

**DRAFT**  
**Wyre Piddle Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Council held on**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**  
**Via ZOOM**

*Meeting commenced: 7.30 pm - Meeting ended: 8.40pm*

**Present:** Cllrs. Paul, Essex, Searle, Townsend, McFarland, Lister, and Butler.  
Cllr. Tucker (WCC and WDC Councillor)

**In Attendance:** Carole Hirst (Clerk). 5 members of the public.

**1/7/21      Apologies for absence – None.**

**2/7/21      Declarations of Interest for:**

**a) the Meeting (Personal and Prejudicial)**

**b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.** Cllr. Lister declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on Minute 6 (b) as a recipient of reimbursement expenses.

**c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.** None.

**3/7/21      To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011). None Requested.**

**4/7/21      Approval of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2021.** Cllr. Lister Proposed that they be approved as a correct record of the meeting; Seconded by Cllr. Townsend All in favour.

**5/7/21      District Councillor Tucker Report – Liz Tucker.**

SWDPR Councillors were informed a week ago that the final report would not be ready to be published and present to Wychavon Council to be voted on as planned in September. We thought that the special Council meeting called for next Wednesday would bring us up to date on that, but it is not referred to in the agenda. The main problem seems to be delay in the evidence reports dealing with infrastructure. This means that the SWDPR policies and site proposals as amended or newly proposed will not be published for public information despite being worked on since the **South Worcestershire Development Plan Review Preferred Options** was approved by the South Worcestershire Councils (SWCs) for six weeks public consultation from 4 November 2019.

At full Council yesterday 21<sup>st</sup> July there was a Notice of Motion (from the Wychavon Board Member) and a Councillor's debate (led by myself) on Wychavon's Climate Change objectives and progress. Record of the meeting is available on Wychavon's webcam for anyone who is interested.

## WCC Councillor Report – Cllr. Dan Boatright.

1. Bridge use: I have been in contact with Carole Townsend about the bridge and the use of it as a cut through. I met with Barry Barnes (Highways Liaison) last week who talked me through the current system. I have had a series of follow up emails about the available data and have requested it for review. Have been informed of near misses and accidents and spoken to the police.

Have asked the following from county:

Can I please have all data pertaining to the vehicle activity on this bridge for as long as it has been recording. I would like to see vehicle numbers going over the bridge, times of day etc, as well as any enforcement action that has taken place i.e., numbers of people fined for using the bridge when they shouldn't have and when this happened. The parish council is not happy with recent activity taken by the council, and they would like to see the team who are currently undertaking the trials with the lights to attend a parish meeting to explain these actions. I feel this is a fair request and would also like to invite the relevant team to come along. The communication on this trial does not seem to have been very open and this has caused frustration within the community. Again, this seems to be fair given the set of circumstances.

Once I have all the data, I can start to see what the issue is. There is clearly a disconnect between what the village is experiencing and what the officers are seeing in the data. This needs unpicking and fixing.

2. Wyre Road by-pass is now fully under construction. There are not likely to be any disruption in terms of closures. If there are any issues, please let me know so I can follow up

3. Superfast broadband is being made available across the county. A company called Airband have mentioned that they are now very keen to expand into Wyre Piddle. If we can ask people if they are interested, they will look at expanding into the village, but we have to demonstrate the village is economically viable for them but given Eckington, Great and Little Comberton and Elmley Castle have all been able to show interest, I will be surprised if other villages cannot. All the details are here; [Build Progress - Superfast Worcestershire - Countywide Fibre Broadband](#)

### 6/7/21 Finance.

- a) **Bank Reconciliation and bank balances to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021.** 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 and note receipts.** The Clerk approved all payments and receipts under delegated powers.

<b>Payments List</b>	<b>July 22nd 2021</b>	
<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>C Hirst</b>	<b>Salary to 5th June</b>	<b>£ 338.33</b>

