Wyre Piddle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Council held on 25th July 2019

in the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle

Meeting commenced: 7.30 pm - Meeting ended:

Present: Cllr. Paul, Cllr. McFarland, Cllr. Searle, Cllr. Townsend,

Cllr. Smout, Cllr. Wilks, Cllr. Essex.

In Attendance: 2 members of the public. 1/7/19 Apologies for absence –None

Absent - Cllr. Smout.

2/7/19 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. None
- c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. None
- 3/7/19 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) None.

4/7/19 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th May 2019

The minutes had been previously circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr. McFarland Proposed that they be approved as a correct record of the meeting; Seconded by Cllr. Essex. All in favour. They were duly signed by Cllr. Paul (Chair).

5/7/19 Update reports Parish Councillors.

Cllr. Townsend. Lengthsman Duties

In Councillor Wilkes' absence I have been liaising with Peter Hurst. As we have had some new properties/sold properties in the village and some new residents I have had questions regarding responsibilities for verges, paths etc particularly at the Main Road end of village.

We have established that the right-hand side of Main Road is the Lengthsman's responsibility so now that all building works are complete, he will be cutting the grass verges along the road and this started in July.

The verges on Main Road/ Southview are council responsibility and I am currently trying to get a contact to discuss this with as currently they stop at The Close. I will update on this at a later date.

Jenny and I have also suggested a meeting with Peter when Jenny is back to run through the Lengthsman's role and try to go over some of the feedback we have been receiving.

Defibrillator

The Anchor have now agreed the location for this and their handyman and Peter Hurst are just in the process of hanging the unit so we can house the defibrillator – this should be completed next week. The delays have been due to changes of management

at pub and some confusion over needing an electrical certificate plus booking in Peter Hurst's time but we are now almost there.

Once this is complete, I will register the unit and liaise with the Clerk to agree some dates for the training which will include a couple of staff members of the Anchor.

Traffic Over Eastern Bridge.

I have been involved in some of the monitoring with other Councillors and we have identified some persistent offenders and have been able to collate some dates, times and car details which can be passed onto West Mercia Police.

Cllr. McFarland.

Electronic 30 miles VAS signs

I have contacted Elliott Nixon Community safety officer of Wychavon District Council regarding the purchase of a 30 VAS sign. He is currently putting together a number of applications for PCC Safer Roads funding for a number of community groups and thinks that Wyre Piddle could qualify for an application to be sent in. He asked also said that the application is more likely to succeed if the Parish Council is prepared to make a contribution towards the cost. Cllr. Tucker suggested a two-pronged approach to WDC and PCC to see which would be the better option as PCC direct may require less partnership funding.

We Don't Buy Crime. WDBC

Timothy Williams of West Mercia Police is meeting with me on Tuesday 30th July at 11am to erect our A1 WDBC Signs. Councillors are invited to attend This can be a photo opportunity to go in the papers and Piddle post. There are 4 large signs and many smaller signs. Proposed locations for the main signs were discussed as W.P. Sign coming into the village from Pinvin and one as you come into the village itself and one on the Upper Moor Sign. Cllr. Tucker commented that the Parish Council should seek the advice from Timothy Williams who will have the knowledge on where signs are best located and will know where necessary permissions may be needed etc.

The Cross.

Our Highways contractor is away this week. So, he is going to get the application for temporary traffic lights in on Monday 29th July and he intends to start the works on 19th August, to be completed before the schools are back in. Other Cross repairs are required which if left over the winter could cause more decay. I am finding it difficult to make contact with Historic England but will follow this up after the bollards are fitted.

Smiths Meadow

I have written to WCC Highways to come and give the Council a quote for putting a drop kerb and hard surface access across the highway verge by the church into the village playing fields. Forms have been sent for completion before they will complete a site visit to give a quote. Cllr. McFarland to complete the forms.

Cllr. Searle Report.

I attended a meeting at the Hill and Moor CLG regarding the landfill site. There had been some minor breaches of emissions that were reported, however in general, the environment Agency officer reported that the site is a very well-run site. They explained how waste from the incinerator is proposed to be used.

