

Wyre Piddle Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Council held on
30th January 2020
in the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle

Meeting commenced: 7.30 pm - Meeting ended: 8.50pm

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

In Attendance: Cllr. Tucker(WCC and WDC Councillor) + 15 members of the public.

1/1/20 Apologies for absence – Cllr. Wilks.

2/1/20 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

3/1/20 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) None.

4/1/20 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 28th November 2019

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

5/1/20 Elected Member Code of Conduct.

A Model Code of Conduct was sent out to all Parish Councils for adoption and circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr. McFarland Proposed and Cllr. Townsend Seconded that the Elected Members Code of Conduct be adopted.

6/1/20 Update reports Parish Councillors.

Cllr. Wilks reported the following:

As reported at the last PC meeting, during October and November last year the Lengthsman continued with his routine duties and on some of the extra jobs discussed at our informal meeting on 14th October. Due to illness and the inclement wet weather in December no work was undertaken. However, he is now back up and running and has been mowing verges and attending to other routine tasks around the village. I will meet with him in March to have a quick update on how things are going. Thank you to Pete for his continued input and hard work.

Cllr. McFarland reported the following:

Cllr. McFarland reported that she had spoken and met with WCC Barry Barnes at Smiths Meadow and that photographs had been taken of the entrance to Smiths Meadow which Barry used to mark in red the area for the proposed work. The photos have been sent to Ringways with a letter and Ringways have responded to

acknowledge receipt. Barry Barnes also confirmed to Cllr. McFarland that he is dealing with the Cross.

Cllr. McFarland further reported that new WDBC signs were now available which are a great improvement on those sited currently. Misan Proposed that the WDBC signs around the village be changed for the new ones. Cllr. Essex Seconded. All in favour. The signs are free including fitting.

Cllr. Searle Reported the following:

Eastern Bridge

I am continuing to ensure that the Eastern Bridge is being monitored and that CCTV footage is being sent to Operation Snap. There has been a marked reduction in cars and vans using the bridge since monitoring first began.

Planning Issues

I am continuing to review and to comment on relevant planning applications within the village, please see my planning report.

The Clerk noted at this point that Members of the community attending thanked Cllr. Searle for his hard work and support with the community response to the SWDP consultation.

Neighbourhood Watch

A meeting arranged for neighbourhood watch coordinators had to be cancelled as no-one was available to attend. This meeting is to be re-arranged.

Mineral Local Plan

Worcestershire County Council (WCC) have produced a Mineral Local Plan which provides a vision, objectives, spatial strategy and development management policies for mineral development and use. It includes broad strategic corridors and areas of search but does not include detailed site allocations. WCC are now making a 5th call for sites, giving landowners and mineral companies an opportunity to promote potential sites which could then be included in the Mineral Site Allocations Development Plan which will sit alongside the Mineral Local Plan. The Parish council should be aware that there are deposits of glacial sand and gravel within the parish boundaries, and these are located on land that has already been put forward for development and earmarked by our district council as a strategic growth area. I consider that the parish council should note this and monitor the situation to see if any of this land is promoted as a potential site.

The Anchor Inn

I have had an e-mail from Wychavon council to say that the matter of the Anchor Inn being classed as an Asset of Community Value had been deferred to the Director of Planning and Infrastructure pending an amended plan of the asset. It has been requested that the car parking area be included in the plan. I replied to say that part of the parking area had been included, but part of the site was up for sale as a building plot. Following discussions with parish councillors, it was agreed to revise the plan to include the whole curtilage of the Anchor Inn. I have sent the revised plan which includes the whole curtilage of the Anchor Inn, gardens and the car parking area.

Cllr. Essex reported the following:

Street Light Project update

I have looked at the PC finances and budget for the coming year in order to establish the viability of upgrading the lighting.

I reviewed the cost breakdown for replacing lights with LEDs and upgrading some of the older and damaged lamp posts sent to me by Mark Colston of Prysmian.

A report was presented to the other councillors at an informal meeting on 23rd January 2020.

It was concluded that there are adequate funds to support the conversion for all 14 streetlights and to budget for replacement posts over the next 3 years. The next step after formal approval will be to look in detail at the types of light available and consult with residents who may be affected by the lights.