HMRC	HMRC to 5th June	£ 84.60
Cotswold Hill Stone and masonry ltd	Boulder Stones	£ 524.40
Steve Lister	Post Crete recover expense	£ 45.48
New Farm GM	Boundary and Smiths Meadow	£ 374.22
Carl Brassington	Lengthsman May	£ 225.00
New Farm GM	May GM	£ 635.04
Lloyds Bank	Service Charges	£ 7.00
C Hirst	Salary to 5th July	£ 338.33
HMRC	HMRC to 5th July	£ 84.60
WPCPG Ltd	Community Grant	£ 320.00
K W Boulton Tree Care Specialist Ltd	Tree Services - Play Park	£1,080.00
Carl Brassington	Lengthsman June	£ 135.00
ICO	Data Protection fee 2021/22	£ 35.00
BHIB Council Insurance	2021/22 insurance	£ 440.91
New Farm GM	Jun GM	£ 635.04
E.ON	1ST APR to 30th June	£ 60.11
C Hirst	Expenses to July 22	£ 55.88
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,418.94</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>to July 22nd 2021</b>	
<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
WCC	Lengthsman April	£ 142.50
WCC	Lengthsman May	£ 225.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 367.50</b>

Cllr. Essex Proposed and Cllr. Townsend Seconded that the payments be approved, and receipts noted. Cllr. Lister Abstained. All other Councillors in favour.

- c) **Income and Expenditure Against Budget Report to the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021.** A report was circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting.  
**Noted.**

## **7/7/21 Parish Councillors update reports.**

### **Cllr. Paul.**

#### **Public right of way**

For information I have ask Mike Oakley to represent the council by completing the forms to ensure the PROW to the river is extended to the footpath, the following comments are from Mike Oakley.

"Just so the PC is aware I have been in contact with the County Council about correcting the anomaly with the footpath to the River through the Anchor Car Park. The footpath currently is shown as starting from the riverbank and continuing to the edge of the pub car park, but not crossing the car park. I imagine this is due to the fact that the car park land has always been publicly accessible, it is a "public" house car park, and no one ever expected someone would want to buy a piece of car park and block public access."

#### **Boulders on the green**

The boulders were moved by a lorry, thanks to a quick-thinking resident we were able to get photos of the incident, since then they have been replaced however no in the original position, I will investigate why an get them moved. I will then acquire some soil to level the ground up.

#### **Village hall defibrillator**

Emergency ready.

#### **Public right of way**

We are still looking for someone to be a public right of way warden, if you would be interested in doing this role or would like more information please get in touch.

#### **Parking on Pavements and grass verges**

There are a lot of vehicles around the village parking on pavements and grass verges, please can I ask that residents reframe 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 causing damage to the pavements from the vehicle's. *Cllr. McFarland asked if stickers could be obtained to stop people parking on the footpaths. Cllr. Paul agreed to speak to PC Brown to obtain them.*

#### **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. This also comes with an up to £1000 fine.

#### **Over hanging tree Smith's Meadow**

Tree planned to be coppice late August / September.

### **Cllr. McFarland.**

#### **Conservation Area Appraisal**

Work continues in setting up a group to take forward the conservation area review of Wyre Piddle. I have two members of the parish who have kindly agreed to be part of the group. I am after 2 or three more people. If anyone knows anyone who might be interested in being a part of this very important piece of work to preserve some aspects of our village, please contact me. [misanmcfarland@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk](mailto:misanmcfarland@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk)

#### **Neighbourhood Watch**

**Neighbourhood Matters** is a new community messaging system launched by the Police on Thursday 1 July; this is for people to keep in touch with local police updates. The new system enables residents, businesses and community groups across Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire, and Telford to find out more about what is happening in their local community.

#### **Young Good Citizen Awards**

Nominations are open for West Mercia's Young Good Citizen Awards 2021. The applications are open until 30th July, and they want to hear about those aged 18 or under who have displayed community spirit and are making a real difference.

#### **We Don't Buy Crime**

No update

#### **Wyre Bridge**

No update

### **Preaching Cross**

I have taken measurements for the proposed flowers to go around The Cross.

Cllr. McFarland asked that in principle the council are happy to go ahead with a trough at the cross. Cllr. McFarland would then get 3 quotes for provision of the troughs and maintenance.

The moss has been cleared off and weeds removed around the cross.

### **Cllr. Searle.**

#### **Eastern Bridge**

Six vehicles have been reported to the police for using the bridge illegally. The bridge watch team have had minimal success so far, but this is often due to the speed at which vehicles cross the bridge.

#### **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. The consultation period over the Travellers and Travelling Show People Sites has now ended. The Parish Council comments were submitted to the consultation.

#### **Grass Verges**

I have now received the section 96 licence which is required to enable wildflowers to be sown on the grass verges. The Lengthsman has cut the grass and the area has been raked. I shall be purchasing the wildflower seed in the next few weeks in preparation to sowing in the autumn.

#### **Hill and Moor CLG**

I shall be attending my first meeting of this group to discuss the landfill site has again been cancelled and am awaiting a new date.

