

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF PIDDINGTON, HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, PIDDINGTON ON 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.30pm**

	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllr F Darby, Cllr P Feltbower, Cllr K Howard, Cllr M Terzino, Cllr M Nixon, Cllr L Willis and Cllr A Coleman.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cllr D Hughes (CDC)</p> <p><b>Also Present:</b> Cllr D Sames (OCC)</p> <p><b>Public participation</b></p> <p>Three members of the public attended.</p>	Action
201	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>None other than ongoing membership of the CLP group for Cllrs Darby, Feltbower, Howard, Nixon and Terzino, and Cllr Howard’s involvement with the Church Fundraising Committee and the TVPA Rural Resilience Forum.</p>	all
202	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were agreed as drawn.</p>	AD
203	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p>Two members of the public attended to draw the Council’s attention to the planning appeal against the refusal by CDC of an application for an Olympic sized manege building at Rookery Barn, 66 Lower End Piddington. The Parish Council had objected to the proposal in the first instance and the resident asked the Parish Council to submit an objection to the Planning Inspectorate before the 27<sup>th</sup> February deadline – which they agreed to do. It was agreed that the resident would publicise the appeal by a leaflet drop and posters and send the Parish Council a copy of the objections to be submitted on their behalf.</p> <p>Another member of the public thanked the Parish Council for the work on the Widnell Lane Gypsy/traveller site application. He then enquired about timing for the Village Spring clean and asked the Parish Council to look again at 30mph stickers on wheelie bins.</p>	
204	<p><b>Councillor’s report</b></p> <p>Cllr Dan Sames explained that OCC had now set its budget, and the good news was that every OCC Councillor had been allocated £15000 towards local projects in their divisions for both the years 2018/19 and 2019/20. He will advise the Council of the application process as soon as this is known, although, almost certainly, projects will require match funding from the parishes.</p> <p>He confirmed the response he had received from OCC Highways concerning the varied consultation responses for Chesterton and Widnell Lane Gypsy/Traveller</p>	

	<p>sites. He was advised that repairs to gullies on Lower End by the A41 had been completed.</p> <p>The Parish Council thanked him for his input in the recent planning application.</p>													
205	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>The Council noted the financial report given by the Clerk ( and shown in Appendix A) and agreed the payment of the following invoices:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Mrs A Davies (Clerk salary and expenses)</td> <td>100295</td> <td>£197.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC ( Clerk tax)</td> <td>100296</td> <td>£46.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PVH (hall hire)</td> <td>100297</td> <td>£16.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Radioncom (radios)</td> <td>100298</td> <td>£745.00</td> </tr> </table>	Mrs A Davies (Clerk salary and expenses)	100295	£197.68	HMRC ( Clerk tax)	100296	£46.40	PVH (hall hire)	100297	£16.50	Radioncom (radios)	100298	£745.00	AD
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206	<p><b>CLP</b></p> <p>The CLP group will consider revised actions as soon as possible.</p>	FD/all												
207	<p><u>Material change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 6 gypsy families, each with two caravans, including improvement of access and laying of hardstanding</u></p> <p>The Chairman, once again, spoke on this application at the CDC Planning Committee meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February, where the application was refused. The Parish Council agreed to study all the planning policies referred to in the Refusal Notice, to ensure that it was fully prepared, should an appeal be lodged.</p>	AD												
208	<p><b>Resilience.</b></p> <p>After discussion the Parish Council agreed to purchase 4 licensed 2 way radios at a cost of £745 and investigate two mobile generators and storage facilities. The funds to purchase these items will come from the resilience grant from SSE that the Council received in 2016.</p> <p>The Council will also prepare a map of the locations of the grit bins in the village.</p>	MN/MT												
209	<p><b>Jubilee Reserve/Widnell Park/Village grass cutting.</b></p> <p>The Parish Council, agreed to accept the quote received from its current contractor as another quote received was very similar in price and the Parish Council were satisfied with the standard of work carried out. The agreement with the contractor is that the grass cutting will start in April, the woodland will be strimmed monthly and the churchyard cut regularly once the primroses have died down.</p>	For note												

