

PINVIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pinvin Parish Council held on

Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 7.30 pm

Present

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

1. **Apologies for absence-** Cllr. S. Boyden sent his apologies
2. **Declarations of Interest-** None
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th June 2024.** – Cllr O'Dell proposed the minutes were approved, as seconded by Cllr Boyden- All in favor.

The meeting adjourned for Parishioners Question Time (See aide memoir)

4. **Lengthsman Update**

The previous lengthsman Mr Arrowsmith had tendered his resignation and the lengthsman position is currently advertised by Worcs Calc with a closing date of 22nd July. The next lengthsman training date has been confirmed as Friday 16th August 2024, it was agreed by all Cllrs for Cllr Biddle to be registered onto the lengthsman training.

5. **Finance**

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

PAYMENTS at 9th July 2024		
Water plus	£ 9.32	PAID
YU Energy	£ 18.62	PAID
YU Energy	£ 42.01	PAID
YU Energy	£ 109.19	PAID
Advance Malvern (hall windows)	£ 1,971.00	PAID
ICO (Data protection)	£ 35.00	PAID
Water plus	£ 9.62	PAID
Smart Cut May	£ 90.00	
Smart Cut June	£ 108.00	
Smart Cut June	£ 264.00	
Lengthsman May	£ 224.25	
Wychavon litterbin charges	£ 225.74	
Clerk salary	£ 463.20	
Clerk tax	£ 116.00	
Clerk expenses	£ 48.54	
Prysmian	£64.32	
Advance Malvern (hall windows)	£1,576.80	

6. **Planning**

An update to planning application W/24/01061/FUL Land North of Allens Hill has been received, Cllrs requested the Clerk respond with a statement that Pinvin Parish Council's original objection still stands.- Clerk to action.

Cllr Coates reminded that a letter is to be drafted regarding a complaint with Wychavon Planning Department involving planning procedures on application W/23/01316/OUT- Clerk to action.

7. Community Projects- Cllr O'Dell

- **Community Orchard**

Cllr O' Dell had previously circulated the details of a bench to purchase for the Orchard at a cost of £465, Cllr Boyden proposed the bench be purchased, as seconded by Cllr Boatright-Greene,- all in favor.

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

A total of £800 has been banked towards further sessions in September however the tutor costs could be higher from September leaving a shortfall of £600. Cllr O'Dell proposed whether this could be match funded between the Parish Council and WCC provisional funds with a donation of £300 each. To be added the September meeting agenda.

8. Allotments- Cllr Coates

Five allotment holders attended the meeting and spoke during parishioner question time with complaints regarding deer eating all the fruit and vegetables, drainage issues, weeds and the gate to the allotments proving difficult to open.

With regards the deer, Cllr Coates agreed to flail the grass surrounding the allotments to allow the deer less cover as with the grass shorter the field is more open.

For drainage, some allotments are very wet and boggy, not helped with the wet summer experienced so far, currently there is little that can be done to alleviate this issue without a great amount of time and funds.

The weed issue is Mare's tail which is an invasive weed, difficult to alleviate but Cllr Coates will research a strong weedkiller which may help.

Cllr Coates proposed to try and fix the gate to the allotments but will need to replace if not possible, Cllr Boatright- Greene proposed a budget of £150 to replace the gate if required, this was seconded by Cllr O'Dell with all in favor.

9. Pinvin Playing Fields- Cllr. O'Dell

The clerk had previously circulated correspondence with the Charity Commission to try and wind up the Playing Fields Charity. They currently require confirmation from a previous trustee not associated with the Parish Council, Clerk to contact Steve Mitchell.

The lease to Drakes Broughton Youth Football Club for use of the football pitches was discussed as the club would like a longer lease to be able to gain funding for a secure storage unit at the Playing Fields. Councillors discussed a three- or five-year lease rather than ten years. Cllr O'Dell to check what is the minimum lease length that they will accept.

10. Pinvin Memorial Hall

The AGM has now taken place and there are now three people who will be trustees for the Village Hall Charity. Cllr K. Boyden will continue as bookings clerk until an automated system is implemented.

Cllr Boatright- Greene thanked Cllr Boyden for all of her time and effort with the Village Hall.

Following a parishioner's complaint regarding disability parking at the Village Hall, trustees will discuss this at their next meeting and generate possible solutions for the issue to be considered.

Cllr Boyden explained that assistance will be required when establishing new governance documents for the Village Hall Charity/

11. Funding

a) Legacy Grant

Feedback from grant application will be announced on Thursday 11th July.

b) Wychavon Rural Fund

Works are due to commence in the last week of July for the new windows/ skylights and then the facia, guttering and insulation works will follow.

A further funding source is being explored with Severn Waste for a grant possibly towards a new heating system at the Village Hall. Also a possible grant with the Co-operative community fund.

12. Trees

Tree works need to be carried out on the Lime tree and stump at the back of the Village Hall before any building works on the Hall can proceed- three quotes have now been obtained for the works.

Additional quotes required for an Oak tree opposite the Coach and Horses Pub which requires attention. Cllr O'Dell agreed to obtain quotes for the works needed.

13. District & County Councillor Reports

Cllr. Dan Boatright- Greene WCC

In correspondence with Rooftop Housing currently trying to gain confirmation on the next steps for the unfinished estate by Piper Homes in the village, Piper Homes has since gone into administration.

The education system changes from three tier to two tier have now gone back out to consultation. The earliest any changes might now take place will be September 2027. Pinvin Trust have carried out their own consultation and now wish to remain as a Middle School.

There is now a new Head of children's Services and SEN, both internal appointments.

WCC bosses have released a statement confirming County Hall remains closed after legionella, the bacteria that causes legionnaires' disease, was found in the water, this is in addition to where RAAC has been discovered. County Hall is also where births, marriages and deaths are registered. Entry into the building was strictly controlled as council bosses say the closure was enforced as a precautionary measure.

Cllr. Liz Tucker WDC

A quiet time due to Elections.

The previous leader of Wychavon Bradley Thomas is now the Conservative MP for Bromsgrove.

14. Correspondence

None not already discussed during the meeting.

15. Date of next meeting- The Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 10th September 2024, at 7.30pm.

AIDE MEMOIRE

Four allotment holders and one parishioner attended to raise issues with the allotments- details covered in item 8.

One parishioner noted that the white speed gates in the north end of the village need cleaning.

One parishioner noted that the speed sign by the School hangs over the footpath- Cllr Boatright-Greene to report this.