

Wyre Piddle Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Council held on
26th November 2020
Via ZOOM

Meeting commenced: 7.30 pm - Meeting ended: 8.38 pm

Present: Cllrs. Paul, Essex, Searle, Townsend, McFarland,
and Butler from Minute reference 7/11/20.
Cllr. Tucker (WCC and WDC Councillor)

In Attendance: Carole Hirst (Clerk). There were no members of the public.

1/11/20 Apologies for absence – Cllr. Lister (personal reasons).

2/11/20 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

3/11/20 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to
Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) None.

4/11/20 Public Questions.
None.

5/11/20 To confirm that Wyre Piddle Parish Council AGM and Parish
Meeting will not take place in 2020 and will now take place in May
2021 as permitted under the Coronavirus Bill legislation. Noted.

6/11/20 Resignation of Cllr. Jenny Wilks as Parish Councillor.
On 13th October 2020 Councillor Jenny Wilks resigned as a Parish Councillor. The Clerk notified Wychavon District Council and a Notice of Vacancy was issued on the same day (13th October 2020. Cllr. John Paul (Chairman) thanked Cllr. Wilks for all her hard work and wished her all the best for the future.

7/11/20 Co-option of Yvette Butler as Parish Councillor Wyre Piddle Parish
Council. All Councillors were happy with Yvette Butler application for co-option. Cllr. Searle Proposed that Yvette Butler be co-opted onto Wyre Piddle Parish Council. Seconded by Cllr. Townsend. All in favour. Cllr. Butler joined the meeting and was welcomed as a Parish Councillor. The Clerk advised Cllr. Butler that she should sign the Acceptance of Office Form and complete and sign the Register of Interests Form and scan them across to her and that the Register of Interest Form would be forwarded to Wychavon District Council.

8/11/20 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the
24th September 2020. Cllr. Paul Proposed that they be approved as a correct record of the meeting; Seconded by Cllr. Townsend. All in favour.

9/11/20 Finance.

- a) **Bank Reconciliation and bank balances to 10th November 2020.**
Cllr. Essex studied the Parish Cash Book and Bank Statement and confirmed that the Bank Reconciliation was a true and accurate record.
Noted.
- b) **Approval of the payment of Accounts for 26th November 2020 and note receipts.** Cllr. Essex Proposed and Cllr. Searle Seconded that the payments below for the 26th November 2020 be approved and receipts noted. All in favour.

<u>Payments List</u>	<u>NOVEMBER 26 2020</u>	
Recipient	Details	Amount
Royal British Legion	Wreath	£ 30.00
New Farm GM	Sept GM	£ 248.40
C Hirst	Salary to 5th Nov	£ 338.33
HMRC	HMRC to 5th Nov	£ 84.60
P Monks	Flower Tubs	£ 142.50
	Lighting supply 1/7/20 to 1/8/20	
Npower		£ 84.38
	Lighting supply 2/8/20 to 6/8/20	
Npower		£ 18.30
Peter Hurst	Sept Lengthsman	£ 268.80
C Hirst	Expenses to 26th Nov	£ 44.80
C Hirst	Salary to 5th Dec	£ 338.53
HMRC	HMRC to 5th Dec	£ 84.40
	Reclaim for paying Signomatic invoice/ signs for Smiths Meadow	
Steve Lister		£ 233.71
	Chairman's Allowance gifts	
Misan McFarland		£ 35.00
	Chip up cut branches play area	
Faithful Tree Care Ltd		£ 150.00
P Hurst	Lengthsman Oct	£ 59.70
John Paul	Tree work expenses	£ 29.00
	Inspection and testing of lighting columns	
KIWA Ltd		£ 714.00
	Box of paper and complete set of HP ink cartridges	
Viking Direct		£ 365.35
Lloyds Bank	Charges	£ 6.50
	TOTAL	£2,997.90

