

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council
held on Wednesday 9th March 2011 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

**Present: Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mr A Hackett, Mrs S. Storey, Mrs J. Galliven, Ms J. Redfern,
Mr F. Swainston Mrs S. Henson, Clerk County Cllr F. Downes**

Apologies were accepted from:

Cllr Mrs W. Pitcher, Dist Cllr Mr I McEnnis, Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale

154.1 Declaration of any personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the Agenda
Cllr Hackett, Cllr Swainston and Cllr Ms Redfern declared a personal interest in the item relating to the allotments.

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

154.3 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.

Clerks Report

The Clerk had issued information about HMRC changes and Spinal Column Points. The Clerk explained the Election process and issued forms to Councillors.

Correspondence received from 10th February – 9th March 2011

1. BCC Consultation on TRO for Old Oxford Road
2. SW Chilterns & Marlow Local Area Forum Newsletter
3. Chilterns Society Newsletter
4. Notification of the HS2 Consultation
5. War Memorials Trust Magazine
6. Chiltern News Magazine – email to Cllr Hackett
7. BCC Notification of requests for the Delegated Budget 2011/2012 by 2nd May – April agenda.
8. WDC Notification that the planning application for 3 Chapel Row is going to Appeal with the Secretary of State.

154.4 PLANNING:

Applications

11/05375/FUL – 7 Princes Street, Piddington – householder application for side extension to roof and widening of 1 front and 1 rear dormer in connection with extension to rooms in roof space – no objection

154.5 To agree to purchase 5 Hi Viz vests at a cost of £25.92

It was resolved to order 1 Co-ordinator, 1 First Aid and 3 plain hi viz vests.

154.6 To consider modifying our website contract to provide a more comprehensive website service at a lower cost of £370pa

It was resolved to change from Plan D to Plan F at a cost of £370 pa plus domain name (biennial) and hosting (annual) costs.

154.7 To consider any modifications required to the Allotment Rules and Regulations

It was resolved to amend the rules to state that we will allow sheds to a maximum size of 8ft x 6ft and state that in future (1st April) only residents of Piddington and Wheeler End could rent allotments and be put on a waiting list.

It was resolved that allotment tenants would be asked to vacate their plot if it has not been cultivated for one season.

It was agreed to investigate ways of sourcing water.

154.8 To discuss the current consultation on banning HGV's in Old Oxford Road

Councillors were pleased with the consultation however the Clerk will ask questions about placing signs, implementation and timing of the TRO.

154.9 ACCOUNTS1. Approval of invoices submitted for paymentInvoices to be paid in March

Mrs S Henson s/o	267.23
BCC Pension payment	79.15
WDC – litter bin emptying	90.00
Criterion – wayleave for access by the Dashwood Arms	12.00
Staples –copying and toner -part to be repaid by WWPC & HPC	147.76
Mike Henson Presentations – annual fees (old scheme)	372.00
West Wycombe PC – 10% tel bill	19.08
Piddington & District Village Hall – for disabled toilets	1000.00
Total	1987.22

Accounts

Current Account opening balance 1.2.2011	11529.09
Less February cheques/so	517.00
Plus repayment for staples from WWPC/HPC	61.10
Sub total	11073.19
Bank of Ireland balance	114.34
Total funds	11187.53

The RFO issued a spreadsheet showing the final expenditure against budget and the predicted end of year balance.

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

2. To consider making a donation to the Sue Ryder –Nettlebed Hospice

It was resolved to make a donation of £165 being 10% of the cost of a specialist chair.

3. To register the Parish Council for PAYE

It was resolved to register under PAYE.

4. To consider increasing the Clerks' Spinal Column Point from 33 to 34

It was resolved to make the increase as from the new financial year.

154.10 Members Questions and Statements

1. Cllr Mrs Galliven asked whether there were any plans to organise a street party to celebrate the Royal wedding – there will be a celebration meal on the previous evening in Piddington Village Hall and then there is a plan to hold a community party in June on the Recreation Ground.
2. Cllr Mrs Galliven raised concerns about continued use of Wheeler End Common by unauthorised horse riders and a horse and trap – Clerk will contact WDC as no one is authorised to ride across the common.
3. Cllr Mrs Galliven asked about dog bins on Wheeler End Common – Clerk will speak to WDC although dog waste can be put in normal bins as long as it is double bagged.
4. Cllr Digby asked if we could investigate the felling of trees at a site adjacent to Studley Green Garden centre. Clerk will write to WDC and Stokenchurch PC to ascertain the current position.
5. Cllr Digby reported that the contractor has started the work to remove brambles from Chipps Hill – farmer's hedges cannot be cut after the last day in February; brambles can be cut at any time however nesting birds should be considered when any work is being carried out.
6. Cllr Digby stated that the hedge around playing field needs thickening up and we should consider what our future action will be in September
7. Agenda item for April – new piece of play equipment

154.11 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13th April 2011 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Signed.....

Date.....

County Cllr Downes gave a short report on the BCC budget setting process. The government had made a 14.3% reduction which was slightly better than expected; there are a larger number of properties in the County which will give an increase in the amount from Council Tax collected. BCC still need to raise £58 million over the next three years. BCC are not able to borrow on the capital but BCC has received a £31million capital grant from government of which £7 million is going into the road programme – not all new money as some of it has come from previously ring fenced budgets. The Government has given BCC £7 million capital grant towards school maintenance. BCC has improved efficiency to produce savings but to provide greater savings services will have to be cut back and there will be a reduction in staff numbers. No increase in the BCC element of the Council Tax.