	<p>Following concerns that the gate at the Sports Field was not secure, it was agreed that the council would purchase a new latch and return spring to secure the field for dogs and children, who, currently, are able to run out of the field into the road. The Parish Council also agreed to look at the cost of fencing some of this area, and to look at wording and safety features (including fencing and life belts) for the ponds.</p> <p><b>Ride-on Mower</b></p> <p>It was agreed to investigate the possibility of purchasing a ride-on mower for subsequent years to cut the playing field/meadow and to consider the possibility of using village volunteers. Concerns were raised that there would not be a sufficient number of volunteers able to commit to the work on a regular basis and that the council would still need to pay a contractor to complete work the mower could not deal with.</p>	<p>MT/KH</p> <p>MT</p>
210	<p><b>Parish Liaison</b></p> <p>The Clerk has just been advised that Merton Village Hall is available for a meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February for parishes to discuss local issues. Parish Councillors agreed to attend.</p>	AD
211	<p><b>Traffic calming in the Village</b></p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to find funding to purchase 8 gates to be erected at entry points into the village from OCCs preferred supplier. A quote would be required from OCC for the installation of the gates on highway verges.</p> <p>The Parish Council also agreed to look at purchasing a Vehicle Activated Speed sign for the village.</p> <p>Revised quotes will be obtained for wheelie bin road safety signs.</p>	AD
212	<p><b>Litterblitz 2018 and Village Spring Clean</b></p> <p>Litterblitz including a Village Spring Clean was agreed to be held on the weekend of 10/11<sup>th</sup> March. Volunteers will be invited to clean street and road signs at the same time, with the Parish Council providing suitable equipment. It was agreed that volunteers would be asked to meet at the Village Hall at 10.00am, and litter picking equipment will be delivered to Cllr Willis on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Village email and posters to be circulated.</p>	AD/FD
213	<p><b>Oxford to Cambridge Expressway</b></p> <p>The Parish Council continues to monitor progress, as one route may pass close to the Village.</p>	AD
214	<p><b>Allotments</b></p>	

	<p>The Parish Council noted that discussions are planned with allotment holders with regard to maintenance of the allotment hedges and paths. It was suggested that, the council would obtain a quotation for works from their contractor if allotment holders did not want to carry out the maintenance work themselves. Costs would be reclaimed through the allotment rent. Alternatively, the group could consider purchasing a “push along” strimmer to carry out the work themselves and example of which was shown by Cllr. Howard.</p>	LW
215	<p><b>The Battle’s Over – WW1 tribute</b></p> <p>It was reported that the information has been sent to the Church, and that there was a plan to ring a peal of bells on remembrance day. The Council suggested that the fact that the Church was proposing the peal of bells could be publicised to residents in advance.</p>	KH
216	<p><b>Planning Applications.</b>  <u>Widnell Lane gypsy/Traveller site</u>  See earlier item.</p> <p><b><u>Screening Opinion to 18/00211F - Railway embankment stabilisation scheme, including earthwork re-grading, construction of access route and ecological mitigation measures (resubmission of 13/01805/F)</u></b></p> <p>Land At Network Railway Embankment Between Piddington And Blackthorn Marsh Gibbon Road Piddington Ref. No: 18/00016/SO  It was agreed that, before work started, it would be useful to photograph verges and roads, so that any subsequent damage would be clearly apparent. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would invite a representative of Network Rail to a parish council meeting, before the work starts.</p>	<p>See item 137.</p> <p>AD</p>
217	<p><b>Planning decisions</b></p> <p>None other than the refusal of the application for the gypsy/traveller site in Widnell Lane.</p>	For info
218	<p><b>Planning Appeal</b>  <b><u>Erection of building to provide an indoor manege</u></b></p> <p>Rookery Barn 66 Lower End Piddington Bicester OX25 1QD  Ref. No: 17/00133/F  The refusal by CDC has been appealed – with responses due by 27<sup>th</sup> February.  The Parish Council agreed to lodge an objection to the proposals.</p>	AD
219	<p><b>Police</b></p> <p>The next Rural Community Resilience Forum, will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> February at Bicester Village. Cllr Howard was asked to advise the police of potential anti social behaviour in Widnell Park and ask them to keep a look out on their patrols.</p>	KH

220	<b>Highways</b> Nothing raised.	AD
221	<b>Circulated between meetings:</b> OALC update First Round funding HS2 Rural Youth Update Big Art project The Battle's Over – WW1 tribute	AD
222	<b>Any Other Business:</b> None.	
223	The meeting closed at 10.30pm.	
224	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> March 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 at 7.30pm. Annual Parish Meeting – to be confirmed as 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2018.	AD

Piddington Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	20 February 2018
Payments processed since last meeting				£253.28
16-Jan-18	PVH		200292	£9.00
16-Jan-18	Mrs A Davies		200293	£197.88
16-Jan-18	HMRC		200294	£46.40
Receipts processed since previous report				£456.96
19-Jan-18	HMRC			£456.96
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	31 January 2018
			Savings Account	£9,016.21
			Current account	£17,841.04
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	None			
Payments	L Willis			£15.76
	M Rudge			£216.00
	L Willis			£15.76
			Net Total	<u>£26,609.73</u>