

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Wednesday 2nd April 2008 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

**Present:**

**Cllrs Mr S. Digby, A. Hackett, Mrs J. Galliven, Mrs S. Storey, Mrs W. Pitcher, Mrs S. Henson, Clerk**

**Apologies were accepted from: Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale, County Cllr F. Downes**

**2 members of the public**

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

123.2 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the March Parish Council Meeting  
These were all agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

123.3 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. WDC is dealing with the fly tipping in Piddington.
2. The Football Foundation has paid out for 50% of the goal posts
3. The dropped kerbs at the bottom of King Street have been completed by BCC
4. The order for the fence has been placed – it will be erected inside the hedge as there is insufficient space on The Dashwood Arms side. This will also allow us to repair the hedge as children will not be able to access it from the playing field side. A spring will be fitted to the gate by The Dashwood Arms

Correspondence received from 6<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2008

1. Bucks Rural Affairs Group – rural strategy questionnaire – Clerk will respond
2. Town and Parish Council Standards newsletter
3. BCC Mobile Library stopping places review
4. BCC Transport Community Work and explanation of future maintenance work
5. BCC Orders to confirm the new speed limits.
6. Price from Wicksteed for repairing the recreation ground play equipment - £874 plus VAT
7. Chilterns Woodlands Project Newsletter
8. Renewal for insurance from Allianz Cornhill - £608.21 – we need to remove the photocopier and add the new goal posts.
9. Price of £600 from Mr Peter Gomme for clearing four areas on the allotments of all brambles and weeds and to spray Roundup. This would then allow us to allocate 4 more allotments as the land will be level and cleared for new tenants to dig.

123.4 ACCOUNTS

To approve the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

The Clerk/RFO had, prior to the meeting issued the accounts. We still have a high level of Reserve. This is partly due to the fact that the planned work for the Ball Wall (£3,400) will not be carried out until April and the dropped kerbs (£1000) have only just been completed and they have not been invoiced. We will spend a large amount of the money on equipment for the Recreation Ground. It was resolved to accept the accounts.

**Approval of invoices submitted for payment**

Invoices to be paid in April 08

Mrs S Henson (s/o)	278.95
Piddington & District Village Hall	18.00
Staples	89.74
BALC subscription	73.24
Mike Henson Presentations – mini website	220.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>680.82</b>

Accounts

Current Account opening balance 1.3.2008	2436.96
Plus HM Customs & Excise	351.26
Plus Football Foundation	198.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2986.22</b>
Less March cheques & s/o	391.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>2594.83</b>
Bank of Ireland balance (incl £8000 reserved)	19854.94
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>22449.77</b>

**It was resolved to approve the accounts**

- 123.5 To place an order for the replacement of the wooden picket fence around the War Memorial  
It was agreed to postpone this until next month as we are still waiting for quote
- 123.6 To discuss future action for Piddington Recreation Ground and progress by the Piddington Community Group.  
The Clerk has had a meeting with PCG and a report was issued to Councillors. It was resolved that we would not have the existing equipment repaired or have a ROSPA inspection this year. It was agreed that the PCG should arrange for suppliers to submit quotes for schemes between £10 – 12,000 for the play area and plans should be made available for viewing at the Annual Parish Meeting
- 123.7 To discuss stopping places for the Mobile Library  
Councillors will visit the Mobile Library and report back to the Clerk once they have spoken to local residents and the driver of the library. Comments have to be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> May.
- 123.8 Planning –nothing issued
- 123.9 To discuss the allotments  
It was resolved to place an order with Mr Gomme to clear four allotments at a cost of £600.
- 123.10 Members Questions  
Cllr Mrs Pitcher reported potholes on Bolter End Lane.  
Cllr Mrs Galliven attended the WDALC. Concern over the duplication of effort between NAGS and Parish Councils. Chilterns AONB have grants available up to £250. Suggested we ask for money to hep clear briars on Chipps Hill.  
Cllr Hackett reported that with pavement parking residents are unable to utilise the dropped kerbs. Similar problem with the pavement parking in front of the industrial units and The Dashwood Arms. It was decided that parking and parking restrictions will be an agenda item for the May meeting.  
Cllr Mrs Storey asked about the two vacancies. Laura Bowen of Wheeler End has agreed to stand as a Councillor.  
Cllr Mrs Storey suggested we replace the direction sign for the Village Hall – Clerk will investigate options.  
Cllr Digby asked about the latest status on Piddington Green – BCC still have to deal with the ground levels before we would take it on. Papers are with BCC legal department.  
Cllr Digby raised concerns over the recent volume of traffic caused by filming for Richmond Pork Sausages.  
The Parish Council has supported the idea of a Music and possible Drama Festival to be organised by Beryl Williams, and would contribute, under Section 137, financial help towards the event. It was also suggested that the County and District Councillors may also be able to help with funding.
- 123.11 Date of Next Meeting  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm

There being no other matters, Cllr Digby closed the meeting at 8.45pm

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