

PINVIN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pinvin Parish Council held on
Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 7.00 pm**

Present

Cllr. T. O'Dell, Cllr. R. Coates, Cllr D. Biddle, Cllr. S. Boyden, Cllr P. Greene Cllr. K. Boyden, Cllr. D. Boatright- Greene (Parish Chair and WCC), District Cllr L. Tucker, Clerk L. Cope and seven members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies for absence-** None
2. **Declarations of Interest-** None
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 2024.** Cllr. O'Dell Proposed and Cllr S. Boyden Seconded the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 12th March be approved. All in favour.

The meeting adjourned for Parishioners Question Time (Notes in aide memoire)

4. Lengthsman Update

Cllr S. Boyden confirmed some jobs assigned to the lengthsman had been actioned and a couple still outstanding. The lengthsman had commented that a new battery was required for the VAS- Clerk to check type and order battery.

5. Finance

- a. To consider the formal Bank Reconciliation to 1st April 2024 - **Noted**
- b. To Consider list of due payments and receipts to 9th April 2024 as shown in Appendix 1- Cllr Coates Proposed and Cllr.Biddle Seconded that all payments be approved, and receipts noted. All in favour

PAYMENTS at 9th April 2024	
Rospa Playground inspection	£ 122.40
Arts group sessions	£ 500.00
Smart Cut 13/03/24	£ 264.00
Smart Cut 27/03/24	£ 216.00
Lisa Cope Salary	£ 535.90
HMRC Clerk tax	£ 133.80
Clerk expenses	£ 22.50
Waterplus	TBC
YU Energy	£ 129.59
YU Energy	£ 49.02
YU Energy	£ 19.14
Brian Arrowsmith	£ 276.00

6. Planning

The following planning applications were considered, both with objections:

<u>W/24/00483/OUT</u>	Land at (OS 9573 4938) North of Owletts End Pinvin	Outline application with all matters reserved other than access for the demolishing of farm buildings, the erection of up to 185 dwellings including at least 5 self build plots, a local centre including a shop (Use Class E), public open space including a community orchard and associated infrastructure	Pending Decision
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W/24/00358/HP	7 Checketts Close Pinvin PERSHORE WR10 2LE	Single storey extension to side and rear of property.	Pending Decision
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[W/24/00483/OUT](#)

Cllr Boatright- Greene proposed an objection to this application, this was seconded by Cllr O'Dell and all Cllrs present. Cllr Boatright read out a draft objection at the meeting and this was approved for submission to Wychavon, the Clerk agreed to post the objection on the website and bullet point version of the objection for ease so residents can make use of objections should they wish to- Clerk to action.

[W/24/00358/HP](#)

Cllr Boatright-Greene proposed an objection to this application, on the grounds that there insufficient parking for the property according to the Streetscape Policy, this was seconded by Cllr Coates and all Cllrs present- Clerk to action.

7. Community Projects- Cllr O'Dell

- **Community Orchard**

Nothing to report.

- **Pinvin Art & Craft Group- Cllr. O'Dell**

£400 has been transferred to the Parish Council accounts from takings of the Art group January-March, this is to be held towards next year's Art Group.

8. Allotments- Cllr Coates

The padlock is missing from the gate to the Allotments, Cllr Biddle to replace with thanks from the Parish Council.

9. Pinvin Playing Fields- Cllr. O'Dell

The Clerk had enquired with Thomson and Bancks Solicitors in Pershore with regards ending the lease with the Playing Fields Charity and then dissolving the charity. Mr Jeffrey Ellis would be the contact and initial appointment would be £250+vat for an hour, any further works would be charged at the same cost. Cllr Boatright- Greene proposed to meet with the solicitors, as seconded by Cllr O'Dell- Clerk to arrange a meeting with both Cllrs in attendance.

The annual insurance is due for the Playing Fields Charity at a cost of £659.61 for the year, Cllr O'Dell proposed that this was paid, as seconded by Coates and all Cllrs present in agreement.

10. Pinvin Childrens Playground

The Clerk circulated the Playground Safety Report before the meeting and will follow up by reading through in detail for any actions required. One immediate action was some cutting of overhead branches already actioned by Cllr S. Boyden.

11. Pinvin Memorial Hall

Eclipse architects have been formally the contract for the refurbishment of the Sports buildings and Village Hall- Clerk to action in writing.

The survey for residents is now uploaded onto the Parish Council website and will shortly be going out to residents.

There was a meeting with the Football Association who may be able to provide more support for the Playing Fields, however there would need to be more adult football on site to gain this.

Age UK are interested in refurbishing the white middle building on the Playing Fields for 'Men In Sheds' with a proposal to follow in due course.

A grant from the Rural Fund has now been submitted and an outcome should be received by May on whether it is successful.

12. Legacy Grant Funding

The application is currently being worked on and a Public consultation for is planned for 1st May 2024 in the Memorial Hall. Cllr O'Dell proposed up to a £50 spend for leaflets to be printed for the consultation this was seconded by Cllr Boatright-Greene.

