

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on
Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs Mr Simon Digby – Chairman, Mr A Stevens, Mr A Hackett, Mrs J. Redfern and Mrs J Roy.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Apologies were accepted from: Cllrs Cloke & Pitcher. District Councillors Mrs J. Teesdale, Mr I. McEnnis. County Councillor Darren Hayday

Members of the public: 1.

Members questions

A Parishioner reported that TFB has not yet communicated regarding the resurfacing of the footpaths. Council noted that all road/footpath/hedge/flytipping etc queries/issues can be reported to TFB via www.fixmystreet.com

239.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.
Cllrs Cloke & Pitcher.

239.2 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on the Agenda.
None.

239.3 Minutes - i) To confirm and sign the Minutes of the March Meeting.
Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

239.4 Clerks Report and Correspondence.

Correspondence Received

BMALC - Presentations from BCC Parish Liaison Meeting 27th March
BCC - Buckinghamshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan
Wycombe District Council Forum invite
WDALC invite
The Rural Bulletin
Red Kite Housing – Neighbourhood awards
Police and Crime Bulletin
My Bucks newsletter – March 2019
Chiltern Conservation Board Newsletter
Wycombe District Times magazine

Clerks Report

- a) Cllr Cloke asked me to advise Council that he has been in touch with Buckland Landscapes to agree that the first cut of the Green, Old Oxford Rd verge and the Recreation Ground will be on Thursday, 25th April. Cllr Cloke will meet them that day to make sure they are completely clear as to exactly where and what they are cutting and strimming. They will then be cutting fortnightly after that, subject to weather i.e. if we have another scorcher of a summer, they may not need to cut as frequently. Council asked the Clerk if Buckland Landscapes can do the first cut any sooner.
- b) I have received the Internal Audit documents. I have made arrangements to meet the Internal Auditor.
- c) I will shortly be starting the VAT return.
- d) I reported the telegraph poles to BT thinking the poles belonged to them. However, BT advise that the poles are old ones that the residents have laid to define the edge of the road and stop vehicles from driving on the green. The lorry ran over one of them and got stuck and in the process of being dragged out, in turn dragged the pole off of the green. These poles carry no cables and have nothing to do with Openreach or BT. Because it seems residents have laid the poles there themselves there isn't a great deal I can do. If you want the poles to be secured in place I doubt that the WW estate would pay for this. This will have to be done by the residents or paid for by the Parish Council.
- e) Cllr Roy met with Parishioners re the location of the new salt bin for Wheeler End Common. Lots of differing of opinions on the location. A new letter will be sent to Parishioners.
- f) I have reported the overgrown right of way to the WW Estate. They are looking into this.
- g) I reported the hedge that needs to be cut back at the top of Chipps Hill to TFB via fixmystreet.
- h) I emailed Cllr Hayday re the concerns raised about the hedgerow on Chipps Hill Corner. The verge is being eroded away by vehicles. The LAT is due to meet the Parishioner.

- i) I have completed a submission re the PCs insurance. The renewal is due on 1st June. I expect a quotation shortly.
- j) I have completed the annual submission re the AED unit.
- k) The WW estate confirmed the stile has been repaired.
- l) I have asked WDC to carry out the annual playground inspection. Report will be sent for this.
- m) Allotment plot 23 is vacant.
- n) I have submitted the year end Pension report.
- o) I have submitted the year end HMRC PAYE report.
- p) Any member of the public can report a problem to TFB on the website fix my street – www.fixmystreet.com
- q) The AED Checks have been carried out.
- r) The Clerk reported 6 hours overtime in March.

239.5 Finance – i) Approval of the invoices submitted in March 2019.

Cheque no	Expenditure	Subtotal	VAT	Total
1867	Mrs H Glasgow - Clerks Salary March	£ 254.58	£ -	£ 254.58
1868	BCC pension for Mrs Glasgow March	£ 102.02	£ -	£ 102.02
1869	HMRC March	£ 63.60	£ -	£ 63.60
1870	Mrs H Glasgow - Clerks expenses	£ 245.42	£ 21.75	£ 267.17
1871	TBS Hygiene	£ 67.50	£ 13.50	£ 81.00
1872	BALC	£ 108.21	£ -	£ 108.21
1873	Elizabeth Stillman	£ 240.00	£ -	£ 240.00
	Total Expenditure	£ 1,081.33	£ 35.25	£ 1,116.58
Income		£ -	£ -	£ -

Statement of Account	
Opening balance - 05/03/19	£ 27,598.88
Less approved expenditure	£ 2,371.91
Less direct debit ICO annual subscription	£ 35.00
Income	£ -
Total as at 04/04/19	£ 25,191.97
Unpresented cheques	£ -

ii) Parish expenditure ideas for 2019/20.