I have again reported potholes in the road and the amount of dirt in the kerb edges of Evesham Road. I have also been made aware of the criteria the WCC have before repairing a pothole on minor roads. Road cleaning is the responsibility of Wychavon

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council, so I have reported the issue to them. The large pothole has been repaired, but none of the smaller ones were done. The kerb side has not yet been cleaned. I have requested a meeting with the officer responsible for the CCTV cameras on the Eastern Bridge to discuss how to get the information on misuse of the bridge to the police so that action can be taken, and what the issues with this are. I received an email reply. As the team is small, they cannot look through all the footage, it has now been agreed that any footage reviewed by the team will be uploaded to the Police's Operation Snap. All footage will then be reviewed by a police road traffic officer and appropriate action will be taken. I have been informed that this is now being carried out. Cllr. Searle to report dates and times of incidents for the Police to be able to review footage.

I have reported the grass growing over the pavement on the Evesham Road for action to be taken by the Lengthsman. It just needs cutting back to the path edge. Other than this, the verges should be left wild to help wildlife. A strip of the grass verge has been cut along the edge of the path, but it was taking the grass to the back edge of the path to ensure the full width of the path could be used was what was requested. Cllrs. Townsend/Wilks to speak to the Lengthsman to cut back to the path edge. I attended Wychavon Council Planning committee in June and reviewed planning applications relevant to Wyre Piddle. I also attended the planning meeting at County Hall regarding the Northern Link Road. Our parish council has sent in objections to Wychavon District Council regarding the proposed Filling Station at Wyre Hill/A44 and was intending to attend the planning committee on the 25 July to see if this was passed, but due to objections raised by the Environment Agency, this was not on the agenda and I did not attend.

I was intending to attend a meeting in Leominster on rural transport on 17 July, however, it has been postponed until mid-August.

I have continued with Neighbourhood Watch duties, and membership is growing slowly. I have also had two volunteers for local coordinators in Church Street and the Poplar Avenue new estate area.

Cllr. Essex reported the following:

- 1. "Adopt a Street Scheme" (Wychavon Litter Initiative) has been signed up for.
- 2. Street lighting continuing to source quotes for the work to be carried out. I have only had one so far. I have spoken to NPower regarding the cost of LED supply but they have been vague with their response. I have spoken to a Paul Finch at WCC who has been very helpful with costings and provided a further contractor who may be able to quote. The Clerk agreed to send Cllr. Essex contact details for Prysmian to pursue.
- 3. Fly tipping There have been several incidents of fly tipping and graffiti in the area and evidence of the siting of caravans in "Sims and Wood". Cllr. Townsend to email Cllr. Tucker a plan of where the caravans are located so that Cllr. Tucker can take this up with Planning Enforcement.

Cllr. Paul reported the following:

Risk assessment for play park complete, all fine.

Risk assessment for bus shelter complete, all fine.

Risk assessment for Smith's Meadow complete, concrete picnic bench removed due to safety. Life buoy rope cut off buoy and used as a swing on the tree over the water, need to replace rope. Cllr. Paul has reported this to the Police who are doing spot checks.

VE Day celebrations, most comments I have received are preferable to have our own celebration. A meeting of 5 parishes took place on Wednesday 24 July.

Their proposals were:

Friday villages do their own thing i.e., Street Party, Picnic, WW2 Vehicles (Jeep) Band etc;

Possibly Friday pm Bell ringing from the 5 parishes also

WW2 Veterans Role, possibilities around their history and present family members Church display Picnic Saturday (informal);

Fireworks Display to connect the 5 parishes;

Sunday Service in Fladbury as Remembrance;

We will need a team of willing people to organisers such events.

The general feeling was that most parishes want to do their own thing. WPPC need to ascertain what the community wants.

Wyre Piddle Village Fete 2019- Report from the Fete Committee.

