

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF PIDDINGTON, HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, PIDDINGTON ON 16th JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30pm

	<p>Present: Cllr F Darby, Cllr P Feltbower, Cllr K Howard, Cllr M Terzino and Cllr A Coleman.</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr M Nixon, Cllr L Willis, Cllr D Sames (OCC)</p> <p>Also Present: Cllr D Hughes (CDC),</p> <p>Public participation</p> <p>None</p>	Action									
178	<p>Declarations of Interest</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									
179	<p>Minutes</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting of 19th December 2017 were agreed as drawn.</p>	Clerk									
180	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>None.</p>										
181	<p>Councillor's report</p> <p>David Hughes attended to confirm he was available to discuss local issues with the Parish Council.</p> <p>He confirmed that Network Rail were now consulting on the Western section of the East/West rail line; work on the line should start within the next 2 years.</p> <p>He also explained the up to date position with regard to the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway – where the proposed route B corridor will take the road through his ward. He will keep the Parish updated when he becomes aware of any more information.</p>										
182	<p>Finance</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>PVH (hall hire)</td> <td>100292</td> <td>£9.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs A Davies (Clerk salary and expenses)</td> <td>100293</td> <td>£197..68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC (Clerk tax)</td> <td>100294</td> <td>£46.40</td> </tr> </table>	PVH (hall hire)	100292	£9.00	Mrs A Davies (Clerk salary and expenses)	100293	£197..68	HMRC (Clerk tax)	100294	£46.40	AD
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	<p>The Parish Council considered the budget prepared by the Clerk and agreed , by a majority present and voting to raise the precept by 3% to £8750 – an increase of £1.38 per year for a Band D Property.</p> <p>Cllr Howard voted against this proposal.</p>	AD
184	<p>CLP The CLP group will consider revised actions as soon as possible..</p>	FD/all
185	<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 Applicant has recently submitted ecological evidence, on which the Parish Council has been consulted. After discussion the Parish Council agreed that it had considerable concerns about the content of this report as it did not reflect the ecological diversity found in adjacent areas. For instance the Parish Council has had an ecological survey of the Jubilee reserve which has noted considerably more species of flora and fauna than the application site, even though the locations are virtually adjacent to each other. Similarly there are locally Meadow Farm and the Ray Valley meadows, all of which have rich ecological content and are managed for this by BBOWT.</p> <p>The Parish Council also noted that CDC’s Ecological advisor had suggested that, if CDC were minded to grant planning permission they put in place conditions to monitor the ecology regularly. The Parish Council, having noted that the Applicant has made clear his intention to sell the site if he is granted planning permission, felt that conditions requiring monitoring would be impossible for the Planning Authority to enforce. The Clerk was asked to respond accordingly to CDC.</p> <p>It is possible that these proposals will be considered by the planning committee at their February meeting. Should this be the case, the Parish Council will circulate a factsheet to all members of the Committee before the meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to raise with OCC why, when the Chesterton proposal and the Widnell lane proposal appeared very similar, OCC highways had recommended that the Chesterton site should be refused on sustainability grounds, while no reference to the same points had been made to the Widnell lane site.</p> <p>She was also asked to pursue the reason for the OCC change of mind on</p>	AD

	drainage proposals for the first application.	
186	<p>Resilience.</p> <p>After discussion the Parish Council agreed to purchase 4 licensed 2 way radios as a recent power outage had shown that communication during a power cut could be difficult in the village. They also agreed to purchase a portable generator which would be available to assist residents with a priority need in a power cut. However the Council noted that any residents with a priority need should make themselves known to the Council to enable assistance to be offered, and should install an outside socket on their properties so that there is a plug in point for a generator.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the Council would prepare a map of the locations of the grit bins in the village and confirm with residents that their contents were available to be spread on roads, footways and other communal areas. Residents would also be asked to check the bins and report any empty to the Clerk so that more salt/grit could be ordered.</p>	<p>MN/MT</p> <p>FD/AD</p>
187	<p>Jubilee Reserve/Widnell Park/Village grass cutting.</p> <p>The Parish Council, having received a quote from its Contractor for the maintenance of the area will approach other grass cutting contractors to enable it to compare costs. As the quote includes some grass cutting on highway verges in Piddington the Clerk was asked to contact OCC to ascertain what payment the Parish would receive if it were to take over the maintenance of the urban highway (ie with the 30mph limits) of the Parish.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to update the quote for a Green gym, and to look at pursuing grant applications to cover the cost of purchase and installation.</p> <p>Dog waste bags obtained by the Council will be made available in the Sports Field and dog walkers will be encouraged to use them. Dog walkers would also be encouraged to pick up dog waste from the highway verges.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to consider a social event on the Sports Field to encourage residents to come along and help dig out the ragwort at an early stage of growth.</p> <p>It was also agreed that a latch should be put on the Sports field gate, and the gate on the Jubilee reserve relocated to the entrance.</p>	For note
188	<p>Parish Liaison</p> <p>The Clerk is now looking for a suitable venue for the meeting.</p>	AD
189	<p>Traffic calming in the Village</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>	AD

190	<p>State of signs and street names in the Village</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>	AD
191	<p>Oxford to Cambridge Expressway</p> <p>The Parish Council will monitor progress, as one route may pass close to the Village.</p>	AD
192	<p>Drinkwater Close</p> <p>OCC have confirmed that, as Drinkwater Close is not an adopted road, they have no responsibility for the culvert. The land on which it has been constructed has been assigned to a resident, who will investigate options for repair.</p>	
1793	<p>Planning Applications. <u>Widnell Lane gypsy/Traveller site</u> See earlier item.</p>	See item 137.
194	<p>Planning decisions <u>Part single and part two storey rear extension including demolition of existing rear single storey timber accommodation</u></p> <p>69 Thame Road Piddington Bicester OX25 1PY Ref. No: 17/02249/F Approved.</p>	For info
195	<p>Police</p> <p>The next Rural Community resilience Forum , will take place on 21st February at Bicester Tesco.</p>	KH
196	<p>Highways</p>	AD
197	<p>Circulated between meetings:</p> <p>The Consultation on changes to controlled airspace was circulated . This is likely to mean that there will be more aircraft not subject to air traffic control (eg small fixed wing, gliders etc) flying relatively low above the village, as the pinch points between controlled airspaces will become narrower).</p> <p>CFO PULSE Newsletter</p> <p>Emergency Planning Update</p> <p>Broadband Update</p> <p>CDC Scrutiny Committee:-CDC have asked for items for their Scrutiny Committee (including information about poor mobile phone signals). The Council asked the Clerk to suggest they look into the social exclusion of rural areas.</p>	AD

198	Any Other Business: The Clerk was asked to make enquiries of CDC about the re registration of the Seven Stars as a Community Asset.	
199	The meeting closed at 10.15pm.	
200	Date of Next Meeting February 20 th 2018 at 7.30pm.	AD

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Piddington Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	16 January 2018
Payments processed since last meeting				£946.08
19-Dec-17	M Rudge	200287		£216.00
19-Dec-17	M Rudge	200288		£468.00
19-Dec-17	PVH	200289		£18.00
19-Dec-17	Mrs A Davies	200290		£197.68
19-Dec-17	HMRC	200291		£46.40
Receipts processed since previous report				£0.43
19-Dec-17	Interest			£0.43
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	31 December 2017
Savings Account				£9,016.21
Current account				£17,637.36
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	None			
Payments	L Willis			£15.76
	M Rudge			£216.00
	L Willis			£15.76
			Net Total	<u>£26,406.05</u>