

**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF PIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllr M Nixon, Cllr P Feltbower, Cllr K Howard, Cllr M Terzino, Cllr T Wills and Cllr J Keel</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cllr D Hughes (CDC). Cllr D Sames (OCC).</p> <p><b>Also Present:</b> 1 member of the public to raise concerns about flooding in Lower End/Marsh Gibbon Road.</p>	Action	By date								
90.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> Cllr Terzino as a member of the Village Hall Committee and Cllr Howard's involvement with the Church Fundraising Committee, the Village Hall Committee, the TVPA Rural Resilience Forum and as a member of the OALC Executive Committee.</p>	all									
91.	<p><b>Minutes</b> The Minutes of the meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 were agreed as drawn.</p>	clerk									
92.	<p><b>Matters arising</b> The meeting was advised that CDC had now agreed common ground with the Great Wolf developer applicants in Chesterton with regard to flooding.</p>										
93.	<p><b>Finance</b> The Council noted the financial report and bank reconciliation (and shown in Appendix A). It agreed the payment of the following invoices: -</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 1328 1273 1473"> <tr> <td>100499</td> <td>Mrs A Davies</td> <td>Cl salary</td> <td>201.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100500</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Cl tax</td> <td>50.20</td> </tr> </table>	100499	Mrs A Davies	Cl salary	201.02	100500	HMRC	Cl tax	50.20	clerk	
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94.	<p><b>Flooding</b> The resident attending the meeting reported that, in 2020/2021 flooding had been exceptional. Current embankment works have not been completed, but there is an ongoing concern that the expansion of Bicester is increasing water run off into the River Ray, where water is backing up and increasing the flooding risk. The meeting was told that NFU representatives had tried to initiate a Local Drainage Board, and Parish Council support could prove helpful to this project. The Parish Council agreed that Cllr Howard should identify key stakeholders, and the resident would put him in touch with contacts.</p>	KH									

95.	<b>Smoke from Cow Pastures Farm</b>  There have still been isolated sightings of smoke from Cow Pastures Farm. It was agreed that any further would be reported to Cllr Howard for onward transmission to CDC (environmental health).		
96.	<b>Allotments</b>  Thames Water have now plumbed in the water to serve the allotments, and the Clerk now awaits a final invoice and password to access the account.  It was agreed that Cllrs Howard and Wills would draft wording to acknowledge the village's thanks for the donation that enabled the water supply to be installed.  It was agreed that rent for an allotment should increase to £12.50 per annum from April 2021	TW/KH	
97.	<b>Embankment works</b>  Work is due to restart shortly. It is hoped that once the work has been completed and the embankment planted, water run off may be reduced. It was noted that work could last 12 – 16 weeks and involve noisy pile driving.	KH	
98.	<b>Jubilee Reserve</b>  Despite notices, dog fouling still remains an issue. It was agreed that a warning notice should be placed on the main entrance gate advising that the park will be closed unless walkers clear up after their dogs.	MN	
99.	<b>COVID 19</b>  The Parish Council agreed to request £999 of CDC's COVID grant to support vulnerable groups in the aftermath of the pandemic. The Parish Council still has 5 Facebook Portals available.		
100.	<b>Parish Council Bank account</b>  The Council will be proceeding to change its banking arrangements, but, due to COVID, this could take some time.	AD	
101.	<b>Fly tipping</b>  There has been a significant increase in fly tipping around the village. Some dumped Christmas trees remain uncleared.		

102.	<b>VAS</b> The Clerk was asked to proceed with an application to SSE for an unmetered electricity supply.	AD	
103.	<b>Planning</b> The Parish Council has been advised that the following planning application has been appealed :-  Applicant J Sweeney  Proposal: Change of Use of land to a 6no pitch Gypsy and Traveller site to include 6no mobiles, 6no tourers and associated operational development including hardstanding and fencing  Location: Land South Side Of, Widnell Lane, Piddington Parish(es): Piddington Appeal Reference: APP/C3105/W/20/3262394  The Council agreed to draft a response to be sent to the Planning Inspector, and to tell the MOD and Bullingdon prison. The chairman agreed to raise the issue with Cllr Holland.	AD/Cllrs	
104.	<b>Highways</b> Councillors agreed to remind residents to report issues concerning the state of the roads to Cllr Sames, ideally with photographs.	AD	
105.	<b>Police</b> There is a Facebook group dealing with rural policing issues.	KH	
106.	<b>Circulated Between Meetings:</b>  OALC Updates	AD	
107.	<b>Any Other Business: (for discussion)</b> None.		
108.	The meeting closed at 9.30pm.		
109.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm	AD	