

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council
held on Wednesday 14th September 2011 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

Present:

**Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mrs J. Galliven, Mr A Hackett, Mrs S. Storey, Mrs W. Pitcher (from 7.55pm),
Mr F. Swainston Mrs S. Henson, Clerk**

**Apologies were accepted from: Cllr Ms J. Redfern, County Cllr F. Downes,
Dist Cllr Mr I McEnnis, Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale.**

13 members of the public

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

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

159.3 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 police agreed to deal with the issue with pony and traps on Wheeler End Common.
2. WDC Planning dept have visited The Dashwood Arms
3. The grass cutting contractor has been in hospital and he is behind with his work – is out of hospital now but not working yet.

Correspondence received from 13th July – 7th September 2011

1. Community Impact Bucks Newsletter
2. Matters Arising and email from BALC clarifying an article on Agendas
3. Chilternsaetna – Chilterns Conservation Board Newsletter.
4. Notification that the LAF will be on October 11th – venue to be confirmed.
5. The Playing Field Magazine
6. Chilterns Conservation Board Newsletter.
7. Locality Services Bulletin from our BCC LAF.
8. LAF Report and list of on street requests for our parish.
9. The Chilterns AONB Conference will take place on Wednesday 5th October.
10. WDC Planning Bulletin on the consultation of the Delivery and Site Allocations (DSA) document - October agenda
11. Notification of completion of audit by Mazars.
12. ROSPA report on the Piddington Recreation Ground
13. War Memorials Bulletin
14. Countryside Voice
15. News of the Woods Newsletter
16. Chiltern News magazine
17. WDALC Agenda for 20th September – passed to Cllr Mrs Galliven
18. WDC Sports Newsletter
19. A request that Parish Councils consider giving financial support to The Chilterns Conservation Board.
20. Buckinghamshire Playing Fields Association – invite to AGM on 4th October.
21. HMRC has granted a dispensation in respect of expenses for Mrs S Henson
22. An email from a local parent to Cllr Mrs Galliven about the change in policy/boundaries for home to school transport. This is a County Council issue based on catchment areas and home to school transport policy. The Clerk has spoken to County Cllr Downes about this issue and he will make direct contact with the parent.

159.4 PLANNING:Applications

11/06893/FUL - Wheeler Cottage, Piddington Lane, Wheeler End - Householder application for erection of detached single storey garage/store with attic store at rear no objections.

Decisions

11/06479/LBC - Huckenden Farm Cadmore End Common Road Wheeler End - Listed building application for internal alterations comprising revisions to stairs, formation of additional first floor area and new stud partition – permit

- 159.5 To make a decision about planting bulbs along the remainder of Piddington Green
The revised price for the bulb planting further along the Old Oxford Road is £572.
It was resolved to place an order.
- 159.6 To discuss the Piddington Recreation ground hedge and discuss the ROSPA report
It was resolved that we would have the hedge laid next year and therefore we will not be having the hedge cut this year.
Some minor recommendations have been made in the ROSPA report. They are to have the dip under the 'springer' filled and to rectify a 'grasp' issue on the multi activity equipment. We will also have the goal mouths repaired.
- 159.7 To discuss updating the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders
It was resolved to add a clause stating that the Clerk and any member of staff will be in a PAYE scheme and that tax and NI will be paid to HMRC by the 18th of the month;
It was resolved to add the following phrase to the Standing Orders – To be used in conjunction with the new Model Standing Orders as issued by NALC in Summer 2011.

159.8 ACCOUNTS

1. Approval of invoices submitted for payment in September

Mrs S Henson	222.66
BCC Pension payment	82.43
HMRC	55.60
Staples	3.64
Mazars – external audit	162.00
West Wycombe Estate – Pidd Rec Ground rent	250.00
Total	776.33

Accounts

Current Account opening balance 1.7.2011	13835.09
Less July /August cheques	1731.95
Sub total	12103.14
Bank of Ireland balance	114.34
Total funds	12217.48

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

2. To report on the external audit

The external audit has been returned and no issues of concern were raised.

159.9 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Mrs Galliven reported that the drain near Denham Farm has had the cover removed and dropped to the side – Clerk will contact WDC.

Cllr Mrs Galliven reported Japanese Knotweed on Cadmore End Common, possibly on the area within our parish – Clerk will contact the landowner.

Cllr Mrs Galliven reported that the speed limit post on Wheeler End Common is still on the ground in front of the notice board- Clerk will remind WDC.

Cllr Mrs Pitcher asked if we could lead the way with clearing ragwort. The clerk will make contact with WDC and if no action can be taken we will create a working party to deal with the plant on Chipps Hill.

Cllr Swainston reported stock escaping from the field opposite the Allotments.

Cllr Mrs Storey reported an incident where a local elderly person had been conned. She also reported that there is no longer a direct line to Trading Standards it is now called Consumer Direct 08454 040506.

Cllr Digby reported on the clearing work on Chipps Hill and the invoice which had been submitted. A site visit will take place with the contractor.

Cllr Hackett gave his apologies for the October meeting.

158.10 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12th October – 7.30pm, Piddington Village Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm

Signed.....

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.

A resident from Wheeler End asked if the Parish Council could help with a home to school transport issue and an apparent change in policy from Bucks County Council.

Residents raised their concerns about the recent SmartFest 2 day concert held at The Dashwood Arms, in particular parking and noise issues. Residents wanted to know what type of license it was operating under. The landlord reported that his only restriction was that there should be no more than 500 people present at any one time; it had been far more successful than he thought and that some of the noise problems may have been caused by taped music being played outside through the PA after the bands had finished. The landlord is hoping to have an extension to an Internal License which would allow opening up to 1am – he thought that he would probably use it for Thursday and Friday with special occasions such as Christmas Eve.

Residents asked that there be better communication with locals on planned events. The landlord would like to hold three outdoor musical events per year. SmartFest, an Orchestra event which would be one day and evening and a jazz event. The landlord stated that he wanted the pub to become a true village pub and that he wanted it to be part of the community and an asset. Residents and the Parish Council totally supported this view but just asked that certain issues be dealt with to ensure as little disruption to the local community.

The landlord reported that WDC Planning Department have carried out site visits re the portacabins and also reported that he has plans to improve them, develop a new cellar and the create a new entrance to help divide and make safe the children's area of the garden and will be submitting plans for discussion.