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>26 November 2020</u>	
<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
HMRC	HMRC Vat to end Aug	£1,613.95
Lloyds Bank	Interest	£ 0.21
WDC	Precept	£6,306.00
WDC	Precept Grant	£ 374.00
WCC	Lengthsman	£ 291.30
Lloyds Bank	Interest	£ 0.21
WDC	New Homes Bonus	£ 780.00

WCC	Lengthsman Aug	£ 69.00
WCC	Lengthsman May	£ 141.90
Lloyds Bank	Interest	£ 0.21
	TOTAL	<u>£9,576.78</u>

- c) **Income and Expenditure Against Budget Report to the 10th November 2020.** A report was circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting. To note the Expenditure against Budget report at November 2020. £1080.00 added to Lighting to take account of the Western Power Distribution work on lighting poles. Lighting budget now £2280.00. Cllr. Essex Proposed and Cllr. McFarland Seconded that the revised Budget update be Approved. All in favour.
- d) **Budget for 2020/21 was reviewed to year end 31st March 2021.** Cllr. Essex Proposed and Cllr. Paul Seconded that the revised budget for 2020/21 be approved. All in favour.
- e) **Annual Budget and Precept setting 2021/22.** A proposed budget and precept were discussed with Cllr. Paul and Cllr. Essex prior to the meeting and an agreed proposal was submitted to the full Parish Council having been circulated prior to the meeting for Councillors to scrutinise. Cllr. Essex Proposed and Cllr. Paul Seconded that the 2021/22 Budget and -0.341% increase in Precept setting the Precept at £13,362.00 be approved.
- f) **The Clerk is joining the Society for Local Council Clerks (SLCC) which will give all her Parish Councils additional advice, support guidance etc.** The Membership is being split across all 5 Parish Councils and is payable monthly. The cost to each Parish Council monthly will be £3.62 and the Clerk is requesting that the Parish Council consider agreement to this contribution which would be added to the Clerk's expenses each month. Cllr. Essex Proposed and Cllr. Searle Seconded that the contribution of £3.62 (2020/21 contribution for Membership of SLCC) be approved. All in favour.

10/11/20 Update reports Parish Councillors.
Cllr. McFarland-
The Cross

WCC Highways could not install the bollards at The Cross on the original planned date of 16 November 2020. The work has been rescheduled to be done between 2-4 December 2020. They also intend to level out part of the footpath at a raised manhole cover on Worcester Road during the same visit.

The positions of the bollards were decided by WCC Highways in conjunction with WCC Safety Officer during a site visit that I attended on the 18th November. The Safety Officer also advised WCC to paint the bollards white for highway safety.

Discussions took place regarding the type of kerbs to be used on Church Street when they are replaced and whether a public consultation should take place. Cllr. McFarland Proposed that a letter be sent to all residents asking their views on the kerb stones. Cllr. Essex Seconded. 3 voted in

favour and 3 against. The chairman had the casting vote and voted against. No letter will be sent out.

A further proposal by Cllr. Paul Seconded by Cllr. Searle to ask Cllr. Tucker to organise the Heritage Kerb Stones with WCC. 5 voted in favour and 1 against.

We Don't Buy Crime

The new style WDBC Signs have been replaced around the village. The broken A1 sign on Evesham Road has been replaced with a new "Criminals Beware" A2 sign.

In the New Year, the three remaining A1 signs will be replaced with new "Criminals Beware" A1 signs with "Wyre Piddle" wording on.

I have some Smartwater kits left, please inform new arrivals to the village to contact me for their free Smartwater kit.

Hill & Moor CLG Minutes

I attended the tip meeting on 11 November 2020. Minutes were circulated to Councillors.

Councillors asked regarding monitoring of the site and Cllr. Tucker reported that clear, strict monitoring takes place which they must report on after the site is inspected. Meetings and reports are 3 times per year.

Cllr. Searle Reported the following:

Eastern Bridge

There has been no monitoring of the Eastern Bridge since 15 September due to a failure of the hard drive to the cameras at the bridge. I have written to Worcestershire County Council (WCC) asking for an update on the situation and to the police who were to commence gathering statistics for us on the prosecutions, informing them of the situation.

