

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 14th July 2010 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

**Present: Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mr A Hackett, Mrs S. Storey, Mrs J. Galliven , Mrs W. Pitcher  
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk**

**Apologies: County Cllr F. Downes, District Cllr I. McEnnis, District Cllr Mrs J.Teesdale**

**1 member of the public**

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

147.2 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the June Parish Council Meeting  
These were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

147.3 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.

147.4 Clerk's Report

1. BCC have written to the owners of The Croft asking them to remove the recently installed posts as they are on BCC land.
2. The Clerk has purchased a litter picker, bags/ bag holder for the Recreation Ground.
3. The Clerk has ordered signs as recommended in the ROSPA report.
4. Clerk has been in correspondence with West Wycombe Estate re the hedges in Piddington Lane. The front of the hedge has been cut to make it safer for motorists, but the top will not be cut until September when hedges can be cut again unless they are being cut for safety reasons
5. BCC has repaired the potholes on the Old Oxford Road and the Clerk has reported the lack of tarmac around one drain and the hole in the pavement. Works have been ordered; reports and surveys have to be carried out for the hole in the pavement – a drain pipe has collapsed – if the situation gets worse they will put a fence around that section of the pavement. The local 'gang' will be asked to trim back some of the tree branches opposite Princes Street on the Oxford Road.
6. The Clerk showed the Chairman her January bank statement and the latest tax bill to show evidence of payment of tax and NI.
7. Clerk has asked Mr Gomme to cut the Princes Street hedge and will ask him to cut the bank in front of the allotments.
8. WDC has re-cut Wheeler End Common very well and the Clerk will be meeting with the Open Spaces Officer in order to understand the agreements over Wheeler End Common. The Clerk will ask about the possibility of dog waste bins.

Correspondence received from 9<sup>th</sup> June – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010

1. WDC Notification that we can co-opt a Parish Councillor
2. M40 group – Minutes of meeting, latest information on the bid under the Sustainable Communities Act to soundproof sections of the M40
3. BCC Local Priorities budget request
4. Special Trees and Wood of the Chilterns Newsletter
5. WDC Local Development framework document – Clerk has highlighted relevant sections and started the document on circulation
6. ROSPA Recreation Inspection report – issued to all Councillors
7. Request for information on the history of Wheeler End Cricket Club
8. BCC Walk your Local Paths Initiative – poster to go on notice boards.
9. WERAG letter asking for financial support – September agenda

147.5 ACCOUNTS

1. Approval of invoices submitted for payment

Invoices to be paid in July

Mrs S Henson s/o	267.23
Mrs S Henson – expenses	58.98
Mrs S. Henson – signs for play area	66.33
BCC Pension payment	79.15
Staples – photocopying/laminating	21.79
Peter Gomme – grass cutting for June	380.00
Mike Henson Presentations – planning	35.25
WDC _ ROSPA inspection	75.20
Robert Acton – litter picker, bag holder	38.18

War Memorials Trust subs	30.00
Miss L Hewitt – Internal audit	75.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1127.11</b>
<u>Accounts</u>	
Current Account opening balance 1.6.2010	9460.70
Less June cheques/so	797.69
Sub total	8663.01
Bank of Ireland balance	114.34
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>8777.35</b>

**It was resolved to approve the accounts**

147.6 PLANNING:

Applications:

**SH/10/06344/FUL – Chipps Hill House, Wheeler End** – erection of replacement 4 x bed detached dwelling following demolition of original dwelling – no objection

**PM/10/06173/AGI – Laurel Farm, Bolter End** – prior notification application for the erection of proposed new general purpose agricultural building – no objection

Decisions

**PM/10/06173/AGI – Laurel Farm, Bolter End** – not required to submit detailed plans.

147.7 To consider the ROSPA report on Piddington Recreation Ground

The report stated that the play area was in good condition and well maintained with attention required to: the goal posts and erosion to the sides of the springer surface only. A nut has been replaced on the gate hinge and a nail has to be removed from the gate (Clerk cannot find the nail). Signs needs to be created for the ball wall stating – 'Do not climb on the framework or nets' and 'Do not hang on the ring' and 'Do not wear rings or other jewellery as these can get caught and cause injury'. The Clerk has ordered these. The picnic bench will remain moveable as it was seriously damaged when it was fixed to the ground.

147.8 To discuss the BCC Parking document (if received prior to the meeting)

Mr Luxton and the Clerk have spoken and the issue is now being considered and will then be presented to the Parish Council prior to public consultation.

147.9 To consider adopting revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The Clerk had issued recommended revised Standing Orders as per the latest version of Standing Orders recommended by NALC and had updated figures in the Financial Regulations: to increase the level of the value of tenders from £1500 to £4000; increase the Clerks emergency expenditure from £300 to £500; update the date on the Audit and Accountancy regulations from 1996 to 2003.

It was resolved to adopt the revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

147.10 To consider any requests for the BCC Local Priorities Budget

It was resolved that we would ask for the footway up Dashwood Hill from Ham Farm to be cleared and made safer for users.

147.11 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Mrs Galliven reported an increase in dog waste on Wheeler End Common.

The Clerk reported that the bus shelter at Wheeler End needs some maintenance.

Cllr Mrs Pitcher asked when the white lines would be repainted on Chipps Hill.

Cllr Mrs Galliven reported that the War Memorials Trust would like a photo of the War Memorial.

Cllr Mrs Galliven reported that a pony and trap has been seen on Wheeler End Common.

Cllr Mrs Storey asked about the position regarding cars parked on the land between Old Oxford Road and the Oxford Road.

The Clerk was asked to investigate the cost of street lighting.

147.12 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm

Signed.....

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