Litter Picking

I have recruited another 2 volunteers to the team. Jo Bell is taking responsibility for Chapel Lane and Jill Attwood for Church Street. Lew Searle has done a collection along the main road on the Upper Moor side of the bridge and I have collected several times around the Simms and Woods field next to the railway and also along the riverbank. I hope to organise another village litter pick in the Spring.

Cllr. Paul reported the following.

Firstly, can I mention ex councillor Gladys Smout. A huge thank you for serving the parish through 2 decades, giving her time to the village she has lived in all her life. Many thanks from the whole community.

Update on the Anchor Inn, it is still up for sale, if there are any parishioners who wish to pull together and form a community funded group then please get in touch so we can get together to discuss it. mobile 07805651502 or

email johnpaul@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk

We still have work to do on the left-hand side in clearing the bramble and pruning the trees back to hedgerow. If anyone wishes to volunteer to support this event please contact myself on my mobile 07805651502 or email johnpaul@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk for more information.

I have received 2 verbal comments around dogs being off leads in Smiths meadow causing distress to other dogs and owners, I have also had experience of this too, obviously we allow dogs to be exercised in the Meadow, can we insist that dogs are kept on leads while in the Meadow when there are other user's many thanks. Smith's Meadow signage, I have been in touch with our insurance company and they said there is no legal requirement to have any signs related to the use of the meadow and has no implications on our liability however they also said because of the location of the Meadow (on the river) for health and safety reasons they would recommend having signage, again this would not have any implications on our liability.

I contacted Ferryfast with ref to lorry drivers discarding rubbish from their cabs, I received a reply saying that they would speak to all the drivers around their responsibilities and they apologised for any inconvenience caused.

Dog walkers still have issues picking up dog poo after their dogs, failure to pick up dog poo can result in a £1000 fine and a criminal record.

I have completed weekly risk assessments throughout the Parish and submitted my report to the Parish Council.

I have had verbal interest from someone interested in being co-opted onto the Parish Council as Councillor but as yet nothing in writing.

Following discussions with my fellow Councillors I Propose that we begin a scheme of Parish Council Surgeries from the March 2020 Parish Council meeting. Seconded by Cllr. Townsend. All in Favour. These will take place before Parish Council meetings and will be bookable slots by contacting the Myself.

Cllr. Townsend reported the following.

Cllr. Townsend attended the AGM and meeting for Wychavon Parish Games and gave a verbal update report to the parish Council. She identified that the main problem currently is that there is no-one to take over the organising of the Parish Games for the Parish currently.

7/1/20 Report on Interim Informal Meeting- Report by Cllr. Wilks

The following items were discussed:

- Street lighting –The consensus was to go ahead with replacing streetlights with LED. Susan will report to the PC meeting when a vote will be taken.
- Village Hall – double glazing? The Village Hall committee have decided to apply for a grant for this.
- Parish Games AGM, Civic Centre, Pershore, Monday 27th Jan., 7:30 – Carole Townsend will attend.
- SWDP review

Bishampton and Throckmorton Parish Council, Hill and Moor Parish Council and Pinvin Parish Council Joint Representation to the SWDPR Preferred Options Consultation: Effects on Wyre Piddle - Infrastructure, Coalescence, Flood risk

A Paragraph will be included in February's Piddle Post. Lew will continue to find out and report back information on any developments that might affect us.

- Minerals Local Plan - Lew will investigate if there are any implications for us and report back.
- Parish Council Surgery or other ways to gauge opinion. We discussed the possibility of holding a surgery at 7pm before PC meetings by appointment only. If agreed at the next PC meeting, we will advertise this in the Piddle Post and on the Community Face Book page.
- Anchor Inn - we discussed the latest developments and Lew will report back to the PC meeting.
- We Don't Buy Crime signage change to 'Criminals Beware – this area is protected by Smartwater'. We agreed this was a good idea and this will be put forward at the next PC meeting for approval.
- Councillor vacancy – this has been notified to the public and we await applications.
- Article for Gladys – John Paul has written a couple of sentences about Gladys in his PC report. We will suggest to the clerk that these be added to her photo on the PC website.
- Smith's Meadow – John will be working on tidying hedgerows in Smith's Meadow on the mornings of 25th and 26th January. A plea for future help is included in next month's Piddle Post.