### **Cllr. Essex.**

Have not yet made formal contact with Network Rail regarding road damage.

Spoke to a contractor working in the road who said he believed the repairs were being taken care of. Network rail have been contacted and someone is getting back to me.

If anyone has contact details, please could you pass them on to me as residents on this side of the bridge were not included in any correspondence from Network Rail.

WhatsApp group for traffic light offences has been set up but doesn't seem very effective as the offenders drive past too fast to get any number plates.

### **Cllr. Townsend.**

#### **Anchor Defibrillator**

Quarterly check completed, all fine. If Anchor sale goes ahead, I will need to speak to the new owner to check they are ok with providing electricity for the unit. Pads are due to be replaced in November 21.

#### **Eastern Bridge**

There have been no improvements in bridge usage and speed issues in the village.

Worcester Highways are supposed to be providing Dan Boatright with a report of the light trials which he will share with us, but nothing received yet. I believe the situation is now putting villagers at risk and am writing to Highways to highlight this and ask for a written response.

Local taxi firm LM taxis have started using bridge again and I have asked Paul Brown to pick up as this seemed to work last time.

#### **Pershore Infrastructure**

There have been no updates from Mark Mills on progress and I have asked Dan if he has received anything he can share ahead of our meeting.

### **Cllr. Lister.**

#### **Smith's Meadow**

- Picnic bench totally burnt to the ground weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup> of July.
- Pictures previously sent to committee showing extent of damage to grass area
- Cleared debris and made safe.
- Contacted New Farm Grounds, (16.7.21) sent picture and asked their thoughts on best way forward to reinstate grass area and an estimated cost of doing it.
- Decision required on whether we go to the insurance Company, make a claim on policy to get the money to buy another bench. If that is what we want to do, considering this type of damage recklessness does happen quite often.
- To be discussed and decision taken at our next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021, added to agenda.

Cllr. Lister agreed to investigate types and costs of benches for replacement.

#### **Playpark**

- Checked weekly.
- In good condition, no structural issues with apparatus, last checked 16<sup>th</sup> July

#### **Bus Shelter**

- All fine structurally but does get messy at times.

#### **Telephone Box**

- One large and one small pane missing – contact BT

### **Cllr. Butler.**

1. Carl called at the house on the right-hand side going out of the village, before you get to the new garage, to advise that their hedge is over the footpath, and it needed trimming. The informed Carl that the hedge is the railways responsibility, but that they always cut it back in the winter, and that the old Lengthsman used to trim it back in between if needed. Carl has trimmed it back so that the path is clear. If indeed the hedge does belong to the Railway, I think knowing how difficult it is to get them to do anything, it would appear acceptable to leave the situation as it is, i.e., that the Parishioners maintain it, but that Carl trims it back when need just to keep the footpath clear. If there are no objections to this, I will report back to Carl our decision. *Cllr. Butler was asked to investigate and report back.*

2. Another note of concern. Is the track from the other side of the railway bridge between the end of the footpath and the garage. This area has been flattened and scuffed and is showing signs of wear, indicating a lot of use. Carl wondered if we as a parish wanted to apply to the council for funding to put a proper footpath in. Probably this should have been done as part of the permission for the garage.

3. For information. Carl was approached by the occupants of The Mears on the Upper Moor side of the Eastern Bridge. They explained that when it rains heavily, they suffer from flooding in their drive which collects near the front of their house. Carl has cut a V trench in the verge, but as it has no ditch/drain to run into, it probably will not help much. The couple said they had been there 40 years and there has never been a ditch. However, it was noted that the drive had recently been tarmaced, and this could be what is now causing the problem.

**8/7/21      Planning matters, applications, and decision notices- Report by Cllr. Searle.**

**20/00043/CM – Recycling Centre, Evesham Road, Fladbury**

The decision on this planning application is currently under review. Decision still pending.

**21/00580/TDC5 – Land Adjacent Meadow View, Evesham Road**

A planning application has been made for the submission of technical details following approval of Planning in Principle reference 19/02648/PIP. The parish council's comments were sent to the planning department. This application has been approved.

**21/00985/HP – Pidele House, Main Road**

This application was for a single detached garage with a holiday let above and alterations to the front elevation of the house itself. The parish council had no objections to the changes to the house but did object to the addition of the detached garage and holiday let, as it considered that this would increase the amount of on road parking. I can no longer find this application on the planning website and have made enquiries with Wychavon council regarding this application.