We have been informed that the traffic lights will change after 30 seconds to prevent the chance of an accident. This seems to be pointless as people should not be crossing the bridge against a red light. I understand that Cllr. Townsend has been in touch with WCC about this matter.

The Traffic Signals department of WCC have informed me that they will be monitoring the traffic using the bridge before deciding upon installing a new hard drive. I have asked for information on when the monitoring will be completed and who is to decide on installing a new hard drive but have yet to receive a reply. I feel that once again no-one is interested in preventing the illegal use of traffic over the bridge, and there is a likelihood that there will at some time be a serious accident.

At the meeting Cllr. Searle asked WCC Councillor Tucker if she could ascertain when monitoring of the Eastern Bridge will finish and who will have the final say on the outcome with the hard drive etc. Cllr. Tucker agreed to investigate and report back.

A debate took place on the legalities and dangers of the lights turning to green after 30 seconds and how that could present a danger to anyone jumping the lights with those following the instructions of the lights and innocent bi-standers. Cllr. Tucker agreed to speak to WCC legal department.

Planning Issues

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

Grass Verges

Since being informed by the parish clerk of a need to obtain a S96 licence for sowing wild seed on roadside verges, I have been in touch with WCC and have now been put in touch with Barry Barnes who wants to come to site to see where we want to sow wild seed, in order that he can agree (or not) to issue a licence. I do not know at this stage if there is any cost implication.

The RHS recommend sowing is carried out either March to April or September, stating that Autumn sowing is best. Thus, we have missed the chance for autumn sowing this year.

I have met with our Lengthsman who has informed me that the correct way to sow wildflower seed is to rotavate the ground and rake it ready to receive the seed. He has also informed me that unless this is done, he will decline the work. I have requested that he provides me with prices based on the trial area and the remaining areas that we will be allowed to sow. I consider that we will now have to wait until spring 2021 to trial this work.

Cllr. Essex reported the following.

Streetlights

We have been issued with a new unmetered supply certificate from Western Power to include our new LED lights and the corresponding photocells. This has been sent to eon and they will use it in future billing. Western Power pointed out that the photocells were an addition to the certificate and thus an addition to the billing. The certificate now includes the 'new' lights in Haines and Poplar Avenue which had been previously missed off. I await the first eon invoice to see what difference it will make to the charges.

KIWA carried out the structural testing of the columns and detailed reports were sent to everyone. In conclusion we need to replace a steel column in The Close asap and with consent I will ask Prysmian to act on this. The Clerk has provided for this in the budget. A further two concrete columns in Avon Green need repairing or replacing within 2 years. I have asked KIWA for further information. We need to know if it is to replace or repair as it has budget implications. I may have to ask Prysmian to look at them to quantify the work needed. A further concrete column in Avon Green needs reinspection in 3 years. KIWA have issued an invoice which we agreed to pay before we commissioned the testing, and the Clerk has scheduled payment for 26 Nov 20. I have not received an invoice from Prysmian for the conversions yet.

Cllr. Essex Proposed that she obtain a quote from Prysmian to replace the lighting column in "The Close", Seconded by Cllr. Searle. All in favour. Action Cllr. Essex.

Cllr. Paul reported the following.

Defibrillator (village hall).

The defibrillator has been checked and is ready for emergency use

PACT meeting

Eastern bridge, PC Paul Brown said he is still monitoring the traffic by parking up and stopping offenders. When I suggested that we may consider campaigning to close the road he said "it would be the best thing". Unfortunately, our County Councillor Liz Tucker did not agree. I think we need to have a serious conversation around the way forward and involve Councillor Tucker.

Western bridge

A resident is asking if we can have a permanent fixed vehicle activated sign (VAS) due to the speeding traffic coming and going down Wyre hill.

Action: Councillors agreed to defer this item to the next informal meeting.

Remembrance Day

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our usual Remembrance Day service due to Covid-19 restrictions however myself and Steven Malkinson held a short service at 10 am and laid a wreath. Then at 11am parishioners were asked to observe a 2minute silence on their doorstep. Thanks to Phil Davis and David Addis for sounding the Last Post, Reveille, and the National Anthem over the loudspeakers.

