

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

		Action	By date
	<p>Present: Cllr M Newbury (in the Chair), Cllr M Terzino, Cllr P Feltbower, Cllr T Wills and Cllr M Nixon(via Zoom).</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr Angus Patrick (CDC), Cllr G Coton (CDC)</p> <p>Also Present: Cllr C Miller (OCC) and 3 parishioners.</p>		
101	<p>Declarations of Interest Cllrs Terzino and Newbury as a members of the Village Hall Committee.</p>	all	
102	<p>Minutes The Minutes of the meeting of 21st February 2023 were agreed as drawn.</p>	clerk	
103	<p>Councillors' reports.</p> <p>Cllr Miller reported OCC are adopting a new policy on the maintenance of highway verges, to encourage bio diversity, and are also consulting on their highway maintenance policy and HGV strategy. He asked that all residents be encouraged to report maintenance issues on "Fix my street".</p> <p>The Boundary Commission is carrying out a review of Constituency boundaries.</p> <p>He confirmed that he would be able to make a grant towards the cost of solar panels for the village hall, and advised that he had no update on concerns about Lower End or issues with the culvert. However, he noted residents' concerns about the traffic light on the railway bridge and agreed to make enquiries at OCC.</p> <p>Finally, he confirmed that the surface of the A41 at Ploughley Road was inadequate and reminded the meeting that more traffic lights were due to be installed on the A41 on 18th May 2023.</p>		

104	<p>Residents' issues</p> <p>A resident attended the meeting to hand out copies of the Order closing the Parish Churchyard, and vesting the same under the control of the Parish Council. The Parish Council noted that it had carried out maintenance work at the Churchyard, and would consider devising a maintenance plan. However, the Parish Council's current view was that maintenance of tombstones would be on the basis of safety needs, not restoration. The matter will be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting.</p>																				
105	<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="1" data-bbox="300 775 1246 1014"> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>clerk tax</td> <td>£55.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OALC</td> <td>subscription</td> <td>£156.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Roy Shepherd</td> <td>gates</td> <td>£60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A Davies</td> <td>salary</td> <td>£233.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PVH</td> <td>room hire</td> <td>£10.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M Ashton</td> <td>generator parts</td> <td>£49.98</td> </tr> </table>	HMRC	clerk tax	£55.40	OALC	subscription	£156.00	Roy Shepherd	gates	£60.00	A Davies	salary	£233.26	PVH	room hire	£10.50	M Ashton	generator parts	£49.98	clerk	
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106	<p>Village Matters</p>																				
107	<p>Village memorial</p> <p>This will be discussed in more detail at the annual meeting of Piddington Parish, on 20th April 2023, as the Parish Council would look for local support to ensure appropriate maintenance takes place, and the memorial is appropriate.</p>	TW																			
108	<p>Allotments</p> <p>All allotments are now let. Cllr Wills has obtained a quote of £2050 to carry out work to cut back the hedge, remove brambles and replant as necessary. It was agreed that the work should be scheduled when appropriate, and it was further agreed that the rent for an allotment should be increased to £15 per annum.</p> <p>It was agreed that notices limiting access to allotment holders should be prominently displayed.</p>																				

109	Litterpick Equipment has been delivered from CDC, and the Litterpick will now be arranged to take place before Easter.		
110	Jubilee Reserve A quote for hedge/tree works is awaited.	AD/MT	
111	Entry gates/Speed limit The Vas signs have now been erected – with grateful thanks to a resident farmer for assistance with his cherry picker.		
112	Damaged stile The OCC Footpath Officer for the area has suggested she could meet with interested councillors on a day to be agreed, between 9.00am and 3.00pm.		
113	Planning appeal A decision on the recent planning appeal for the gypsy/traveller site is still awaited.		
114	Weight Restriction Consultation OCC are currently consulting on weight restriction proposals. All responses are encouraged.		
115	Planning <u>23/00625/F</u> 41 Thame Road Piddington Bicester OX25 1PY Change of use from public house to a 5 bed family dwellinghouse. Demolition of single storey rear store. Erection of single storey rear extension. Addition of timber cladding to existing single storey rear. Insertion of various window and door openings and rooflights to existing two storey building No objections.		

116	Highways The Clerk was asked to invite the OCC Footpath Officer to the Parish Council meeting in April.	AD	
117	Police Ongoing.	KH	
118	Circulated Between Meetings: OALC and CDC Updates	AD	
119	Any Other business. The Clerk was asked to request that unnecessary 20mph signage be removed from Thame Road.	AD	
120	The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.		
121	Date of Next Meeting 18 th April 2023 at 7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting 20 th April at 7.30pm.	AD	