

# WYRE PIDDLER PARISH COUNCIL

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Message from the Chairman John Paul

We have all had to adapt to a new way of life due to Covid-19: Whether working from home, being furloughed, home-schooling our kids or self-isolating, we have all experienced some major changes to our daily lives.

Loo rolls became like currency, holidays cancelled, our favourite activities and past times curtailed, and our excellent key workers have been stretched to the limit. However, it is heartening to see that out of such adversity, arises selflessness and community spirit.

I have been blown away by the kindness of others – their willingness to step in and to ensure friends, relatives and neighbours have been looked after is inspiring. I could name certain individuals from the village who deserve our heartfelt thanks for their community engagement in recent months but respect their anonymity. They know who they are, and they have our admiration and our thanks.

On a personal level, I joined the many others who enlisted as a volunteer responder and assisted in delivering shopping to vulnerable parishioners. Although now that role has been wound down slightly, it was great to be out and about helping in a small way.

I cannot help but feel we have emerged stronger: After the last few months, we seem more united and more resilient than we have done for quite some time. Wyre Piddle has always been a close-knit village and its strength of character has really shone through.

Whilst it will be a while before we can collectively put Covid-19 behind us, ordinary life must go on, so (as ever) feel free to raise any issues of concern, Covid-19 related or otherwise, with me via telephone 07805651502 or email me [johnpaul@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk](mailto:johnpaul@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk) and I will always try to help.

### JUST A SELECTION OF WHAT YOUR PARISH COUNCIL HAS ACHIEVED OVER THE PAST YEAR



We Don't Buy Crime Initiative throughout the village, helping to protect the things that that we value



Replacement of the bottom gate in Smith's Meadow



Installation of the new bell bollards to protect the 300 year old Preaching Cross



New entrance to Smith's Meadow laid with Tarmac for safe and easy access



New signs to inform Visitors to respect Our meadow

Street lighting has now been converted to energy saving LED

The Eastern Bridge traffic lights are still being monitored on a regular basis and offenders are having action taken against them

All local planning applications and SWDP are being Reviewed on a weekly basis to ensure our village keeps its character.

We have been continuing to have all our Parish Council meetings throughout the year via Zoom to keep things on track.

We have co opted 2 new councillors this year so we have a full team to look after our village, no one can do it all, but everyone can make a difference.

There are a variety of things to do around the village that the Parish Council appreciate any help with, some activities on a weekly basis, but not all requiring regular commitment. Speak to a councillor for further details, any time given is welcomed in making the village the best place to live.

For the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row, we have decided not to increase the annual precept, meaning your contributions to the parish will stay the same.

Many other activities have been happening throughout the year involving a lot of work from councillors, see The list below of councillor's main responsibilities.

Below are two links to help you see more information about what is going on in and around the village -

[Wyre Piddle Parish Council – Serving the parish of Wyre Piddle \(wyrepiddlepc.org.uk\)](http://wyrepiddlepc.org.uk)

[Wyre Piddle Community page | Facebook](#)

Christmas Bin collections this year are Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> as normal, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> collection will move to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and then Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> will move a collection on Friday 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Parish Councillor roles and responsibilities/workloads**

**John, Councillor Paul ( Chairman )** • PACT – policing issues • Main contact for parishioner queries/ issues • Village hall defibrillator checks • Councillor for Joined up Entertainment • Council representative for village hall • Council representative for Anchor community group. • Financial checking of accounts

**Misan, Councillor McFarland ( vice chair )** • We Don't Buy Crime • Hill and Moor recycling representative • Repair and maintenance of The Cross

**Susan, Councillor Essex** • Plans for change/ maintenance of street lighting • Litter pick co-ordinator • Public footway maintenance co-ordinator • Financial checking of accounts

**Carole, Councillor Townsend** • The Anchor Defibrillator maintenance • Deputy for Lengthsman workload and responsibilities • Deputy for Wyre traffic monitoring

**Steve, Councillor Lister** • Smiths Meadow maintenance • Risk assessments, Park, Bus shelter, Smiths meadow

**Yvette, Councillor Butler** • Co-ordinating Lengthsman workload and responsibilities

**Lew, Councillor Searle** • All planning applications and activities, inc meeting attendance • Co-ordinating Neighbourhood Watch • South Worcestershire Development Plan specifics • Wyre Traffic monitoring

**Finally, may I take this opportunity from all the parish councillors to wish you all a merry Christmas and happy new year. Stay safe, and stay well.**

