

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on 16th January 2024

	<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), Cllr C Miller (OCC)</p> <p>Also Present: Cllr G Coton (CDC).</p>	Action	By dat												
96	<p>Declarations of Interest Cllrs Terzino and Newbury as members of the Village Hall Committee.</p>	all													
97	<p>Minutes The Minutes of the meeting of 21st November 2023 were agreed as drawn.</p>	clerk													
98	<p>Councillors' reports. Cllr Coton read Cllr Miller's report (attached) and updated Councillors about activities at CDC. She was asked to advise Cllr Miller of concerns that the edges of the Marsh Gibbon road were breaking up following flooding, and there is a large pothole entering the Marsh Gibbon Road from the A41. Cllr Coton reported that CDC is currently developing its Solar strategy, and will be developing a series of hubs to provide services. The new CDC Chief Executive started on 8th January 2024, and is expected to visit rural parishes. The Licence for green waste bin collection will increase to £49 from April.</p>														
99	<p>Finance 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>12.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>cl tax</td> <td>119.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A Davies</td> <td>salary</td> <td>477.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Waterplus</td> <td>allotment water</td> <td>10.33</td> </tr> </table> <p>It also considered its budget for 2024/5 and agreed to request a precept of £11409, which is an annual increase of £5.78 per Band "D" property. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about the next tranche of Resilience fund applications.</p>	PVH	room hire	12.00	HMRC	cl tax	119.40	A Davies	salary	477.42	Waterplus	allotment water	10.33	clerk	
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100	Village Matters		
a	<p>Pocket Park</p> <p>A draft plan of the area has been produced, and it was agreed that dimensions should be added to it and then circulated to residents with some information about the design requirements for the memorial garden.</p>	PF/TM	
b	<p>Allotments</p> <p>There are currently 3 available plots, and the allotment committee is looking at ways to encourage and support new gardeners.</p> <p>Work to the allotment hedge is scheduled to be carried out at the beginning of February. It was agreed that trees ordered from the Woodland Trust would be planted around the village.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed that the rent for the allotments should remain at £15 for the year 2024/25.</p>	TW/AD	
c	<p>Jubilee Reserve</p> <p>The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to work on the Jubilee Reserve, and the Clerk was asked to research groups able to offer this.</p>	MT	
d	<p>Highway issues</p> <p>There are concerns that traffic is not complying with the temporary traffic lights on the bridge, and the over grown vegetation around the bridge is a potential danger to vehicles, particularly if forced into the side of the road by an exceptionally large vehicle. The Clerk was asked to request that OCC cut back the overgrown hedge and brambles from the roadside.</p> <p>Development at Cowpastures Farm is about to commence, and there are concerns about noise from visiting lorries, many of which have been reported queuing outside the development before it opens.</p>	All AD AD	
	<p>Flooding</p> <p>The recent wet weather has caused considerable flooding, especially in Lower End and up to the A41. The Chair and a resident have surveyed flood areas in the village with a view to adding them to an Environment Agency map of flood pinch points.</p>		

101	Planning None relevant.		
102	Highways Volunteers will be working with OCC to clear vegetation on the Circular Walk. Weight restriction signs require replacement.	MN	
103	Police The minutes of the recent police forum will be circulated when available.	AD/all	
104	Circulated Between Meetings: OALC and CDC Updates	AD	
105	Any Other business. It was reported that a large vehicle was seen driving over a resident's garden and damaging a water valve. The Clerk was asked to report this to the company concerned and OCC. It was agreed that, as there is a Parish election in May, a Facebook campaign for new councillors should be started.	clerk	
106	The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.		
107	Date of Next Meeting 20 th February 2024 at 7.30pm	AD	