Councillors were asked to table ideas for expenditure in the current financial year. Councillors discussed each idea and gave it them a score for cost, people involved and practicality from 0 – 10. 10 being the best.

Trees to be investigated by Cllr Redfern.

Trees on A40. The Parish Council believes these are owned by BCC, awaiting confirmation. If they are, BCC will pay for the upkeep but are only concerned with dangerous trees.

WDC has supplied lots of information about the maintenance costs. Each sapling would cost approx. £700 to buy, plant and maintain. There needs to be about 15 saplings. Reluctantly Council thought this would probably be too expensive. (0,10,4).

Saplings on Chipps to be discussed at a future meeting (10,9,7).

Volleyball court and saplings to be investigated by Cllr Cloke.

It was thought that the volleyball court would be too expensive.

Cllr Cloke provided information on the installation of a zip-wire on the recreation ground, the cost would be

approximately £10k (0, 4, 8).

Extend the new sapling screening on the Green alongside the A40 right down to the Dashwood - cost is zero, including labour, since the Woodland Trust provides the saplings free of charge and the Village Horticultural Society (who did the first length, including the daffodils that surround each one) had already planned to do as far as the junction turn at the entrance to North's and are happy, as long as there are some willing PC volunteers. (10, 10, 8).

Signs, Replacement bench and Bulbs to be investigated by Cllr Roy.

Bulbs Wheeler End Common / Piddington

Quote £195 for 100 bulbs or £40 to plant 100 bulbs if Council supplied the bulbs or £220 per day for 200/300 bulb (10,10,10).

Replacement of the bench, Wheeler End Common – a wooden bench would cost £450, soft surface anchor kit of £80. Plaque i£30.

Recycled bench £500 plus a concrete base.

Both would need fitting (10,7 10).

Signs to slow traffic down, Wheeler End Common – approx. £10-£15 for a small sign. (10,10,4)

Stiles to be investigated by Cllr Pitcher.

To be discussed at a future meeting.

Wild flowers and outdoor exercise equipment to be investigated by Cllr Digby.

Wild Flowers, initial costs - £120 per hour for a site visit plus mileage (8, 10, 8).

Fitness trail around the area – prices vary depending on equipment (10, 6, 10).

It was thought that the fitness equipment could be part of a long-term plan. A few pieces could be purchased each year over about a 5 year period.

Moveable CCTV camera

The cost to purchase the moveable CCTV unit would be £170.09 (10,10, 4). There was some debate with regards to GDPR.

Wooden Posts on the verge – Old Oxford Road , a quotation of £75 per post (10, 8, 10).

Cllr Digby will summarise all the options and this will be discussed again at the May meeting.

iii) Quotation for maintenance of War Memorial Garden.

Elizabeth Stillman offers a quotation to weed flower borders and paving. To cut grass border edges. To supply and plant seasonal bedding twice a year. 6 x visits to maintain borders. Supply of planting and seasonal bedding plants twice per year. Cost per annum £260.00. Council approved the quotation.

iv) To Note the Budget Report 2018/19.

The income received was £23,514.73. Main income was from the Precept and grant of £22,653.15. VAT return, allotment income and £100 community leaders fund which is being held for the village hall.

The Parish Council had a total expenditure of £19,013.50.

The closing balance was £25,191.97 on 4th April.

v) Review of Clerks Salary.

Council agreed an increase to £16.31 per hour.

vi) Quotation to rub down/oil PC noticeboards.

Quotation received to rub down and oil the PC noticeboards at Wheeler End Common and Piddington. James Glasgow has supplied a quotation of £220 per noticeboard. Council approved this.

239.6 Planning Applications – Planning ref: 19/05750/FUL – 25 Wellfield Road, Piddington, HP14 3BP

Application for: Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension.

No objection.

239.7 Members Questions and Statements.

Remaining parking leaflets will be delivered by Cllr Redfern on Wellfield Road.

Cllr Stevens reported the traffic mirrors will be installation in the next couple of weeks.

Council asked if James Glasgow can supply a quotation to replace the pedestrian gate and post at the recreation ground (Dashwood Arms side).

It was reported that the new footpath has been installed on the Old Dashwood Hill.

240 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.33pm

Signature..... Date.....