Dog Excrement

Many parishioners are complaining about the amount of dog excrement being left by inconsiderate dog owners, please can I ask that all offending owners pick up after their dogs.

Parking on Pavements

There are a lot of vehicles around the village parking on pavements, please can I ask that residents refrain from doing this and ask their visitors and tradesmen not to also, it is not only illegal to obstruct the pavements but causes safety issues for pushchairs and wheelchairs having to manoeuvre on to the road to get by and also causing damage to the pavements from the vehicle's.

Cllr. Lister reported the following.

Smith's Meadow

Viewed bottom gate with John, agreed to go ahead and lay Type 1 core base. Timing of same to suit John and myself, hopefully in next couple of weeks. At the same time, we will install signs, waiting on proper poles. Picnic tables to be fitted to proper concrete bases and to be done professionally.

Rest of Meadow in good condition.

Play Park

COVID 19 sign was removed, damaged, and discarded near the main Worcester Road. Refitted, screwed frames and the notices on same. Moved position slightly within park and 'hammered' in pole quite deep. Spinning apparatus loose, purchased (no recompense required) proper hollow Allen keys and secured 'bowl'.

Bus Shelter

No Change from last report

All fine could do with a spruce up in the New Year. I have noticed on a couple of occasions Nick, apologies cannot remember his surname, who lives near bridge has been cleaning out shelter of fag ends and the rest. we should thank him in the next Piddle Post

Cllr. Townsend reported the following.

Eastern Bridge

I have been speaking to Barry Barnes about the interim task of monitoring traffic count using the bridge and he has informed me that this will also show red light jumpers when they review it. I have asked if they will be sharing this information with us and Barry says it will be sent via Liz.

I also feedback that some days lights are delaying by 30 seconds and other lights are changing to green immediately a vehicle approaches which has been an on- going issue.

A Pershore taxi company started using the bridge daily about a month or so ago. John suggested I speak to Paul Brown and this issue now appears to have stopped.

I agree with Councillor Searles comment that we need an update from Councillor Tucker.

Pershore Infrastructure

Michael Mills has continued to provide updates to us on this project so there is no new information to add for meeting.

The Anchor

There have been on-going conversations about the current issues with pub. Agreement was reached that the Parish Council shouldn't write to the manager, this needs to be a personal issue per affected residents so I have written to both Enterprise and Stonegate highlighting the feedback from a few residents and asking if they could respond to me.

Doorstep Carols 16th December

Alison Maddocks asked if we can raise awareness of this on Wyre Community page or Facebook.

Action: Cllr. Townsend agreed to send all details to Cllr. Paul who would upload onto the WP Community Facebook Page.

Informal Meeting 17th December

It was agreed to leave this meeting in the diary and that a decision would be taken on the week of the meeting as to whether it would be required.

Cllr. Townsend agreed to send out a reminder to everyone that week.

Cllr. Paul commented that he would be working and unavailable on this date.

11/11/20 Planning matters, applications, and decision notices- Report by Cllr. Searle.

20/01540/HP – The Gables, Church Street

Approval has been given for this planning application, which is for a detached garage to the front of the property, with the existing integral garage being turned into an office.

20/00027/CM – Recycling Centre, Evesham Road, Fladbury

This planning application is not within our parish boundaries, but as a neighbouring parish we were invited to comment. The application is for a civil engineering and recycling facility, mainly recycling aggregates. The decision is now under review.

20/01775/HP – Peace Avon

This application for the extension of the rear balcony has now been approved.

20/01888/FUL – Peace Avon and Eaton Bank

This was a retrospective application for the landscaping and moorings to the two gardens. There are no points in which to refuse this application

and therefore the parish council have no objections to this application. The decision is currently pending.

20/03115/STRETR

This application was to vary the hours of a street trader dealing in food. The application was approved with amendments, including what parishes the trader was unable to trade in under the new hours.

