

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council
held on Wednesday 12th October 2011 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

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

Apologies were accepted from: Cllrs Mr A Hackett, Mrs J. Galliven, Dist Cllr Mr I McEnnis, Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale.

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

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

160.3 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.

1. The order for the bulb planting has been placed and work will occur towards the end of October /early November.
2. The Clerk has asked Peter Gomme for a price to repair the goal mouths, and repair the surface under the chicken springer - £351. We will repair the area under the springer but leave the goal mouths until the spring; we will cut along the allotment bank on the Old Oxford Road - £80. Cllr Mrs Storey will check with allotment tenants about the manure which has been dumped on the Oxford Road side of the allotments and makes it hard to cut the grass.
3. The Clerk has spoken to the Licensing Officer at WDC re The Dashwood Arms to find out exactly what they were allowed to do – they had a temporary event notice and as far as that was concerned they were acting entirely within the law however the noise levels were not acceptable and presented a nuisance and they have now had three visits from WDC to sort this out and for the future– a statutory noise notice will be issued if there are any further issues and he has to discuss each event thoroughly with WDC well ahead of any date – this is to cover, parking, stage position etc.
4. We have received £70 in allotment rents so far – 12 plots still to be paid for, however we believe that at least three plots will be vacant this year.
5. The Clerk reported that the parents of children living in Wheeler End have developed a petition to be sent to BCC Education Cabinet Member asking that Great Marlow School have its catchment area extended to have Wheeler End annexed to it.

Correspondence received from 14th September – 12th October 2011

1. WDALC Minutes for 20th September – passed to Cllr Mrs Galliven
2. Booklet from CPRE on How to respond to planning applications
3. WDC Draft Delivery and Site Allocations Document and position statement on housing land for building.
4. Copy email to WDC Environmental Health about 'fireworks' at The Dashwood Arms on Sunday 2nd October from 11.30 – 11.45pm
5. BCC LAF agenda and papers for October 11th – passed to Cllr Ms Redfern
6. Chiltern Society emailed Newsletter.
7. Chilterns Conservation Board – Annual Chilterns Forum – 11th November in Amersham
8. BCC Consultation on Budget priorities – survey closes on 13th November – Councillors to respond individually www.buckscc.gov.uk/budget Agenda.
9. The Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons – Guide to taking part – 4th June - agenda.
10. BALC Invitation to a BCC Standards Briefing at Green Park on Thursday 10th November 2.30 – 5pm. Issued to all Councillors.
11. Bucks Rural Affairs Conference at The Clare Foundation – 25th November.
12. BALC Planning Conference at WDC – 23rd November 6.30 – 9pm
13. Save the Date reminder – 13th March 2012 – Putting the Local into Localism.

160.4 PLANNING:

Applications

11/07134/FUL -Oakridge Farm, Bullocks Farm Lane - Householder application for a two storey barn extension to accommodate triple garage and bed sit for use as ancillary to main dwelling – no objection.

- 160.5 To discuss the works on Chipps Hill and to agree part payment.
We had agreed to a price of £550 for clearing the brambles on either side of Chipps Hill. However the contractor took it upon himself to undertake more work to complete the project – the cost of this came to £430 plus VAT. It was agreed that we would pay for the remaining work in the November accounts but would not use this contractor in the future.
- 160.6 To discuss the future budget plans
Councillors were asked to consider projects for the forthcoming financial year and to contact the Clerk with any ideas for costing e.g. hedge laying, play equipment, allotment work etc. The Clerk issued a spreadsheet showing the first six months expenditure against budget
- 160.7 To agree to pay ground rent for the bus shelter at Wheeler End
It was resolved to pay Mrs M Slack £10 for the annual ground rent for the bus shelter.
- 160.8 To discuss the position of one salt bin in Queen Street
Cllr Digby has spoken to Village Hall Committee members and it was agreed that the some of the rails on the fence by the Village Hall could be removed to allow the salt bin to be placed on the pavement but set back far enough to keep the pavement usable. We have asked BCC to cause as little damage as possible to the hedge. The grit bin at the other end of Queen Street is in place as is the one on Chipps Hill.
- 160.9 To consider the WDC Draft Delivery and Site Allocations Document
It was felt that we supported WDC policy and that there was nothing which would have an adverse effect on our parish.

160.10 ACCOUNTS

1. Approval of invoices submitted for payment in October

Mrs S Henson	222.66
BCC Pension payment	82.43
HMRC	55.60
West Wycombe Parish Council 10% of phone bill	22.13
Wycombe District Council – election expenses	54.64
Peter Gomme – grass cutting	380.00
Longwood Rural Contractors	660.00
Total	1477.46

Accounts

Current Account opening balance 1.9.2011	12102.94
Less Sept cheques	776.33
Plus Precept	9250.00
Sub total	20576.61
Bank of Ireland balance	114.34
Total funds	20690.95

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

160.11 Members Questions and Statements

1. Cllr Mrs Storey suggested that BCC needs to carry out a survey of the lime trees on Piddington Green.
2. Cllr Mrs Storey reported potholes in King Street.
3. Cllr Digby asked if we could find a contractor who may be able to deal with the steep slope on Chipps Hill in order to clear the brambles.
4. Cllr Ms Redfern reported that she had attended the LAF and that Rob Anderson would be our new Area Technician.
5. Cllr Digby provided the name of a hedge layer. Clerk will make contact.
6. Cllr Digby reported that Piddington Village Hall has been given a Lottery Grant of £10,000 in order to install a disabled toilet.

158.10 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9th November – 7.30pm, Piddington Village Hall. Cllr Digby gave apologies for the November meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm

Signature.....

Date.....

Public Question Time – these are not part of the Parish Council meeting and will not be corrected or agreed upon at the next meeting.

Cllr Downes reported that the street lights at Studley Green will be switched back on. A site visit was carried out prior to making the decision. Long term they will look at where lights are needed.

LAF priorities– Rural Transport; pushing for buses running to the railway station from the west side of town; Chiltern Rail not entirely happy with their new timetable; concern that many Village Halls do not have enough income to build up funds for repairs - they earn just enough to cover their daily running costs; need for more youth activities – lack of leaders – many prepared to help but no one wants the responsibility to run /manage schemes; recruiting and supporting volunteers.