

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on
Wednesday 9th May 2012 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

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

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

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

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

166.3 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.

Clerk's Report.

1. One of the hedge laying contractors has had a site visit and has stated that it needs another two summers growth and to contact him in Summer 2014. At the moment he is giving a price of £1500 for the Old Oxford Road hedge and a further £400 for the hedge by The Dashwood Arms.
2. We do not have anyone on the allotment waiting list and have allotments available. A piece about it has gone into Contact. We will ask for a price for roundup and offer the plots to people from adjoining communities.

Correspondence received from 11th April – 9th May 2012

1. Thank you letter from the Chilterns Conservation Board
2. Playing Field Magazine
3. Consultation from Bucks CC on the role of the Local Area Forum
4. BCC Rights of Way newsletter
5. Price for Street Pool game
6. Email about wind turbines and a egov petition
7. Chiltern Society Newsletter
8. Chilterns AONB Training – forwarded to Councillors

166.4 PLANNING:
12/05809/CLE –Galamina, Piddington Lane -Certificate of Existing Lawfulness for continued use of stables as C3 (Residential) – no objection
12/05860/FUL -St Swithins, Piddington Lane - Demolition of existing single storey house and erection of proposed two storey 2 x bed dwelling with relocated access and summer house to rear – no objection to the demolition of the existing house, however we question the proposed use of a small independent unit.
12/06034/FUL – 30 Princes Street, Piddington – householder application for single storey side extension – no objection

166.5 To agree to make a donation of £150 to the Wheeler End Residents Association for Diamond Jubilee Celebrations
Wheeler End hopes to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee – this may be in conjunction with The Chequers. It was resolved that £150 would be donated if requested from the Wheeler End Association.

166.6 To agree to make a donation of £200 to Bucks Search and Rescue
It was resolved to make a donation of £200.

166.7 To formulate a response in relation to the usefulness of the Local Area Forum
It was felt that some of the subjects discussed were not relevant to small parishes and that sometimes the time and effort made to make decisions is swept aside by Cabinet members without consultation. Is used, sometimes, as a forum for Councillors, both County and District, political point scoring and as a platform for their point of view. There needs to be better analysis of what to discuss and what people are interested in. Decisions often take far too long to implement and in many cases a great deal of the actions talked about are already being worked on by parishes with BCC Officers and others use this forum to take the credit. It has its place but the structure needs re thinking.

166.8 ACCOUNTS1. Approval of invoices submitted for paymentInvoices to be paid in May

Mrs S Henson	222.66
BCC Pension payment	82.43
HMRC	55.60
Staples – photocopying	2.69
Shaw & Sons – Minute Book	91.19
Peter Gomme – roll and cut playing field & Piddington Green	390.00
Bucks Search & Rescue	200.00
Miss L. M Hewitt – honorarium for internal audit	75.00
Total	1119.37

Statement of Account:

Opening balance	14244.42
Plus Precept	9250.00
Less April cheques	2182.75
Sub Total	21311.67
Bank of Ireland	114.36
Total	21426.03

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

2. To receive the internal auditors report

The internal auditor raised concerns about the amount of money sitting in our bank account in relation to the precept. The high balance was caused by the cancellation of plans to install more play equipment last year, the incomplete TRO and the lack of an election. The Clerk will contact several play companies to provide ideas for expenditure up to £10,000.

166.9 Members Questions and Statements

1. Continued concerns about the pony and trap on Wheeler End Common.
2. Bus shelter at Piddington needs repairing and the noticeboard in the bus shelter needs removing.
3. Concerns about deer crossing at the Bolter End/Wheeler End boarder – Clerk will order signs.
4. Residents have passed very favourable comments about the extra daffodils. We will obtain a price for a continuation of planting in clumps up to the Princes Street junction.
5. Tarmac around drain covers is breaking up.
6. King Street potholes have been reported.
7. Cllr Mrs Storey reported on the NAG where vandalism in Piddington was discussed as well as speeding up Piddington Lane and parking on the bus stop.

166.10 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13th June 2012 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

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