

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th May 2011 at 9.00pm in Piddington Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mr A. Hackett, Mrs J. Galliven, Mrs S. Storey, Ms J. Redfern Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

4 members of the public

Apologies were accepted from: Cllr Mrs W. Pitcher, District Cllrs Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale, Mr I. McEnnis, Dist County Cllr Mr F. Downes

1. Cllr Simon Digby as Chairman welcomed everyone present and thanked them for their support over the previous year.

2. Chairman's Report

The Piddington and Wheeler End Parish Council has been extremely active in the last twelve months on a wide and varied range of activities. Members have been vociferous participants in affairs which affect the community and local environ. The unpaid volunteer work done for the local community is laudable and the support from local residents commendable. Our voice resonates in the local corridors of power where decisions are made having taken cognisance of what the residents of Piddington and Wheeler End have to say.

Hard evidence of the Council's work is apparent across the Parish. Here are some of the improvements that have been made –

- The Parish Council website is being continuously upgraded and had almost 1,500 hits in 2010
- Wellfield Road was resurfaced
- Chipps Hill was resurfaced
- Posts to restrict access to motorised vehicles on Wheeler End Common were installed
- The bus shelters have been maintained and repaired, vandalism being the main issue
- The allotments have been under the Council's management for a year and all is working well with award-winning fruit and vegetables being grown
- The War Memorial has been added to the Statutory List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest
- Potholes were repaired across the Parish after the heavy snow in December
- The control and management of Piddington Green is continuing
- Hedge cutting was organised at the Recreation Ground, Princes Street and Piddington Lane, and a path cleared up Dashwood Hill from Ham Farm
- Chipps Hill has been semi-cleared of brambles to improve the wild flowers survival rate
- Tree boughs that were impairing vision at the junction of Chipps Hill and the A40 have been removed
- A TRO application was made to prevent HGVs parking in Piddington
- Donations were made to WERAG and the Sue Ryder Nettlebed Hospice

The Parish Councillors continually to strive to get greater value for money for the community. Included in the improvements made are –

- The Parish Council has a major emergency plan which was circulated to key people in the area
- Street lighting was assessed for Piddington and turned down by residents

- Financial Regulations which ensure best practice have been operated throughout the year and acknowledged by our auditor. Standing Orders were reviewed and updated
- Parish Councillors and our clerk, Sharon Henson, have attended many meetings through the year representing the Parish Council ensuring that our views are always taken into account

It is with pride that I review the activities of the last year. A key engine of all of our activity is our clerk, Sharon Henson. She is the backbone of this Parish Council and it is her dedication, and hard work that enables this Council to achieve so much. Her encyclopaedic knowledge and wide experience have been an enormous help to this Parish Council, and all carried out with the ability to laugh when the ridiculous overpowers the sensible. I cannot thank her enough for guiding our team and urging us to succeed on so many fronts.

Vice Chairman Alan Hackett has supported me as Vice-Chairman and ably filled in for me when I have been unavailable, and I thank him for this. Councillors Jean Galliven and Wendy Pitcher are invaluable members and guide this Council in all matters pertaining to Wheeler End. I thank them both for their continuing wise advice and guidance. Councillor Sylvia Storey is ever vigilant across the area and has attended many meetings on behalf of this Parish Council and carries out the weekly inspection of the Recreation Ground. We lost Councillor Laura Bowen at the start of the year, but gained Councillor Fraser Swainston who was co-opted in November and Jo Redfern who joined us in February. Six of the existing Councillors stood for election and we have to advertise to Co opt our seventh Councillor.

I must also thank our local representatives for all of their support. County Councillor Frank Downes and District Councillor Ian McEnnis have been great supporters of our Parish Council, and yet again another special acknowledgement to District Councillor Mrs Jean Teesdale who has always been at hand to help out when needed.

Alfred Plumridge died at the end of the year. Although he had retired from the Parish Council, he was a stalwart for many years and in his passing we have lost a colourful character whose multi-hued flags will forever fly in Wheeler End.

The Piddington and Wheeler End Parish Council is in great order. I believe we are making positive changes and with the support of our Parishioners, I look forward to even greater heights in the future.

3. Annual Accounts

The Responsible Financial Officer, Mrs Henson had issued sets of accounts and went through them with everyone present. They will become part of the minutes of the meeting.

4. Open Forum and reports from other bodies

The Chairman opened the meeting for residents to ask questions. There were discussions about the proposed bus service changes, a water supply for the allotments, play equipment and local vandalism.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm and asked everyone to join the Councillors in light refreshments.

**Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31st March 2011**

Receipts	Year ended 31.3.2010	Year ended 31.3.2011
Precept	15000.00	18500.00
Interest	0.17	0.00
HM Customs	1181.71	315.47
Allotment Income	130.00	135.00
Unpresented cheque –credit back to account	11.75	---
West Wycombe PC & Hambleden PC – refund for toner	-----	61.10
Total income	16323.63	19011.57
 Payments		
Clerks salary, pension, allowances and overtime(10/11)	4232.50	4888.77
Administration	1389.87	1600.34
Insurance	537.93	554.87
Audits (internal & external)	360.00	210.00
Recreation Grounds Maint/insp/wayleave/rent/tarmac	8399.22	1655.51
Maintenance of Piddington Green/Bus shelter	910.00	1520.00
Maintenance of Wh/End bus shelter/War Mem/	282.39	290.00
Hire of village hall	216.00	216.00
Subscriptions	181.76	208.00
Donations: WERAG	----	200.00
Piddington Village Hall (Sect 19 LGA 1976)	----	1000.00
VAT on purchases	1181.71	315.47
Bank adjustment on cheque	0.10	----
S137 – Poppy Wreath	----	40.00
Total Expenditure	17691.48	12698.96
 Cumulative Fund		
Opening Balance	4571.02	3203.17
Income	16323.63	19011.57
	20894.65	22214.74
 Expenditure	 17691.48	 12698.96
Balance not allocated	3203.17	9515.78
 Represented by:		
Current account	3088.83	9401.44
Bank of Ireland	114.34	114.34

Signed: **S. Digby, Chairman** **13.4.2011**

Signed: **S.L. Henson, Responsible Financial Officer** **13.4.2011**