We are so lucky to have been blessed with glorious weather for all of our last 12 Village Fetes, but this one really beat them all with record temperatures and hot, hot sunshine! In spite of the heat from the start of the day, we had an excellent turnout of helpers at 10am and in addition to the usual set up, we put up every gazebo we could lay our hands on to provide as much shade as possible.

Unfortunately, these were not the conditions for dogs to be parading around in and we had to make the decision to call off the dog show. We know that this was a big disappointment, but we just could not take the risk.

However, a brilliant number of humans braved the conditions and a good time seemed to be had by all!

Smith's Meadow looked a treat, having just been mown to perfection and the parking field was cut and cleared on the very morning of the Fete!

We were treated to some great entertainment, from 3 rounds of great raffle prizes from St Anne's, amazing Cakes and Bags from the WI, Pimms, Chips, Tea & Cakes, Penny Arcade, lots of Stalls, and if you want a Welly throwing a great distance, then Ben Robinson and Chris Gooderham are your men!

The Fete offers a great opportunity for fund raising and it is great to hear that St Anne's raised £395, the WI £638 and all the games, food and boat rides over £700 (we're still counting!), thanks to your generosity. But the stars of our Pyramid Stage (Pointy Tent!) were Eve and her team of musical protégés, (who could forget a truly Wyre Piddle version of Bohemian Rhapsody?). Glastonbury down by the Avon!

This was a fabulous sunny Fete made possible by everyone that chipped in with all sorts of help, hard work and generosity.

Thank you to all who made the day a great success and thank you all for coming along and spending lots of money!

Cllr. Searle requested that the Parish Council record a vote of thanks to the Village Fete Committee.

Underage children on motor bikes riding around the village have been reported to the police. They are doing drive-throughs to see if they can catch them.

Smith's Meadow gate. We are still waiting for the contractor to install the gate. I will chase this up this week.

We have had fly tipping down Mill Lane. This has been reported to Wychavon DC.

Smith's Meadow new hedge row needs weeding, I will put a request out for volunteers to come down on a future date.

6/7/19 Grant Options:

An informal meeting took place on the 18th June to discuss possible projects in Wyre Piddle for future funding streams

Cllrs. McFarland, Townsend, Searle and Wilks attended.

The aim of this informal meeting was to discuss possible projects for Wyre Piddle for which grants or lottery funding could be applied for. Currently we have suggestions but no definite proposals. It is thought that it would be a good idea to choose up to 3 ideas and prepare a feasibility plan for each to include location, time scale, costing, sustainability, etc so that when funding becomes available we have a pre-prepared basis on which to make an application.

It was also suggested that we should make further attempts to gain the parishioners' opinions on these projects as to which ones would be most popular maybe in the form of another questionnaire, at a WPPC stall at a future summer fete or an informal get together at the village hall, e.g. at Xmas

Possible projects taken from the Village plan and the recent questionnaire:

- A Village Shop; Co-ordination of a weekly delivery of shopping by a local supermarket;
- Transport a village minibus or employ a local bus company/taxi provider to make a weekly pick up/drop off from various points in the village;
- Rebuild the Village Hall in an alternative location or extend/refurbish our existing hall to include social areas, recreational amenities, a shop/PO;
- Eastern Bridge install removable bollards to replace barriers;
- Signposting improve signposting in the village to amenities such as Smith's Meadow and the walk to Pershore. Improve signposting to make clear there is no through access over the bridge;
- Wildlife area to establish a wildlife area around Piddle Brook with boarded walkways and access for all;
- Enter the 'Best Kept Village' competition; Improve amenities for younger people

 look for suitable land to establish a recreation area, e.g. field or paddock down
 Chapel Lane, children's play area opposite the caravan park;
- Continue to improve Smith's Meadow, including asking if the bins could be emptied more often in the Summer rather than regularly throughout the year.

The Sub-Group have decided to meet up monthly to progress this.

7/7/19 Adjournment of the meeting for the receipt of public questions. The meeting was adjourned for public question time.

A member of the public enquired whether the Life Buoy was marked up. Cllr. Paul reported that it had been in the past but would check to make sure this was still visible. Cllr. McFarland suggested that it be marked with Smart Water also.

