasing the number of playing opportunities and firming up the constitution etc. **Chris Gooderham.**

Wyre Piddle Village Hall Chairman's Report (Stephen Malkinson)

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Wyre Piddle WI.

Carol Rosier, President of Wyre Piddle WI gave a verbal update to the Annual Parish Meeting.

The chief remit of the WI is to inform and educate. The National Federation of WI's owns a large Georgian property in Abingdon where members can enrol in

residential courses covering the A to Z of subjects. The WI enables participation in all areas of local, national and international issues of political and social justice, participation in music, drama, science, health and social welfare and raises awareness and promotes action in areas of conservation and the protection of the environment.

They enjoy many social activities, invite a variety of speakers to meetings, attend lectures at Worcester University and the Worcester Royal Hospital. Locally they provide refreshments for Remembrance Sunday in the village hall and they plant up the village tubs outside the hall. They can be the eyes and ears in the village to combat loneliness and they've also helped on the recent local litter-pick.

The WI have now turned their talents to supporting local charities and this year at the Wyre Piddle Fete they will be raising funds for Haven Breast Care Unit at WRH by selling Tote shoulder bags alongside the popular Spinner Cake activity and the cake stall.

The WI welcomes the opportunity to work with the Parish Council to enhance the life of our village and reach out even more to be welcoming to all. Their activities are advertised in the Piddle Post and Five Alive. They are on Facebook and they welcome enquiries to attend their monthly meetings. Contact details are in the Piddle Post and on the village notice board.

Wyre Piddle Village Fete 2019.

Preparations are now under way for this year's Fete on Saturday 29th June.

Until last year and for the previous 10 years, Carrie Oakley and her Joined Up Entertainments team had done a splendid job organising an annual Fete at the top end of Smith's Meadow, with Cream Teas in Rob & Heather Perry's garden opposite.

Serious flooding during the summer of 2007 made the top of the meadow an obvious choice, but as confidence grew and ideas developed, the Fete was moved to the bottom of the meadow with riverside activities and river boat trips providing some memorable afternoons.

Last year, following the decision to take a well-earned rest, Carrie helped make the transition to a new team, providing much useful advice and a Fete file, full of vital information. Carrie and the original team deserve a huge vote of thanks for so many years of joined up entertainment!

The Fete format developed over the years seems to work well and provides an opportunity for Village organisations to raise money, while providing a great deal of pleasure.

The new team has a new name – Wyre Piddle Community Events and has no fund-raising aims beyond being able to purchase the materials needed for any planned Village event.

Sue Baker and her small team have organised recent Children's Christmas Parties and Easter Bonnet Parades and are to be thanked for providing so much pleasure to the children of the Village.

These Village events are only possible as a result of teamwork and I would like to thank all those who give up their time to make them happen and for support from the Village to make them a success.

Wyre Piddle Parish Games.

Details of those entering the parish games for 2019 were submitted to the annual meeting. Entries are being made for all sections except Angling, Ladies and Men's Darts, Dominoes, Pool and Skittles. At present there is no team Captain for these categories and unless we find Team Captains by 31st May these categories will not be entering.

7 Open Public Forum – none reported.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm