

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on 21st November 2023

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	<p>Present: Cllr M Nixon (Chair), Cllr M Newbury, Cllr M Terzino, Cllr P Feltbower, and Cllr T McNally.</p> <p>Remotely: Cllr T Wills</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr Julian Nedelcu (CDC),</p> <p>Also Present: 1 resident, Cllr C Miller (OCC), and Cllr G Coton (CDC).</p>		
83	<p>Declarations of Interest Cllrs Terzino and Newbury as members of the Village Hall Committee.</p>	all	
84	<p>Minutes The Minutes of the meeting of 17th October 2023 were agreed as drawn.</p>	clerk	
85	<p>Public participation It was suggested that the Parish Council purchase a sealed cabinet for resilience equipment, to be stored in the shed adjacent to the village Hall.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to send out details of the radio licences held by the Parish Council.</p>	AD	
86	<p>Councillors' reports. Cllr Coton reported that CDC were currently negotiating the sale of Bodicote House, and the removal of CDC staff to Castle Quays. There will shortly be consultations on the future of Banbury town centre.</p> <p>Cllr Miller reported that OCC are hoping to improve the SEND services, and are currently starting their budget process.</p> <p>Real data from flooding pinch points is currently being collated and will then be circulated.</p> <p>OCC have established that they are not able to require the Network Rail contractors to remedy damage to Lower End caused by recent embankment works. Cllr Miller was asked to make enquiries about the ongoing temporary traffic lights at the railway bridge.</p> <p>The Ray Valley Forum will consider flood management over Otmoor, and is looking for volunteers to join a working party to investigate options.</p> <p>The Parish Council expressed concern that the effect of the 20mph speed limit appeared to be reducing.</p>		

	The Parish Council thanked Cllr Miller for the excellent verge trim along Widnell Lane.																							
87	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Council noted the current position with regard to the Council's financial position, and agreed the following payments:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>PVH</td> <td>room hire</td> <td>50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A Davies</td> <td>salary</td> <td>350.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>cl tax</td> <td>85.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M and J</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cross</td> <td>grass</td> <td>450.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>allotment</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Waterplus</td> <td>water</td> <td>8.99</td> </tr> </table>	PVH	room hire	50.00	A Davies	salary	350.66	HMRC	cl tax	85.00	M and J			Cross	grass	450.00		allotment		Waterplus	water	8.99	clerk	
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a	<p>Pocket Park</p> <p>Cllr Feltbower agreed to work with Cllr McNally to produce a scale plan of the area of the proposed memorial garden, which could then be circulated to residents.</p>	PF/TM																						
b	<p>Allotments</p> <p>2 allotments are currently vacant. There was concern that whips supplied in March 2024 would be too late for a spring planting. The alternative would be for the Council to agree to the contractor's quote of £1300 to supply, plant, rabbit guard and mulch new trees.</p> <p>There is a tendency for the bottom corner of the allotments to flood. It was agreed that this concern should be raised with the Flood Forum and advice from OCC and the Environment Agency sought. It was also suggested that the Forum should be asked to assist in the clearing of silt from the brook to achieve a better water flow, and clear the ditch and gully on the allotments.</p>	TW/AD																						
c	<p>Jubilee Reserve</p> <p>Cllr Terzino has received 2 quotes for work to the Jubilee Reserve. It was agreed to proceed with the quote from Mr and Mrs Cross.</p> <p>The Council agreed to the request to plant a tree and place a seat at the reserve in memory of former Chair – Cllr Francesca Darby.</p>	MT																						