8/7/19 Planning applications and decision notices-Report by Cllr. Searle.

19/00603/FUL-The Willows, Wyre Road, Pershore, WR10 2JP-Earth bund and area of permeable hardstanding to be used for agricultural contracting storage/distribution with associated portacabin- This was a retrospective application which was refused. As the work has been carried out, or is in the process of being carried out, I expect there to be an appeal. Should the appeal fail, or there is no appeal, then we must ensure that the earth bund and storage area is removed.

19/01302/OUT- Peace Avon, Main Road, Wyre Piddle, WR10 2JB- Demolition of existing bungalow to form three new dwellings - variation of condition 8 of planning permission 15/02041/OU to amend approved landscape plan to include the structural engineer's details for retaining walls. Planning WITHDRAWN on the 21st June. 19/01469/FUL- Peace Avon, Main Road, Wyre Piddle, WR10 2JB- Engineering works including retaining wall, steps and decking to rear of Peace Avon, Eaton Bank and Midsummer- This is yet another planning application for this site. The concerns regarding this application is the impact that the sheet piling will have on the ecology of the area, especially as the site is close to the River Avon Wildlife Site. The plans we have seen do not show the extent of the sheet piling, and we can only surmise that it will extend across the site. This application has been objected to by Worcestershire Wildlife Trust with regard to parts D & E of SWDP 22 on the grounds that there would be hard embankments which harm the existing environment and that there are no areas mentioned to enhance, create or restore to mitigate the areas that will be lost. I consider that we should also object on SWDP 41, A.i, which is that it will have unacceptable environmental consequences: - The proposal will lead to an increase in flood risk by building in the flood plain, as the proposal is within flood zone 3. There will be a loss of biodiversity by removing trees and piling the riverbank close to a local wildlife site. Consultation is to 01/08/2019.

Cllr. Searle Proposed that a response to Object to this application be submitted. 3 in favour, 3 Abstained, No Objections. Cllr. Searle was approved to prepare a response and send to the Clerk to submit on behalf of the Parish Council.

19/01151/FUL- Lower Avon Navigation Trust Ltd, Mill Lane, Wyre Piddle, WR10 2JF-Reinstate of Highway verge crossing, including drainage channel, installation of new access gate and change of use of trackway used to access North Bank Moorings (retrospective)-**Consultation Response Sent.**

19/00959/LB- The Cross Cottage, Main Road, Wyre Piddle, Pershore, WR10 2HU-Replacement windows- **Consultation Response sent.**

19/00613/FU- Agricultural Land, Abbey View Road, Pinvin- Construction of new petrol filling station- Submission of Retail Sequential Assessment and Proposed Floodlighting Plan. **CONSULTATION on additional info to 7th July.** Proposed new Filling Station – this has already been objected to on various grounds, including the impact of the proposed floodlighting and other illuminated signs, together with Pinvin PC. They are to speak against the proposal at the planning committee in August, when it is to be discussed. Cllr. Tucker reported that it was expected that the Planning Officer would recommend Approval and therefore it was essential that the Parish Council attend and request to speak on this application. Cllr. Searle sent a copy of the Parish Council objections to Pinvin PC who are intending to speak against the proposal. Cllr. Searle will attend but will not be speaking.

19/01425/FUL- Rugby Football Club, Mill Lane, Wyre Piddle, Pershore, 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, 16 new solar panels to roof, new roof canopy to end of bar area as approved under planning permission reference 18/02299/FUL but without compliance of Condition 2 to allow minor alterations to the proposed layout of the extension- this seems to be basically the same application as was approved under 18/02299/FUL, and I suggest that this application should be supported. **Councillors agreed and Cllr. Searle was asked to prepare a response to send to the Clerk to submit to the Planning Portal.**

9/7/19 Pershore Northern Link Road Decision. The Pershore Northern Link Road comprising the construction of a new highway and road bridge to the north of Pershore has been Approved.