20/02059/CLE – Land Adjacent Orchard View, Wyre Road

This application is for a Lawful Development Certificate for the stationing of caravans for habitable purposes and for the keeping of horses.

According to the affidavit attached to the application, the land has been used for these purposes for over 10 years.

This application cannot be judged on its planning merits but must be determined in accordance

with the found lawfulness of the development/use. However, I find that the application is within the strategic gap; does not accord with SWDP 2 and that it also fails to take into account the biodiversity of the site.

Therefore, the parish council have agreed to oppose the application based on the above points. A decision is still to be made on this application.

SWDP Review

The South Worcestershire Councils are making a further call for Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites. The call for sites is from 08 October until 19 November 2020. This is to meet the requirements for sites across South Worcestershire.

The completion of the review of the South Worcestershire Development Plan has been delayed due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. It was hoped that the document would be ready for public examination in early 2021, but lockdown restrictions have made it impossible to complete a number of technical assessments and evidence gathering needed to support the plan. This includes additional traffic and air quality modelling. These cannot be carried out currently as vehicle movements are still not close enough to pre-lockdown levels.

Over the next few months, the necessary assessments and studies will take place. The plan to be sent for public examination will be published, subject to approval by all three South Worcestershire Councils, in October 2021. It will then be submitted to the Secretary of State in February 2022. The expectation is it will then be examined before the end of 2022 and adopted shortly after. The proposed timetable changes still need to be approved by the three South Worcestershire Councils. They will be considered at meetings in September.

MHCLG Consultation on Planning Reforms

Following Cllr. Tucker's report for the September PC meeting, it transpired that there was a consultation on planning reform that I was unaware of. The closing date was the 01 October 2020 and thus I had no time to circulate my response. The response was via an online form and once it was sent, I was unable to retrieve in order to circulate my response. I only completed one section of the form, which was acceptable, but the remaining sections were too technical for me to be able to comment on them, aimed primarily at Planners. My basic objection was on the additional numbers of dwellings proposed in South

Worcestershire that would result if the planning changes are accepted. This increase is mainly as a result of affordable housing. My argument was that South Worcestershire Planners have worked out the housing need for the area, which should also include affordable housing.

Planning for the Future White Paper Consultation

I have circulated my responses to this consultation and having received a majority of replies to be in favour of the response, I have sent them to the MHCLG.

12/11/20 County and District Councillor Tucker Report.

Application for Lawful Use Certificate 20/02058/CLE Adjacent to Orchard View not determined as yet. Only 2 responses on website – one from Wyre Piddle and a brief statement from Pershore Town Council “Notwithstanding the validity or otherwise of the CLE application, Pershore Town Council objects to the principle of residential use of this site in the open countryside.” I have spoken to Alan Gobbins, The Chase, who is the neighbour to this field and knew nothing about the application. I have sent him the details so he can read and comment on the affidavits.

20/02502/ADV Euro Garages Ltd Pinvin Service Station, Abbey View Road: This is for 14 signs (some illuminated) and 2 Totem signs. The planner will make his site visit shortly and contact me next week.

ENF 19/0444 The Anchor: Who would be best for the enforcement officer to contact? Also, can you let me know if the pub now has a new landlord and is it serving meals?

Pinvin Crossroads: final overnight road closure has been moved to Tuesday 01-DEC-2020. The Road Safety Audit and completion is still planned for this winter (but not saying before Christmas).

Northern Link: The link road site is now all sterile of reptiles and ready for award of contract, hopefully before the end of the year subject to how much it is!

Throckmorton New Town briefing last night: Wychavon stressed confidentiality but said they would forward some of the slides. Because it is three councils preparing the joint plan it is no longer in the hands of the individual councils to debate and make alterations. There are still a number of evidence reports to be prepared. There will be opportunities for ideas and concerns to be fed in for consideration but the identically word draft plan has to be voted on by all three councils. The responses to the consultation next autumn before the draft plan is sent to the Planning Inspector will be forwarded to the Inspector and it will be the basis on which he will decide who to call to give evidence.

