

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

		Action	By date
	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllr M Nixon, Cllr M Newbury, Cllr M Terzino, Cllr P Feltbower, Cllr T Wills</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cllr C Miller (OCC), Cllr G Coton (CDC).</p> <p><b>Also Present:</b> Cllr Julian Nedelcu (CDC)</p>		
45	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> Cllrs Terzino and Newbury as members of the Village Hall Committee.</p>	all	
46	<p><b>Minutes</b> The Minutes of the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were agreed as drawn.</p>	clerk	
47	<p><b>Councillors' reports.</b></p> <p>Cllr Nedelcu reported that he had been elected to the ward in May, and appointed to the Planning Committee, which had recently rejected an application for residential development in Blackthorn and Ambrosden. There was currently no overall political control in CDC and therefore the Conservatives were currently a minority executive. He reminded Councillors that there were new parliamentary division boundaries proposed, including the current proposal for an area covering Woodstock, Kidlington and Bicester. He also reminded Councillors that bus fares would be increased to £2.60 per journey in November.</p> <p>He was asked to raise the following OCC issues with Cllr Miller:-</p> <p>Could the Parish Council please have an update on verge cutting?</p> <p>What is the current position with regard to the traffic control on the railway bridge?</p> <p>Could the Council assist with clearing the brook?</p> <p>What lessons have been learned concerning the remediation of the Lower End and Marsh Gibbon Roads following Network rail work on the embankment?</p>		

48	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>The Council noted the current position with regard to the Council's financial position, and agreed the following payments: -</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="300 344 1249 707"> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 344 616 383">HMRC</td> <td data-bbox="622 344 930 383">clerk tax</td> <td data-bbox="936 344 1249 383">£55.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 392 616 430">A Davies</td> <td data-bbox="622 392 930 430">salary</td> <td data-bbox="936 392 1249 430">£233.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 439 616 477">PVH</td> <td data-bbox="622 439 930 477">room hire</td> <td data-bbox="936 439 1249 477">£10.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 486 616 524">M and J Cross</td> <td data-bbox="622 486 930 524">grass</td> <td data-bbox="936 486 1249 524">£972.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 533 616 571">H Coleman</td> <td data-bbox="622 533 930 589">Weebly (website subscription)</td> <td data-bbox="936 533 1249 589">£129.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 598 616 636">Waterplus</td> <td data-bbox="622 598 930 636">Allotment water</td> <td data-bbox="936 598 1249 636">£8.82</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 645 616 707">PVH</td> <td data-bbox="622 645 930 707">Donation</td> <td data-bbox="936 645 1249 707">£1000.00</td> </tr> </table>	HMRC	clerk tax	£55.40	A Davies	salary	£233.06	PVH	room hire	£10.50	M and J Cross	grass	£972.00	H Coleman	Weebly (website subscription)	£129.00	Waterplus	Allotment water	£8.82	PVH	Donation	£1000.00	clerk	
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49	<b>Village Matters</b>																							
a	<p><b>Pocket Park</b></p> <p>The Parish Council will put together a brief and ask residents for ideas to develop Pocket park, with a prize of Garden tokens for the best suggestion.</p>	All																						
b	<p><b>Allotments</b></p> <p>2 allotments are not currently let. Cllr Willis agreed to lodge details of the water meter reading with Waterplus.</p>	TW																						
c	<p><b>Jubilee Reserve</b></p> <p>While another quote for work at the Jubilee reserve is awaited, the Parish Council agreed that the field should be cut, at a suggested price of £250.00</p> <p>Owners are still not cleaning up after their dogs, and the issue will be raised with CDC's Dog Warden, with a request that he occasionally monitors the site.</p>	AD/MT																						
d	<p><b>River Ray Flood Forum</b></p> <p>The Chair reported that he had attended the recent River Ray Flood Forum, which had proved productive, despite the fact that Thames Water had been unable to be present. Piddington has been developing a flood plan based on the hydrology of the area, and it has been agreed that this will feed into the Environment Agency's macro plan.</p>																							

	<p>Representatives of the Environment Agency have agreed to visit Piddington and Blackthorn to consider flooding concerns and develop an understanding of flooding issues in the area.</p> <p>It is hoped that the Forum will meet regularly , with the next meeting taking place in late Autumn.</p> <p>There was concern about the adequacy of the Thames Water Pumping Station at Blackthorn.</p>		
e	<p><b>Village Hall freehold.</b> Ongoing.</p>		
50	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p>It was reported that, due to vacancies in the CDC Planning Department, the application for the 7 Stars is still under consultation.</p>		
51	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p>The OCC Footpath Officer has suggested a visit to the village in September, and arrangements will be made for her to meet with the Chairman.</p> <p>There was concern that dog walkers are not clearing up after their dogs along the verges in Thame Road. Any evidence should be sent to the Clerk for onward transmission to the CDC Dog Warden.</p> <p>It was noted that the state of the verges along the roads into the village is obscuring sharp highway edges, of danger to pedestrians and cyclists.</p>	AD	
52	<p><b>Police</b></p> <p>The details of the next police forum will be circulated when available.</p>		
53	<p><b>Circulated Between Meetings:</b></p> <p>OALC and CDC Updates</p>	AD	
54	<p><b>Any Other business.</b></p> <p>None.</p>	AD	
55	<p>The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.</p>		
56	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm</p>	AD	