They will meet again on Tuesday 18th February at 6:30pm

8/1/20 Adjournment of the meeting for the receipt of public questions. The meeting was adjourned for public question time.

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9/1/20 Planning matters, applications and decision notices- Report by Cllr. Searle.

19/02648/PIP – A Planning in Principle application has been submitted for the construction of two Live/Work dwellings on the remaining part of the site of the former garage on Evesham Road. This is a brownfield site and there were no member objections to this application. Thus, no response from the parish council has been made. **Approved on 30th January 2020.**

20/00059/HP – Eaton Bank. This application to build a garage on the location of a concrete hardstanding, to create additional decking to the rear of the property and to erect a glass front porch area beneath the existing roof was considered and there were

no member objections to this application. Thus, no response from the parish council has been made.

SWDP Review – The revised reply and objections to this review was submitted within the 6-week consultation period. I am still considering further points and arguments that can be put forward should our first reply be dismissed on any of the points raised.

10/1/20 Finance: -

a) Approval of the payment of accounts for 30th January 2020.

C Hirst	Clerk Salary to 5th Dec	311.16
HMRC	Clerk Tax to 5th Dec	77.80
John Paul	Pies for community social xmas	12.39
John Paul	Reimbursement Expenses retirement G Smout	15.00
C Hirst	Clerk Salary to 5th Jan 20	388.96
HMRC	Clerk Tax 5th Jan 20	77.80
C Hirst	Clerk Salary 5th Feb 20	233.36
HMRC	Clerk Tax 5th Feb 20	77.80
C. Hirst	Clerk Expenses 28 nov 19 to Jan 30 2020	59.35
D Hothar Shoes (AMAZON)	Box of 100gsm paper	22.99
Galaxy Wholesalers	Tippex	4.49
Wel Medical	Defib pads	37.14
WP Village Hall	Hall Hire meet and greet	18.00
Npower	energy to 31st Dec 19	243.18
BWP Creative Ltd	Website Hosting 2020/21	120.00
Richard Attwood	Smiths Meadow Gate	58.75
TOTALS		1,758.17

Cllr. Paul Proposed and Cllr. Essex Seconded that all above payments be approved. All in favour.

b) Receipts received since the last Parish Council Meeting.

Receipts of WCC Lengthsman £152.20, HMRC Vat to date £945.67, Lloyds Bank Interest £0.96. Total for this period is £1098.83 – **Noted.**

c) Formal Bank Reconciliation as at 19th January 2020

Per Bank Statement Business Account £41,193.30

Per Bank Statement BB Instant Online £25,090.18

TOTAL AT BANK £66,283.48

Reconciled with cash book/bank statements by Cllr. Essex.

d) Proposal for conversion of street lighting to LED. Having checked out the Parish Council unallocated Reserves, Cllr. Essex Proposed that the Parish Council goes ahead with converting all our streetlights as

soon as possible using Prysmian. Cllr. Essex Proposed that a budget of £5540 be agreed, Cllr. McFarland Seconded. All in favour.

11/1/20 County and District Councillor Tucker Report.

Cllr. Tucker reported that a further planning application had been received on the filling station site at Pinvin which will impact on Wyre Piddle. This application is in the name of Euro Garages. Changes are an amended lighting plan and landscaping plan and amended description of the development to tie in to planning application 19/00613/FUL.

Cllr. Tucker reported that WCC have budgeted for footway works for this year and next year and Church Street Wyre Piddle is on the list. Although not programmed, Cllr. McFarland asked Cllr. Tucker to bear in mind a footway from the Church to Smiths Meadow.

Pinvin Crossroads temporary traffic lights are due to be installed on 27th January and will be in position from beginning of February 2020 to the end of the project approximately late summer to early autumn.

Pinvin Crossroads is running behind schedule. This is mainly due to the fact that the Newts and Slowworms which inhabit the area (protected species). Although, many were collected and moved prior to hibernation, many were missed. That being the case work cannot continue until they have come out of hibernation and been collected and moved.

The diversion traffic route is using the new slip road installed for the Pinvin/Evesham traffic. Current planned closures of Terrace Road are February Half-Term and 2nd week of Easter 2020.

