

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on
Tuesday 8th April 2014 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

Present:

Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mr A Hackett, Mrs S. Storey , Mrs W. Pitcher County Cllr Mr D Hayday

Apologies: Cllrs Mr F. Swainston, Ms J. Redfern, Mrs J. Galliven.

Members of the public: 3

185.1 Declaration of any personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the Agenda
None declared.

185.2 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the March Parish Council Meetings.
The Minutes of the March meeting were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

185.3 Clerks Report and Correspondence
A list of correspondence had been issued to Councillors and copies of relevant items were given to them prior to the meeting.

Correspondence Received from 11th March – 8th April 2014

1. Chilterns Conservation Board – March Newsletter
2. BCC Notification that Princes Street will be closed for 5 days from 9th June for Thames Water to carry out work at 2 & 4 Princes Street - this will be put in Contact and on website.
3. Mazars notification of external audit.
4. Notification that the defibrillator has been added to the insurance policy
5. BCC posters and letters for landowners re ditch clearing
6. Best Kept Village competition documents - £15 entry fee
7. BCC papers for the footpath scheme
8. Email from Chiltern Society stating that they are working out what it would cost to look after Chipps Hill.
9. Chiltern Society Magazine
10. BCC Notification that the pension contribution percentage has changed to 14.8% plus £200 per annum of employee salary.
11. Notes from March NAG
12. WDC Allotments questionnaire
13. My Bucks newsletter
14. WDC Chairman's reception invite to Cllr Digby
15. Thank you letter from the M40 group for the recent donation
16. WDC Notification that the no prior approval was required for the BT Building to be converted into a dwelling from an office.

Clerks Report

1. Peter Gomme has carried out an early roll of the playing field and the first cut. He has asked if he can fill in some ruts caused by the hedge laying contractor – Clerk is negotiating a price.
2. Hard copies of an easy to use bus information document have been circulated to all residents of Piddington via Contact. It is on our website and hard copies can be obtained from West Wycombe Community Library.
3. A resume of the Parish Plan results is in the April issue of Contact and will be continued in the May issue.
4. The goat willow had been crown lifted.
5. The Clerk has ascertained from West Wycombe Estate that the owner of the BT building has purchased 3m of land from the Estate from within the Recreation Ground. Clerk has told the owner he will get a solicitors letter if he continues to park in front of our gate as the extra land is for car parking.
6. The website now has a gallery for photos and a map showing the parish boundary and the footpaths.
7. The Clerk has offered the vacant allotment plot to the last Piddington resident on the waiting list and this has been taken on.
8. The Clerk has still not had an explanation for the recent work on the A40 at the Chipps Hill junction.
9. Clerk has written to WDC for more signage banning horses on Wheeler End Common and also about the repair of the Coronation seat

185.4 PLANNINGApplications

4/05564/CTREE -Hunts Cottage Bolter End Lane Wheeler End -Fell 1 no. Douglas Fir to front of property – no objection

14/05412/FUL-Sunny Bank Cottage Bullocks Farm Lane Wheeler End -Householder application for construction of two storey side extension, roof alteration to existing single storey rear workshop. Construction of front porch canopy and repositioning of front entrance door – no objection.

Decisions

14/05208/FUL -36 Princes Street, Piddington -Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension – permit

185.5 To sign the agreement between the Parish Council and Bucks County Council for the maintenance of 3/4 footpaths/bridleways in the parish.

It was resolved to sign the agreement with Bucks County Council and advise the Chiltern Society accordingly.

185.6 To consider entering the Best Kept Village Competition.

It was resolved to enter Piddington into the competition at a fee of £15.

185.7 Accounts: Approval of invoices submitted for payment, signing of chequesAccounts to be paid in April 2014

Mrs S Henson – March salary	232.11
BCC – pension - April	87.33
HMRC	58.00
Peter Gomme – roll and tree work, first cut of Rec Ground & Pidd Gr	430.00
Ridgeway Woodland – replacement tree on Wheeler End Common	78.00
Best Kept Village Competition	15.00
MHp annual website and updates for gallery & parish/footpath map	702.00
D R Dakin – defibrillator electrical connection	120.00
Total	1722.44

Statement of Account

Opening balance – 1 st March	14219.83
Less March cheques	3145.11
Sub Total	11074.72
Bank of Ireland	114.39
Total	11189.11

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

185.8 Approval of accounts for the year ending 31st March 2014

The Clerk had issued, prior to the meeting, a spreadsheet showing the end of year expenditure against budget and the year end accounts.

It was resolved to approve the accounts. All documentation will go to the Internal Auditor.

185.9 To discuss the Annual Parish Meeting

We will work to the previous format with coffee and tea offered at the end of the meeting.

185.10 Members Questions and Statements

Representation as made by a local resident about the need for yellow lines on junction corners to stop dangerous parking; issues over residents not using allocated parking and light pollution; a vehicle for sale parked on Piddington Green; requesting that the Princes Street be cut; the untidy state of The Dashwood Arms; the general appearance of the village and lack of pride in the village; concern about the number of cars parked on the Old Oxford Road.

The landlord of The Dashwood Arms attended stating that he was in the process of tidying up his site and that he had 5 music events planned for the summer - 3 would be one day and 2 would be 2 day– there would be no music after 10 -10.30. There is a private event on July 5th with music up to 11pm.

The Parish Council are entering Piddington in to the Best Kept Village competition– Judging takes place twice during June. Residents will be asked via Contact, the website and notes through doors to encourage everyone to keep properties/sites/boundaries neat and tidy.

Many of the white lines need repainting – the Parish Council asked that this should happen in 2012 however it has never happened. The Chairman and Clerk are attending a meeting with Bucks CC on 10th April and will not hesitate to state how poor we think the service they are supposed to provide is.

County Cllr Hayday advised everyone that BCC plan for the Piddington roads to be microsurfaced in 2016/2017. We will continue to report potholes.

Broadband desperately needed – we have been advised that we may get an improved service by the end of 2014.

Clerk will ask Bucks County Council to write to landowners about the trees down Chipps Hill and at the Chipps Hill junction.

Cllr Mrs Pitcher asked if anything could be done about the Wheeler End Common Road as the number of parked cars outside homes is restricting the width and when tractors go through and we get the summer cyclists it is very hazardous. Clerk has asked WDC about creating parking on the edge of the Common but to date no response.

Cllr Mrs Storey reported an increased amount of dog mess – we will put up more stickers and put a piece in Contact encouraging people to be more considerate of other pedestrians.

Cllr Mrs Storey reported that recent scam issues with a Piddington resident had been very well handled and continued care and support has been implemented.

Cllr Digby is still concerned about the state of the Dashwood Hill footway. We have asked when BCC plan to clear the pavement – it needs siding out, clearing and if it would get things done the Parish Council would pay.

Cllr Digby wants to encourage people to submit photos to the Clerk to go on the website gallery.

We will arrange a link with the Kensham Farms website which shows the farm and the names of all the local fields.

The Clerk will contact Age UK to see whether volunteers who are willing to help out local residents with odd jobs; reading to them; lifts etc need to be security cleared before we proceed.

185.11 Date of Next Meeting
Tuesday 13th May 2014 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall – Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council meeting and the May meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.52pm.

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