**21/01169/FUL and 21/01170/LB – Land Adjacent Anchor Inn**

This application is for the erection of a dwelling on land formerly part of the Anchor Inn public house. The parish council has submitted their comments to this development based on the need to keep the public footpath open and on the issues of parking. Decision pending.

**21/0140/HP – 11 Ryelands**

This application was for a single storey side and rear extension to the existing bungalow. The parish council did not object to this application and the application was approved.

**Permitted Development – Wedding Barn at Wick**

I was contacted by members of Wick PC to discuss the proposal to turn a derelict barn into a wedding barn. Following discussions with Cllr Paul and myself with Wick PC, it appeared that there was no official way to object to this proposal. It was felt that the planning regulations regarding this type of permitted development should be amended. A previous application for this was rejected on a number of grounds, but now the site has been left derelict for a certain time, the wedding barn can now go ahead.

**SWDPR Travellers and Travelling Show People Consultation on Site allocation**

The consultation regarding this document ended on the 05 July 2021. The Wyre Piddle PC comments on this were submitted.

**9/7/21      Correspondence.  
All covered on the agenda.**

**Date of next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting- THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 – at Wyre Piddle Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Approved as a true record Cllr. J. Paul .....  
Chairman Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**

**Appendix 1 – Informal Parish Council meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Present:** Cllr Paul (chairman); Cllr McFarland; Cllr Butler; Cllr Townsend; Cllr Essex; Cllr Searle (minutes).

**Apologies:** Cllr Lister

Item		Action
1	<b>Road and Pavement Damage by Network Rail:</b> Cllr Essex reported that the work on the railway bridge at George Lane had resulted in pavement and gully cover damage on Evesham Road close to the turning onto the temporary road made by contractors. It was agreed that Cllr Essex should contact Network Rail and inform them of the damage so they could arrange with Worcestershire County Council (WCC) to have the damage repaired.	SE
2	<b>Alert Group for the Eastern Bridge:</b> Cllr Essex explained that there were still a lot of unauthorized vehicles using the bridge and suggested setting up a WhatsApp group to end a single letter text to those in the group to warn that a vehicle was using the bridge. This was to try and get the registrations of the persistent offenders and notify the police. It was agreed that this may work and that a WhatsApp group should be formed.	SE
3	<b>Eastern Bridge Update:</b> Cllr Townsend updated members on her discussions regarding the issues with the bridge. Trials by were carried out by WCC on setting the traffic lights to change to green after 30 seconds. A second trial is now being carried out when the lights change to green immediately. Following discussions, it was agreed that these trials were only making people think that the road was a through road which would encourage more drivers to use it.  It was agreed that we should push for the lights to remain on red at all times, except for the authorized vehicles whilst we campaigned to have the bridge permanently shut to all traffic.  Cllr Essex stated that Evesham Road from Upper Moor to the bridge was a 40-mph zone, whilst at the bridge it went to 30mph. As there are a number of houses along the Evesham Road, she suggested that we should also campaign for the speed limit to be reduced to 30mph.	CT
4	<b>Anchor Inn Police Feedback:</b> There had been a recent incident at the pub where people were thought to be over the limit but driving home in their cars. The police have advised that if there are any concerns that there is, or might be an incident of this type, they should phone 101 when the police would try and stop the offenders. Barry Barnes has also referred this matter to the Enforcement Intelligence team for information.	All
5	<b>Conservation Appraisal:</b> Cllr McFarland stated that she had arranged to meet the Conservation Officer (CO) in July to walk the village. The CO wanted to know about the history of the village and Cllr McFarland asked for volunteers from the PC and villagers to form a	JP





12	<p><b>AOB:</b> Cllr McFarland said that in lieu of minute taking, she would be prepared to vet all information from outside sources sent via the parish clerk to see if we needed to follow these up. This was agreed.</p> <p>Continuing with the informal meetings was discussed and it was agreed that these were valuable forums in which to discuss matters and it was agreed that these should continue. It was also agreed that the first item for discussion at these meetings would be actions arising from the previous meeting.</p> <p>All to review minutes of February meeting and update on any outstanding actions.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>ALL</p>
12	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> The next meeting will be chaired by Cllr Paul with Cllr Essex taking the minutes.</p> <p>The provisional date of the meeting is to be Thursday 26 August 2021, but this is to be agreed nearer the date.</p>	JP/SE

### Public Question Time

A member of the public asked whether Lengthsman could cut back footpath 501.