

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

**Present:**

**Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mrs S. Storey, Mrs W. Pitcher, Mr F. Swainston, Ms J. Redfern, Mrs J. Galliven  
County Cllr Mr D Hayday**

**Apologies: Cllr Mr A Hackett**

**Members of the public: 5**

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

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

186.3 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 16<sup>th</sup> April - 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014

1. Chilterns Conservation Board – April Newsletter
2. Came & Co Insurance renewal – Clerk has made additions and changes
3. WDC Play Area questionnaire
4. Letter of explanation from Mr Gomme about the crown lifting
5. WDC Precept (£9,000) and Council tax Support grant (£785.01) total £9785.01
6. VAT refund - £859.31
7. WDC Parish Clerks Resilience Meeting to discuss the recent flooding – 29<sup>th</sup> April
8. BCC News on how Transport for Bucks plans to function in the future – on website and circulated to all Councillors.
9. BCC Conference on devolved services for Chairman and Councillors – 27<sup>th</sup> May – 6 – 9pm – Green Park, Aston Clinton.
10. Email from NFU explains the complexities of clearing ditches – in relation to the BCC posters.
11. BMKALC – Matters Arising Newsletter – by email
12. Date change for Local Area Forum – now 23rd June
13. WDC Planning Forum – 26<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm in Council Chamber
14. Email from Oxley Conservation as a result of the start of the restoration process and problems and unforeseen issues. It was agreed to an extra report – approximately 4 – 5 hours' work at £85 per hour. It would be a further 2 hours' work if we have to apply for Listed Building Consent. On top of this will be extra costs of any work recommended.

Clerks Report

1. Clerk will be on holiday from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May and resume work on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.
2. Clerk has raised all issues relating to Bucks CC with our Local Area Technician
3. Piddington is entered into the Best Kept Village competition and Peter Gomme has been given the dates of the competition to ensure grass cutting is at its best.
4. Webmaster is going to provide a link to Kensham Farm.

186.4 PLANNING

**Applications**

**14/05852/FUL –16 Princes Street, Piddington** - construction of single storey rear extension and conversion of garage into living accommodation with new pitched roof over – no objection.

**Decisions**

**4/05564/CTREE -Hunts Cottage Bolter End Lane Wheeler End** -Fell 1 no. Douglas Fir to front of property – not to make a TPO

**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 – refused

**14/05167/FUL-The Garden House, Bullocks Farm Lane** -Householder application for construction of dormer window to rear roofslope and insertion of 4 x rooflights to front roofslope in connection with creation of first floor living accommodation. Replace existing garage door with window to front in connection with conversion of garage into habitable accommodation and fenestration alterations. Extend existing hardstanding to provide additional parking – permit

**14.05305/FUL – Buis Cottage, Bolter End Lane, Wheeler End** – application for erection of detached oak framed 3 bay garage- permit

- 186.5 To agree to surrender a strip of land on the recreation ground leased from West Wycombe Estate  
It was resolved to surrender this piece of land to West Wycombe Estate however we will state that the land was taken over and new boundary fences erected at least 6 weeks prior to receiving the documentation dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We will ask that a clause be inserted into our lease stating that the owner of the old BT building should not at any time block our access to the Recreation Ground as this is the only access for emergency vehicles. The purpose of the purchase of the extra land was, we assume, to park cars as the current front design of the property precludes this and he continually parks in front of our gates. If a child had an accident and the owner of the building has parked his car and is not available to move it this would present a serious problem.
- 186.6 To resubmit our request and reissue the cheque to Bucks CC for white line painting in Piddington  
The order is for repainting existing white lines, plus painting new white lines at the bus stop and the dropped kerbs. It was resolved to re-issue the cheque.
- 186.7 ACCOUNTS : 1. Approval of invoices submitted for payment – see appendix 2

Accounts to be paid in May 2014

Mrs S Henson – April salary	232.11
BCC – pension - May	79.00
HMRC	58.00
Peter Gomme – cut of Recreation ground and Piddington Green	240.00
Bucks Playing Field Association subs	20.00
BMKALC subs	91.52
Bucks CC – re issue of cheque for painting white lines	90.00
Broker Network – insurance policy	600.04
Staples	20.17
West Wycombe PC – 20% refund on colour ink cartridges	53.42
Peter Gomme – cut of Recreation Ground and Piddington Green	240.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1724.26</b>

**Statement of Account**

Opening balance – 1 <sup>st</sup> March	11074.72
Plus Vat refund	859.31
Plus Precept and Council Tax support grant	9785.01
Plus Allotment rent	10.00
Less April cheques	1714.11
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>20014.93</b>
Bank of Ireland	114.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>20129.32</b>

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

- 186.8 To approve the payment of a £75 honorarium to the Internal Auditor  
It was resolved to pay an honorarium of £75 to the internal auditor.
- 186.9 To complete the External Audit Statement and to consider and complete the Annual Governance Statement and to receive the Internal Auditors report  
The Chairman read out all the External Audit statements which were answered in the affirmative. The internal auditors report was issued prior to the meeting and was accepted. No issues were raised.
- 186.10 Members Questions and Statements  
Cllr Swainston raised the issue of poor parking practices in Piddington. Many properties do not have any options however there are many people who could use their drives. Residents need to park with more consideration and certainly not on the pavement.  
Cllr Swainston asked if the children of Wheeler End needed any facilities. Cllr Mrs Galliven reported that the young people do not want any special equipment.  
Cllr Ms Redfern asked if the replacement oak tree on Wheeler End Common is still alive.  
Cllr Mrs Galliven reported that a local resident is still exercising a string of horses on Wheeler End Common.  
Cllr Mrs Storey asked if we could get the Princes Street hedge cut back. Clerk will ask Mr Gomme to carry out the work.  
Cllr Mrs Storey raised her continued concerns over the broken branch on a tree opposite Davison Highley – Bucks CC has been advised of this on several occasions.

Cllr Mrs Storey raised potential concerns over the possible parking issues from the new houses at Princes Street

Two groups of loose/broken kerb stones on Old oxford Road have been reported to Bucks CC. Cllr Swainston would like some reassurance of an increase in broadband speed in the near future. Dashwood Hill and pavement still needs clearing – BCC have been asked to undertake the work. Cllr Mrs Storey will ask the Clerk of Stokenchurch PC to approach BCC has most of the hill is in their parish.

Cllr Mrs Galliven reported Japanese knotweed growing on Cadmore End Common – the section in our parish. Clerk will contact Kensham Farm.

186.11 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.52pm.

Signature.....

Date.....

Public questions and Statements

Mr Robin Saunders thanked the Parish Council for their help and support during the recent flooding with a very speedy delivery of sandbags.

Mr Lindeman has been told by Dept of Transport and Bucks County Council that the Parish Council is responsible for having the roads resurfaced. County Cllr Hayday replied as it is a Bucks CC responsibility and he has bid for the roads in Piddington to be resurfaced but this could be two years further on. He is working on our behalf and the issue is down to finance. The West Wycombe Road, New Road and Sands are the next to be resurfaced. Over the last 10 years there has been insufficient investment and it will take time to get the roads back to an acceptable standard. He also requested that the bus stop be kept clear. The Parish Council has already made this request to Bucks CC and the agenda item in this meeting is to request this once more.

Cllr Hayday reported that we now have a new Cabinet Member for Transport and the Ringway Jacobs contract is to be reviewed.

Mr Sugg - questioned the use of cobble stones at the bottom of King Street which helps create potholes – it is thought to be the original boundary as King Street was originally a private road.