Church Street footway: Highways say that replacing the old cobbles will be costly and likely to delay the work. I’m trying to get more detailed information.

Eastern Bridge: I’ve discussed the problems with both Barry Barnes and Paul Brown but have nothing to report that you do not already know.

Free parking in all Wychavon Council owned car parks from Thursday 5th November until Sunday 3rd January to support businesses when they are allowed to open.

Coronavirus: A press release has gone out today announcing that Worcestershire will go into Tier 2 when lockdown ends next week.

13/11/20 Correspondence.

- **28/9/20- WCC - First Notice of Order - Speed Restriction.** To impose a temporary 30 mph speed limit on that part of A44 Wyre Piddle Bypass from its junction with A44 Abbey View Road Roundabout for a distance of 300 metres in a north-easterly direction for replacement Electricity Cable by Western Power. Anticipated duration being 3 days Commencing 2 November 2020. **Noted.**
- **26/10/20- South Worcestershire Development Plan** - Update to the SWDP Review Timetable, New SWDP Website and Neighbourhood Planning. **Noted.**
- **2/11/20 – West Mercia Police - Parish Council Crime reports updates** (None reported).
- **21/11/20- Mr G Robinson- Regarding Wyre Piddle Village sign on the eastern side of the bridge to return back to its correct location.**

Date of next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting- 28th January 2021 via ZOOM

**Approved as a true record Cllr. J. Paul
Chairman 28th January 2021**

Appendix 1

Minutes of the Interim Parish Council Meeting on the 28 October 2020

Present: Cllr Paul (Chairman); Cllr McFarland; Cllr Lister; Cllr Townsend; Cllr Essex; Cllr Searle (minutes).

Item		Action
1	Eastern Bridge: It was reported that representations had been made to County Council (WCC) regarding the changes to the traffic light operations. The meeting was informed that the changes to the lights was only temporary. The software on the detection system has been changed, and WCC are now able to get an accurate count on the number of vehicles using the bridge. Once they have the figures, they will decide whether to replace the CCTV hard drive. Cllr Tucker will seek answers and report back to the parish council.	LT
2	The Anchor Inn: A letter is being drafted from the Parish Council (PC) to the pub manager regarding how the pub is being run. It was felt by some that this is not a matter for the PC but for the pub owners/leaseholders. However, the pub is a community asset, and it was agreed that the letter should be circulated to councilors for consideration prior to it being sent. The Community Legacy Grant was also mentioned, and it was agreed that this should be looked at to see if it could be used to help purchase the Anchor when it came up for sale. The closing date for grant applications is 31 March 2021.	SL CT/SL/JP

3	Councilor Vacancy: All applicants now have to apply for the post via Wychavon Council. It is not known at this stage if there have been any applicants.	
4	Lengthsman: Cllr Paul stated that the new councilor would be given the responsibility of the Lengthsman. As the Lengthsman 's contract is soon for renewal, it was asked whether we would be keeping the existing Lengthsman or advertising for a new one. It was considered that we should continue with the existing Lengthsman and see how his work progresses	
5	Preaching Cross: Cllr Mcfarland has asked me to use her report: Barry has prepared a work pack for WCC Local Works Team to install the bollards round The Cross. An engineer has been to site recently to plan the works and Barry hopes to have the bollards installed soon. No date has been given yet.	MM
6	WDBC Signs: Cllr Mcfarland has asked me to use her report: The new WDBC Signs will be changed on Tuesday at no cost to us. I have some Smartwater kits left please inform new arrivals to the village to contact me for their free Smartwater. misanmcfarland@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk .	
7	Dates for Future Meetings: It was agreed that the date for the future interim meetings will be on the last Thursday of the month following the formal PC meeting. It was also agreed that generally all councilors should take turns taking the minutes and chairing the meeting. A Rota for this is to be drafted.	CT
8	Outgoing Councilor: Following the resignation of Cllr Wilks, it was unanimously agreed that that she should be presented with some flowers and wine as a token of our appreciation for her hard work put in on behalf of the PC.	MM
9	Street Lighting: All the lamps and the two columns have now been replaced, but the invoice has not yet been received. Western Power Distribution (WPD) have been informed of the upgrades which they need to keep their inventory updated. In the process of updating the inventory, it was identified that they did not have three lights on their inventory, one in Haines Avenue and two in Polar Avenue. WPD propose to backdate their inventory for 14months using as standard, 35w lamps and the PC will have to pay additional costs for the electricity used during this time. Once we have the new inventory, Cllr Essex will forward this to our electricity supplier to calculate how much less we will need to pay for electricity now the lights have LED lamps. The structural testing of the lamp columns has been carried out and a forward programme for both structural and electrical testing of the lighting is being drafted.	SE
10	Smiths Meadow: Cllrs Paul and Lister have now carried out an inspection of the meadow to agree on the siting of both the new signs and the tables and benches, which are to be concreted into position by a contractor. The new signs have been delivered and Cllr Lister is now trying to source the posts for these before installing them. There will be one sign by the top gate and one by the bottom gate. During their visit, Cllrs Paul and Lister looked at the vehicle entrance to the meadow following a complaint about the surface, but concluded that the best way forward would be to spread some type 1 aggregate on the entrance area.	SL
11A	Playpark: One grip was reported to be loose on the climbing frame and this has now been retightened. Some topsoil has been tipped onto the top end of the park. This is for a neighbouring garden and is to be	SL