Cllr. Tucker reported that two proposed dates had been given as 25th or 26th February 2020 for the next PACT meeting. Cllr. Paul confirmed that his preferred date was 26th Wednesday February.

Cllr. Tucker further reported that Eastern Bridge information regarding costs from previous years relating to damaged barriers etc had been approximately £2000 per year. Cllrs. Searle and Townsend agreed to carry on monitoring the Eastern Bridge. Cllr. Tucker reported that Wychavon District Council are having a meeting next week to discuss the Anchor Pub.

12/1/20 Correspondence.

- **17/12/19- WCC- Broadband funding for Parish Councils- Noted**
- **18/12/19- WCC- Ticket to Ride- Event on Wednesday 22 January, 9:30am-1pm in the Council Chamber (WR14 3AF) to provide an important update and to work together to help shape and develop the actions.**
- **20/12/19- WCC- Open4community – online funding portal- Noted.**
- **2/1/1/20 - Wychavon Parish Games - De-Brief/AGM- Cllr. Townsend attended the meeting and gave a verbal update report.**
- **2/1/20- Vale Public Transport Group Meeting 15th Jan at 7pm Pershore Town Hall. Noted.**
- **16/1/2020- WCC - Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan Submission and Mineral Site Allocations DPD Call for Sites. Noted.**

13/1/20 Dates of all Parish Council meetings 2020

March 26, May 28th, July 23rd, September 24th, Nov 26th

2021

Jan 28th, March 25th, May 27th.

Date of next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting- 26th March 2020 at 7.30pm at Wyre Piddle Village Hall.

Approved as a true record Cllr. J. Paul

Chairman 26th March 2020

APPENDIX 1

Public Question Time.

A member of the public raised concerns over Aston buses withdrawing from the local 564 and 565 service. This provides a crucial service for those that do not have their own transport. Concerns were raised regarding dangers that walking poses on the Wyre Road through speeding traffic and lack of footways.

Cllr. Tucker reported that the Bus/Transport Strategy was being reviewed. Cllr. Tucker further agreed to investigate the 564/565 service and report back to the resident. Local Parishioners discussed the feasibility of trying to set up a parish community lift scheme offering lifts to those without their own transport and the pitfalls and benefits of such a scheme. Cllr. Tucker commented that Community Transport and Car Sharing are a high priority for Wychavon DC and Worcestershire County Council but that at present offering the local community lifts should be considered as a backup plan. The Parish Council were asked if they could ask for volunteers via the Piddle Post. Cllr. Tucker commented that it would be best at present to encourage people to use their bus service in order to preserve it whilst decisions are being taken about the future of the bus service.

A comment was made that temporary road signs are currently obstructing the verges used as a safe footway on Wyre Road. Cllr. Tucker agreed to investigate.

Cllr. Tucker agreed to supply details of Pershore Volunteer Service who do offer lifts for those needing them. Cllr. Paul commented that the Parish Council along with Cllr. Tucker would follow this up.

A member of the community thanked the Parish Council for registering the Anchor Pub as a Community Asset and asked the Parish Council what their stand on taking this initiative forward for the community would be. Cllr. Paul reported that the Parish Council do not want to take this on as a project but would support the community however they could. A discussion took place about setting up a community working group to look at a plan to buy the Anchor Inn and run it as a viable business and asked Cllr. Tucker if she had any advice of other grants/loans that would be available to support this. Cllr. Tucker suggested that the Working Group contact Bishampton and Throckmorton Parish Clerk who may be able to help.

The building is Grade 2 listed structure.

Cllr. McFarland suggested that a Parish Councillor could be allocated to attend the Working Group. This would help demonstrate that it had Parish Council support.

Gary Robinson asked whether the Parish Council had been in touch with Savills who are dealing with the sale. As the Parish Council have not taken this on as a project they have not been in touch with Savills.

Regarding the SWDP Consultation review, a member of the community commented that he felt that the Parish Council should move to monthly meetings instead of bi-monthly meetings. Cllr. Paul commented that the Parish Council does meet monthly. One-month Formal meeting and alternate months an informal meeting where discussions and decisions can be made in readiness for the next Parish Council

meeting. Cllr. Paul asked for this to be deferred to the March Parish Council meeting to allow further discussions by the Parish Council on the best way forward.