13. Churchyard maintenance funding request

A request had been received from the Church for funding assistance towards the maintenance of the Churchyard and this was circulated to all Cllrs before the meeting for consideration. Cllr Boatright- Greene proposed a £450 donation towards the Churchyard maintenance, this was seconded by Cllr S. Boyden- Clerk to action.

14. Asset of Community Value Application for the Coach and Horses Pub

This agenda item was deferred to the May Parish Council meeting as agreed by all Cllrs.

15. District & County Councillor Reports

Cllr. Dan Boatright- Greene WCC

September through March has just been wet. Life has centred around drains, ditches and flooding. The county council are currently reviewing the response to the recent floods but then another flood happens! This is always a complex process as several agencies have to work together, including the Environment Agency, so we are all keen to improve the action we need in this area. If you have comments on what could be improved, please let me know. The plan is to collect all of the issues and work with the Environment Agency and the different council departments to ensure we can get to trouble spots more quickly and ease pressures where we can.

The easiest thing we can do is keep the drains clear. There is a dedicated team who are out clearing the drains and gullies. If you know of any drains that need clearing please report on:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/travel-and-highways/report-road-or-path-issue/drainage-and-flooding-highway>

The fire service has completed its spending review and the proposals included changing some of the on call fire service. The document can be read here: [Consultation | Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service](#)

The review has already changed, with Malvern's vehicle being kept on. This has caused some arguments about the validity of the consultation. This is likely to be discussed at length in the coming months.

Council Tax 2024-25: The county council will be increasing the council tax for next year by 4.99%. Much of the pressure is on adult social care and children's services. The council is currently undergoing a restructuring of the management structure of the council, which will result in some savings for the coming year.

New school in Worcester and new school in Malvern for those with Autism are taking hold. Still a long way to go and there is still a shortage of SEND places so a lot of work to do.

The change from three tier to two tier in Pershore remains stalled- meetings being held with various stakeholders. Timetable should be seen in the summer. There was a consultation by Pinvin Federation about remaining Middle School age range so the situation is fluid.

Back in November 2023 Rishi Sunak announced £8 billion for improving potholes in the country. In December 2023 local MPs informed us we would get £139 million for Worcestershire over 8 years. We have currently received £2.6 million and I will pursue for every penny! There has also been an announcement of £209 million of redirected HS2 money for the county but no rules on how it can be spent are yet available. Some people are getting excited about raising roads to limit damage caused by flooding. Others have suggested dualling the railway. We shall see what comes to pass.

New head of children's services from June as current one moves to Herefordshire. Children's services being brought in house and WCF disbanded.

RAAC at county hall... the saga continues! Still no sign of what is happening and awaiting report on what needs to be done. I ask every time I am in the building.

Highways contributions to planning meetings: I have concerns after the previous planning meeting when the Highways contribution was poor. I am pursuing this with the county council as we need to ensure that decisions are made appropriately. I am also planning to speak to Wychavon about the issue when highways are not available or do not know the area it becomes difficult for decisions to be made.

Cllr. Liz Tucker WDC

All current planning applications were discussed.

SWDPR The Planning Inspectors have asked for a lot of submitted information to be updated and for the missing Transportation Sensitivity analysis. This is unlikely to be completed before August, then verified, submitted, then time needed for Inspectors to read and assess. The Examination in Public is unlikely to be before January.

After 6 years freezing its own council tax levy, Wychavon increased its council tax by 2% at Band D this year.

The 50th birthday of Wychavon Council was on 1st April! Last May the Chairman Robbie Raphael set himself the task of visiting every parish in Wychavon to mark this event. For Pinvin the chairman spent a morning at their Art & Craft Group.

The Election for the Police and Crime Commissioner takes place on 2nd May and the vote will be "first past the post" this time, changed from the Supplementary Vote system used last time. We don't have local council elections here in Wychavon unless there is a byelection. Postal and proxy vote applications can now be made on line GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

16. Correspondence

The local Police attended the meeting in person- PC Martin Kennedy and explained that he would be coming to give periodic updates.

So far this year in Pinvin, no burglaries have been reported, 1 theft of a motor vehicle, 40 violent crimes and 28 incidents of anti-social behaviour.

PC Kennedy encouraged all residents to sign up to Neighbourhood Matters to learn more about local crime incidents -<https://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk>. He also asked when the Parish Council share their quarterly Policing priorities if they can be specific with locations/ timings etc so that they act on these areas.

Following parishioner questions PC Kennedy said he would check if the Police Speed Van could be used in the Upton Snodsbury Road in the 40mph zone and feed back to the Parish Council.

17. Date of next meeting- The Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 14th May 2024, at 7.00pm. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed at 7:30pm by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

AIDE MEMOIRE PARISHIONER QUESTION TIME

One parishioner enquired about the grant from the Parish Council towards grass cutting.

Four parishioners came to gain more knowledge and express their objections towards planning application [W/24/00483/OUT](#) with concerns regarding flooding, access and School places. One

parishioner wanted to know why even though he is an adjoining landowner to the planning application he had not been formally notified of it.

One parishioner asked what can be done regarding vehicles parking on pavements, particularly in the Pershore Trading Estate.

One parishioner enquired why the Police Speed Van cannot be parked in Upton Snodsbury Road in the 40mph zone.