

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on 18th April 2023

		Action	By date
	<p>Present: Cllr m Nixon, Cllr M Newbury, Cllr M Terzino, Cllr P Feltbower, Cllr T Wills and</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr Angus Patrick (CDC)</p> <p>Also Present: Cllr C Miller (OCC), Cllr G Coton (CDC).</p>		
1	<p>Declarations of Interest Cllrs Terzino and Newbury as a members of the Village Hall Committee.</p>	all	
2	<p>The Parish Council noted with great sadness the sudden and unexpected death of former Chair Francesca Darby, and sent its condolences to Ian Darby.</p>		
3	<p>Minutes The Minutes of the meeting of 21st March 2023 were agreed as drawn.</p>	clerk	
4	<p>Councillors' reports.</p> <p>Cllr Miller advised the meeting that, having checked with highways, the traffic lights on the bridge on Lower End had not required advance notice as they were erected in an emergency. Repair works are due to start, but he was advised that the lights frequently did not work. Councillors asked if TVPA were aware, as the route was a diversion route if the A41 became blocked.</p> <p>He confirmed the OCC will be visiting shortly to look at the state of the highway following embankment works by Network Rail.</p> <p>He advised that OCC had increased its budget for pothole repairs for the year 2023/24.</p> <p>The Home to School transport contracts had been renegotiated following a number of contractors handing back their contracts.</p> <p>He reported that Botley Road was now closed and Kidlington will be holding a parish poll to consider the future of the proposed Oxford United Football stadium.</p> <p>There will be a meeting of the Flood Forum in Islip Village Hall, at which Thames Water have agreed to attend.</p> <p>OCC have changed their highway cutting policy. During discussion it was suggested that the authority should consider appropriate sight lines for junctions, when cutting verges.</p>		

	<p>Councillors reported the outcome of their recent monitoring of speed in the village using the VAS. It was reported that 95% of vehicles are travelling at 25mph or less, with 75% below 20mph.</p> <p>Cllr Coton reported that CDC had delayed the consultation on their new Local Plan until July 2023. She reminded Councillors that photo ID would be needed to vote, although CDC will try to be as flexible as possible within the terms of the legislation.</p>																							
5	<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"> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>clerk tax</td> <td>£55.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A Davies</td> <td>salary</td> <td>£233.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PVH</td> <td>room hire</td> <td>£14.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PVH</td> <td>room hire</td> <td>£10.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alan Lambourne</td> <td>internal audit</td> <td>£33.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Waterplus</td> <td>allotments</td> <td>£9.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CDC</td> <td>dog bins</td> <td>£253.97</td> </tr> </table>	HMRC	clerk tax	£55.40	A Davies	salary	£233.26	PVH	room hire	£14.00	PVH	room hire	£10.50	Alan Lambourne	internal audit	£33.00	Waterplus	allotments	£9.16	CDC	dog bins	£253.97	clerk	
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6	<p>Village Matters</p>																							
	<p>Village memorial</p> <p>It was agreed that the Pocket Park should be made into a welcoming memorial space. If necessary, the Parish Council will look to take advice from a landscape gardener.</p>	TW																						
	<p>Allotments</p> <p>Currently 3 allotments are vacant, and all are in good condition. The Parish Council agreed in principle that work to take out and replant the hedge along the allotments should proceed, but suggested that the costs could be reviewed if the Council obtained free hedge plants from the Woodland Trust. The final quote is now awaited.</p>																							
	<p>Jubilee Reserve</p> <p>Cllr Terzino has discussed work to the Jubilee Reserve with the current grass cutting contractors. It was suggested that a similar discussion should take place with Oxford Trees, following which the Parish Council will be in a position to agree the work to be carried out.</p>	AD/MT																						
7	<p>Planning appeal</p>																							

	A decision on the recent planning appeal for the gypsy/traveller site has now been made, and the appeal has been dismissed.		
8	<p>Graveyard</p> <p>Councillors agreed to meet to consider the condition of the graveyard shortly. It was agreed that the Council would aim to ensure that the graveyard was tidy and safe for visitors.</p>		
9	<p>Litterpick</p> <p>This has now been completed, although there was concern at further items of litter arising shortly thereafter. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries of CDC into the cost of emptying a joint waste/dog bin.</p>		
10	<p>Planning</p> <p><u>23/00728/DISC</u> Browns Piece 1 Lower</p> <p>End Piddington OX25 1QD</p> <p>Discharge of conditions.</p> <p>No objections.</p>		
11	<p>Highways</p> <p>The Clerk has invited the OCC Footpath Officer to visit the village and inspect the footpaths.</p>	AD	
12	<p>Police</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>	KH	
13	<p>Circulated Between Meetings:</p> <p>OALC and CDC Updates</p>	AD	
14	<p>Any Other business.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to request that unnecessary 20mph signage be removed from Thame Road.</p>	AD	
15	The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.		
121	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>16th May 2023 at 7.30pm</p>	AD	