

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th June 2008 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

Present:

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

Apologies were accepted from: Cllrs Mrs J. Galliven, Miss L. Bowen, Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale, Dist Cllr Mr I. McEnnis, County Cllr Mr F. Downes

2 members of the public

125.1 Declaration of any personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the Agenda

None declared.

125.2 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting, the May Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting

These were all agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

125.3 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. BCC has raised an order for sorting out the static tank mounds on Piddington Green.
2. Clerk briefed Playdale to revise scheme.
3. Fence has been completed. Contractor finished work at 7pm and there were a dozen lads playing football at the time. When he came back the next morning they had already climbed over it where the gap used to be. He was asked to create a second fence to discourage any activity through the gap and to charge us.
4. Ball Wall apron should be created during the first week of June. The 5 a side goal posts should also be erected at the same time.
5. Police have been asked to deal with cars parked on the pavement along King Street. They have confirmed that they will put notices first; they will also talk to the landlord at The Dashwood Arms to encourage drivers not to park in front of the dropped kerb.
6. Cllr Mrs Storey and the Clerk attended the NAG. They are soon to move on to a priority more relevant to our parish – speeding.
7. Response from BCC re our request for double yellow lines – this has been passed to the relevant Officer for consideration.

Correspondence received from 8th – 28th May 2008

1. WDALC Minutes and Agenda – passed to Cllr Mrs Galliven
2. BCC Definitive Map – passed to Cllr Mrs Storey and then on to Cllr Mrs Pitcher.
3. BCC Rural Marlow Local Area Forum Minutes and notification for next meeting – 15th July at Henley Management College.
4. Chiltern Society Subscription - £25
5. BCC Travel Choice Newsletter
6. Revised price and scheme from Playdale
7. Chiltern News Magazine
8. War Memorial Trust Magazine – passed to Cllr Mrs Galliven
9. Wycombe Community Safety Partnership Newsletter

125.4 ACCOUNTS

Invoices to be paid in June 08

Mrs S Henson (s/o)	278.95
Mrs S. Henson – expenses	65.83
Piddington & District Village Hall	18.00
Chiltern Society Subscription	25.00
West Wycombe Parish Council 10% of BT bill	14.10
Staples	29.31
H F Nixey & Son – fencing	857.75
Peter Gomme	240.00
Total	1528.94

Accounts

Current Account opening balance 1.5.2008	9414.01
Less May cheques & s/o	1906.39
Sub Total	7507.62
Bank of Ireland balance (incl £8000 reserved)	19940.20
Total funds	27447.82

It was resolved to approve the accounts

The Clerk issued the spread sheet for the first quarter's expenditure for Councillors information.

125.5 To consider the BCC Legal Document for the handover of Piddington Green to the Parish Council.

The papers have not been received therefore this item was postponed to the next meeting.

125.6 To receive information relating to the scheme for play equipment for the Recreation Ground.

The Clerk produced a projected year end sheet compared to the year end for 2007/08. This was done in order to explain that she felt it would be possible to increase the expenditure on the play equipment to £15,000 and we would still have just under £7000 as our final balance. County Cllr Frank Downes has kindly donated £500 from his Community Leaders Fund for use connected with the play equipment. The District Councillors may also be able to give us a small grant. Clerk suggested that this would allow us to purchase a 'springer'. The revised scheme now includes 2 towers, scramble net, slide and provides far more play value. The slide is the most expensive item but as we already have a slide it would be wrong to provide less activity than is currently available. The price excluding the slide would be £13,000. Including the slide £15,000. Delivery is 5 -6 weeks. It was resolved to place an order with Playdale for the option two – two junior swings, one toddler swing, Jukebox –Twist and include a chicken 'springer'. The Clerk will place an order for the removal of the old equipment and surfaces and ask for a price to turf the areas where the equipment has been removed. The soil from the ball wall apron could be used to fill the areas first.

125.7 To consider our risk assessment document

The Clerk had issued a revised document for Councillors to consider. It was agreed that it was up to date and that we would revise it once the new equipment was installed.

125.8 Members Questions & Statements

Cllr Mrs Pitcher reported that the top of Piddington Lane near the Common is suffering from congestion caused by the number of parked vehicles and this is exacerbated by the restrictions to the track width. Could we consider a reinstatement of lay by/parking area. The volume of cars has created a situation where service and emergency vehicles have extreme difficulty in gaining access and manoeuvring.

Cllr Hackett had sourced a supplier for two signs at a cost of under £50 to be fixed to the bus shelter pointing to the Village Hall. Clerk will place an order.

Cllr Digby reported that sign inviting visitors to watch the Polo had been placed on the Northern Track. Clerk will write to ask them not to encourage visitors to go across the Common.

125.9 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 2nd July 2008 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

There being no other matters, Cllr Digby closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Signed.....

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Public Question Time

Mrs Harris raised concerns about Hopscotch. It can be very noisy and concern about older children running around the car parking area. Both these items were raised by the Parish Council at the Development Control Meeting. Clerk will contact WDC Environmental Health and Planning.

Mrs Harris reported that there were still 8 trees needing to be replaced at North's Estate. Clerk had written to them in November 07 reminding them of their obligation and promise which they had made in 2006. Clerk will take the issue up with planning enforcement.

Mrs Harris was concerned about more CCTV being installed at West Wycombe Motors and a stack of tyres which had appeared. Clerk will contact WDC.

Mrs Harris raised concerns about the number of lorries parking in the Old Oxford Road and the health and safety risks attached to this. The Clerk will speak to Environmental Health about the ablutions situation but the police have stated that there is nothing that can be done about the parking unless an obstruction is being caused.

Mr Reeves and Mrs Harris raised concerns over the amount of parking on pavements, in particular King Street and the corner of Wellfield Road. The Parish Council has asked the police and BCC for their help on this matter.

Mr Reeves asked when Wellfield Road was going to be resurfaced. The Clerk advised him that BCC will not do anything under the Local Area Scheme but we have asked our County Councillor to ask for the work to be done under another scheme.