Statement from Cllr. Tucker reads, "It has been a long, long road to get here but today is the landmark day when planning permission has been given for our Northern Link Road. Unless some unexpected catastrophe occurs, all is now in place for the slow worms, lizards and grass snakes to be captured and moved to their new home in Hampton and for the construction work to start in November.

The planning committee was very supportive and no one spoke a word against the scheme. Thanks for all your support and interest over the years to keep this project alive and kicking.

10/7/19 Finance: -

a) Approval of the payment of accounts for 25th July 2019.

Payee	Description	TOTAL
		£
C Hirst	Clerk Salary June	272.34
HMRC	Clerk Tax June	68.00
Peter Hurst	Lengthsman may	68.55
Peter Hurst	Lengthsman June	179.10
C Hirst	Clerk Salary July	272.34
HMRC	Clerk Tax July	68.00
C. Hirst	Clerk Expenses to 25th July 19	61.05
Wyre Piddle Village Hall	hall hire	8.00
Wychavon Sport Council	Parish Games	48.00
New Farm Grounds Maint	Jun-19	745.20
New Farm Grounds Maint	May-19	496.80
NPOWER	1st Apr to 30 Jun 19	320.08
Wychavon District Council	Charges for uncontested election	50.00
R.S. Taylor Services Ltd	Repairs to the Cross	8,920.80
Cartridge People	1 cartridge HP	74.90
Throckmorton and Bishampton PC	VAS Battery shared cost by 3 Parishes	29.17
TOTALS		11,682.33

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

b) Receipts received since the last Parish Council Meeting.

£260.55 Lengthsman WCC, £27.90 from Parish Council contributions for joint printer expenses, £4.13 Lloyds Interest. TOTAL £ 292.58

c) Bank Reconciliation as at 25th July 2019

Per Bank Statement Business Account £31,504.46

Per Bank Statement BB Instant Online £25,142.59

TOTAL AT BANK

£56,647.05

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

11/7/19 County and District Councillor Tucker Report.

Cllr. Tucker reported that planning application reference **19/01151/FUL-** Lower Avon Navigation Trust Ltd, Mill Lane, Wyre Piddle, WR10 2JF- Reinstate of Highway verge crossing, including drainage channel, installation of new access gate and change of use

of trackway used to access North Bank Moorings will be going through but what they have done with the gate is that Planning have required them to take away the solid sheet of the gate so it will have the slatted gate which you can see through to the field the other side.

VAS Signs, there are specific dimensions of the poles that they have to go on. The VAS one is quite straight forward and is a standard size pole. However, the solar panelled signs which are much more expensive but much easier in some way because:

- (a) you don't have to keep moving it and
- (b) You don't have to keep changing the battery.

There has to have a special size pole and it has to be higher but the person that can advise on this and where they are allowed to be located is Barry Barnes. He will come out and inspect and tell you if where you want it meets the criteria because there are certain locations where this is not suitable. The pole for the solar panel one Barry says WCC can do it much cheaper than the contractors because the contractors sell you a specialist pole which is over £1000 and WCC Highways buy an extra lamppost chop it to the right size and install it for free.

Station Road was due to be closed over the summer holidays but Severn Trent have decided that they are not going to go ahead at that time as they want a full road closure and not traffic lights. Severn Trent have said that they would like to do it around February 2020. WCC has said there is no chance and that they need to have summer holiday closure. 2020 summer holiday is already booked by the gas contractors so as well as another application for 175 houses being considered at the moment from Persimmon Homes, Station Road is continuing to be interesting. Cllr. Searle asked whether Severn Trent and the Gas Contractors could work together. Cllr. Tucker agreed to ask the question.

Evesham Road end of Wyre Piddle has been inspected. It is down for substantial patching. It will not be considered for resurfacing. It is not certain whether this will be done in this financial year.

SWDP: Councillors would be briefed on the 1^{st} October on what sites will be proposed and where and the papers will be published by mid-October. By the end of October, it will go to all 3 councils, (Wychavon, Malvern Hills and Worcester City) for approval or determination for public consultation.

