

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Piddington Parish Council
held on 25th May 2022 in the Village Hall, Piddington**

Present: Cllr. M Nixon – Chairman of Piddington Parish Council
Cllr. M Terzino
Cllr. T Wills
Cllr. P. Feltbower

Also Present
6 Parish residents

Welcome and Introduction

Councillor Nixon welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked them for attending.

1. Apologies for Absence

Mr and Mrs A Coleman, Mrs M Ashton, Jane Keel, Cllr C Miller (OCC).

2. Minutes

Those present **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the previous Annual Parish meeting

3. Matters Arising

No comments were made from last year's minutes.

4. Report from Chairman Piddington Parish Council

The Chairman reported that lockdown in early 2021 had suspended face to face meetings again, but these were restarted by the Parish Council in the summer of 2021.

There have been 2 further appeals against CDC's refusal of new/extensions to the traveller sites, one of which seeks to increase the consented site to 12 pitches. These have been opposed by the Parish Council, who reported to CDC that action clearing the site had started without preconditions being met.

The Parish Council has recently purchased a second VAS, which will be installed shortly, and, having purchased on set of white entry gates, has now authorised the purchase of an additional set for the remaining village entry points.

The Parish Council has changed the grass cutting contractors, and has recently arranged for a tree surgeon to cut back the trees by the church.

There has been a recent spate of vandalism at Widnell Park, with broken glass left around, evidence of fires and 1 gate into the field stolen.

The Parish Council has concerns about the condition of the road in Lower End from the railway bridge to the A41, which are currently being raised with OCC.

Cllr Miller (OCC) is convening a group of all interested parties to try to resolve flooding issues locally.

In the recent power outage the Village Hall was opened up and the generator started. There were important lessons about the need for communication in the village so that all residents were aware of the facilities on offer.

Cow Pasture Farm has recently been the subject of a planning application for a concrete batching plant. The Parish Council was disappointed that this decision was dealt with under delegated powers by an officer, and has concerns about the industrialisation of a rural area.

There have recently been isolated incidents of fly tipping, which CDC will clear, if reported via "Fix my Street".

The allotments are now managed actively, with currently only 1 plot empty.

Finally the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee jointly sponsored the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.

5. Residents questions

Q When will Murphy's finish the work to the embankment?

A When all outstanding work has been completed.

Q Is the Churchyard a "Closed" churchyard?

A Yes.

Q Do the allotments now have a water supply/

A Yes

6. Finance

Full details of the Parish Council's financial affairs for the year 2021/22 are on the website.

7. Any other business

The sub committee investigating opportunities for the 7 Stars has now been disbanded.

Residents were reminded that there is currently one vacancy on the Parish Council.

With no further business or questions, Councillor Nixon thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Accepted by:

_____ **Chairman** _____ **Date**