	removed. Cllr Lister is to check that it is removed and whether any damage has resulted from this work. For the tree pollarding, see item 15.	
11B	Bus Shelter: Cllr Lister reported that he had noticed several occasions when Nick, a villager has gone out to clear away rubbish a cigarette butts from the shelter. All agreed that he should be thanked for doing this and it should be mentioned in the next Piddle Post or newsletter. Cllr Lister also reported that the shelter was looking rather tired and required a spruce up in the new year.	SL
12	SWDPR: Cllr Searle reported that the Proposed changes to the planning system, currently under review may impact on the SWDP review, requiring additional changes. The Preferred Options consultation for the SWDPR will now commence in March 2021 for 6 weeks before the Publication version of the SWDPR which will also give a further 6 weeks consultation in October 2021. Cllr Searle reported that he had submitted replies to both planning consultations, copies of which were circulated for approval prior to sending.	
13	Wildflower Verges: Cllr Searle reported that he was awaiting a visit from WCC regarding the locations acceptable to WCC for the seeds to be sown and for the issue of the S96 license. He informed the meeting that it would be too late to sow the seed this autumn once all agreements had been reached and would look into spring sowing if agreement is reached by the PC and the S96 license has been issued.	LS
14	Remembrance Sunday: due to Covid-19, the usual Remembrance Day parade will not take place. Instead, a service will be held at Fladbury church for a limited number of people from several villages, after which the attendees will go to their local memorial to lay a wreath. Cllr Paul said that 4 villagers would be allowed to attend, but due to the age of many who would attend and the need to self-isolate, he currently only had one villager who said they would attend. Cllr Lister new of one other person who would want to attend and possibly an air cadet. Cllr Paul will contact them to see if they wished to attend. The service is a ticket only affair.	JP
15	Tree by Playpark: The tree which was overhanging the area has now been pollarded but the branches removed need to be shredded and removed from site. A price of £125 has been quoted for this and given the amount of branches to be cleared it was agreed that this was a reasonable price, and that work should go ahead.	JP
16	AOB: The Parish Clerk and Cllrs Essex and Paul have been looking at whether to request an increase in the precept this year. Cllr Essex said that it was better to put it up in small increments rather than one large jump after several years. However, it was thought that as the PC's funds were good at present, we would not ask for an increase this year, but would consider incremental increases in following years. This will be discussed, and a decision made at the next PC meeting. Cllr Lister reported that there was a comment on the village Facebook page of a white van behaving suspiciously around the village. It was thought that it might have been a delivery van looking for an address. Cllr Lister said he would see if he could find out a bit more and if it proves to be suspicious then he will report it to the police on 101.	SL