

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on 21st OCTOBER 2025

	Present: Cllr T McNally, Cllr S Parden, and Cllr I Phillips Remotely: 1 resident. Apologies: Cllr M Nixon, , and Cllr t Wills. Cllr A Russell(CDC) and Cllr Julian Nedelcu (CDC). Also Present: Cllr G Coton (CDC), Cllr L Goodman (OCC) and 2 residents. It was reported tat Cllr T Smith had resigned from the Parish Council.	Action	By date
43	Declarations of Interest Cllr Parden as a member of the Village Hall committee.	all	
44	Minutes The Minutes of the meeting of 18th September 2025 were agreed as drawn.	clerk	
45	Councillors' reports. Cllr Coton reported that there was a useful meeting between CDC and Cllr Nixon, when matters concerning the Widnell Lane planning application were discussed. CDC will be holding a meeting of Full Council in November. Cllr Goodman reminded Councillors that the OCC Congestion charge in the centre of Oxford was planned to start on 29th October. OCC is now 1st in the country for its waste recycling rate. Cllr Goodman has her Priority Fund allocation for 2025/6 and 2026/7..		
45	Widnell Lane Gypsy/Travellers site Cllr Nixon reported prior to the meeting on the outcome of his meeting with CC Planning Enforcement, when it was confirmed that they can only enforce the planning permission conditions. *Main enforcement tools are: - planning enforcement notice (used for developments without planning consent) - breach of conditions notice (used for developments with planning consent) with the potential consequences of non compliance to these notices being legal		

	enforcement by a magistrate or judge via a prosecution. Punishments are usually fines, or in serious cases, imprisonment. It is possible that the site is in breach of planning for unauthorised engineering works which required planning consent (I.e. the original laying of hardcore on the site) and for unauthorised waste materials on the site (note the County Council as the competent authority on environmental issues is investigating this breach). Regarding the discharge of the planning inspector's 14 planning conditions (appeal decision APP/C3105/W/18/3209349), the CDC planning officer would have reviewed and approved the discharge of these conditions so the planning enforcement team cannot question the adequacy of the responses, it can merely determine if the applicant has implemented what has been approved. Cllr Nixon was further advised that, once the planning officer has agreed the planning conditions have been met their decision is final and cannot be challenged. The planning enforcement teams' original view was that the planning breach of levelling the site and laying hardcore breached the consent to such an extent that the whole permission became void. CDC took legal advice which concluded this was not the case and so the original consent remains. The Parish Council cannot be supplied with a copy of counsel's advice because it is considered to be legally privileged information. I asked Gemma again to request a copy of the opinion. In regards to the connection to the mains electricity supply and damage caused to the verge and drainage ditch OCC are pursuing the breach with SSE and the site owners with a view to enforcing remediation. However the ecological damage to the site with the destruction of habitats for protected species is still being pursued and CDC will seek to impose remedies. The foul water sewage treatment scheme required by condition 8 has been interpreted by the planning office as an underground septic tank which has been accepted. Nothing could be done to change that decision. * Similarly the planting and landscaping in condition 6 have been accepted by the planning officer, not by a detailed plan as was required, but by a single vague A4 sketch which was totally lacking in detail. A further meeting is to be convened to discuss the new application and Parish Council concerns, and OCC will follow up enforcement actions and the Parish Council's concerns over surface and foul water discharges being directed to inappropriate areas, which could lead to flooding and contamination.		
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47	Finance The Council noted the current position with regard to the Council's financial position, and agreed the following payments:- A Davies salary 307.91 PVH room hire 12.00 Zoom meeting 155.88 CDC dog bins 302.02 M and J Cross grass 536.40 HMRC cl tax 74.20 A resident Weebly 129.00	clerk	
48	Village Matters		
a	Allotments Ongoing.	clerk	
c	Jubilee Reserve Tree stumps require removal, and grass seeded in the Jubilee reserve..		
c	Flooding The Clerk was asked to chase for progress on the Flood Forum, and to ask OCC to arrange to clear the culverts.		
d	IT It was noted that the current website host – Weebly -- will no longer provide support and the site will therefore need to be migrated to another platform. The Chairman confirmed that he could make arrangements for the current material to be transferred.		
e	Widnell Lane There was concern that work on behalf of SSE at the side of the road disturbed protected species (newts) in the neighbouring field, which should have been protected by Natural England.		
f	Highway Matters It was reported that there a number of matters requiring Highway Authority attention .The clerk will try to arrange a meeting with OCC to discuss problem areas.		
49	Planning 25/02227/F The Old Vicarage Vicarage Lane Piddington Bicester OX25 1QA Insertion of 2 No windows to rear elevation, change of one external door to a window to	clerk	

	front elevation and removal of a 70mm step within kitchen/dining floor area 25/02228/LB The Old Vicarage Vicarage Lane Piddington Bicester OX25 1QA Insertion of 2 No windows to rear elevation, change of one external door to a window to front elevation and removal of a 70mm step within kitchen/dining floor area No objections.		
50	Circulated Between Meetings: Updates	AD	
51	Any Other business. The Council agreed to support Bucknell Parish Council and object to the proposal by Puy du Fou to construct a “Historical Theme Park” on the basis that it would have a detrimental effect on all traffic in the Bicester area.	clerk	
	The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.		
52	Date of Next Meeting 18th November 2025	AD	

Signed

Date.....

Piddington Parish Council					Monthly Financial Report
				Parish Council Meeting	21 October 2025
Payments processed since last meeting					£1,875.76
	22-Sep-25		A Davies		£260.69

	22-Sep-25		A Davies		£249.24
	22-Sep-25		M and J Cross		£541.20
	22-Sep-25		Waterplus		£10.92
	22-Sep-25		HMRC		£62.20
	22-Sep-25		HMRC		£62.40
	22-Sep-25		PVH		£12.00
	22-Sep-25		PVh		£50.00
	22-Sep-25		M and J Cross		£301.20
	30-Sep-25		bank		£6.00
	24-Oct-25		a Davies		£307.91
	+ 7 more				£12.00
Receipts processed since previous report					£355.00
	01-Oct-25				£355.00
Bank Reconciliation				Statement dated	20 October 2025
			Unity Trust Current account		£11,594.91
	Items not yet cleared:				
	Receipts	None			

	Payments		H coleman		£129.00
				Net Total	£11,465.91
Of which:					
Allocated reserves			Resilience		£394.77
General reserve					£11,071.14

Piddington Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	21 October 2025
Payments processed since last meeting				£1,555.85
	22-Sep-25	A Davies		£260.69
	22-Sep-25	A Davies		£249.24
	22-Sep-25	M and J Cross		£541.20
	22-Sep-25	Waterplus		£10.92
	22-Sep-25	HMRC		£62.20
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	22-Sep-25	PVH		£12.00
	22-Sep-25	PVh		£50.00
	22-Sep-25	M and J Cross		£301.20
	30-Sep-25	bank		£6.00
Receipts processed since previous report				£355.00
	01-Oct-25			£355.00
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	20 October 2025
		Unity Trust Current account		£13,118.32
Items not yet cleared:				
	Receipts	None		
	Payments		0	£0.00
			Net Total	£13,118.32
Of which:				
Allocated reserves		Resilience		£394.77
General reserve				£12,723.55