SWDP Throckmorton and Bishampton Parish Council correspondence which discusses the potential of a new town proposal for the airfield at Throckmorton. We don't know for certain that is the case but we do know that sites are being considered and the Throckmorton Airfield site is being discussed for its suitability. Everyone has opinions on this but Throckmorton and Bishampton are very aware of the effects this development will have on the traffic in the roads and lanes by a development defined as big enough to be sustainable for shopping, Primary School etc. We do not know what is being discussed but it would be useful to have done some preliminary understanding of the planning issues or relevant arguments to do such a planning application in advance. So that we don't start from cold. Mike Oakley has been approached to discuss this. Mike has said that whilst this is not his area of expertise, he is still prepared to sit down with a couple from Bishampton and Liz to talk around where there may be sources of advice and what would be a reasonable plan forward. Cllr. Tucker will share that discussion with the surrounding Parish Councils. Wyre Piddle Parish Council confirmed their interest in taking this forward.

Cllr. Essex asked whether Cllr. Tucker had any success with the 30mph limit on the Eastern side of the Bridge. Cllr. Tucker said that she hadn't got anywhere with it as yet but would raise this again.

12/7/19 Correspondence.

- 17th May Email from member of the public for information and history on the Depth Marker on the Lane out of the Village to the Avon Marina and Caravan Site. **Actioned.**
- 17th May Wychavon DC- Community Led Housing Call for Information. Noted.
- 18th June- Wychavon Village of Culture 2020- Wychavon Village of Culture 2020' competition is now open. The competition will see the winning area awarded £5,000, with two runners up receiving £1,000 each, to deliver a programme of cultural activity during 2020. The programmes, which can include a mixture of visual arts, literature, music, theatre, heritage, sports and more, will need to reach a wide variety of audiences, lead to a lasting social impact and create a legacy for the area. To apply, areas need to submit an online Expression of Interest Form to WDC by 18 September 2019. To access the form and for more information please visit www.wychavon.gov.uk/village-of-culture. Councillors decided that this could be discussed at the new funding Sub-Group.
- 24th June- WDC Grants leaflet for new activities, for example older people yoga, keep fit classes, set up a walking group, activity at a school (out of curriculum time), additional sports club sessions e.g. targeting a new age group- Grants between £100 and £500. Councillors will take this forward to the new funding Sub-Group.
- 25th June- email- Dog fouling on WP Play area site. Councillors Paul visited the site and found only smudges of dog faeces on the WP Play Area. It was decided to explore the cost of fencing and report back to the September Parish Council meeting.
- 1/7/19 Email- Hedge next to children's play area overgrown and not maintained. Hedge trimmings to remove for now. The resident has agreed to carry on maintaining his side of the hedge and bags have been offered for waste collection.
- 5th July- Clerk at Throckmorton and Bishampton PC Cllr C. Tucker suggested on July 1st that the parish councils neighbouring the airfield might like to consider engaging planning consultants to prepare a response to the SWDP Review when it goes to consultation, with the aim of reflecting the view of the parishes collectively. It was suggested that the parishes would share the cost, but as yet no estimates or information to forward. Pinvin have agreed to support this and it will be reported back to T&B PC meeting in September. Cllr. Tucker has been in discussions with Mike Oakley to establish who would be the right people to approach for this work and this will be feed-back by Cllr. Tucker to the 3 Parish Councils. The Parish Council have agreed to support these discussions.
- **WCC 5/7/**19- The Worcestershire Passenger Transport Strategy is now available online. WCC have already been out to several locations across the county to engage with members of the public, schools, surgeries, hospitals and libraries to promote consultation of our Strategy.

http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/passengertransportstrategy

Cllr. Searle Agreed to complete the survey

 Correspondence from Gary Robinson with reference to speeding vehicles on Mill Lane, requesting if the speed can be reduced to 20mph. Cllr. Tucker agreed to raise this with Kieran Hemstock at WCC Highways.

13/7/19 Date of next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting- 26th September 2019 at 7.30pm at Wyre Piddle Village Hall.

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Chairman 26 th	September	2019		

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm