

**Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom**

**Present: Cllrs Mr S Digby – Chairman, Mr P Brown, Mrs F Curzon, Mr N Cloke, Mr O May, Mrs J Roy.**

**Councillor Ian McEnnis.**

**Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.**

**Members of the public: 0.**

**Members questions**

Councillor McEnnis reported that he had attended the recent North West Chiltern Board Meeting.

258.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Councillor Wendy Pitcher, Cllr Darren Hayday.

258.2 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on the Agenda.

None.

258.3 Minutes - To confirm the Minutes of the November Meeting.

Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman will sign the minutes at a later date.

258.4 Project – Pretty Parish Land Management Plan.

Councillor Roy produced a report. Attached – appendix 1.

258.5 Clerks report and Correspondence.

**Correspondence Received**

1. Buckinghamshire Council supports National Tree Week
2. Weekly roadworks update
3. The minutes for North West Chilterns Community Board, Thursday, 19th November 2020
4. Buckinghamshire libraries set to welcome back customers
5. Countess (Elizabeth) Howe is the new Lord Lieutenant
6. Update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
7. Local projects benefit from community board funding in Haddenham and Waddesdon
8. COVID-19 response Tiers update for Town and Parish Councils in Buckinghamshire
9. BMKALC – Training – Allotments
10. NHT Online Survey
11. Taxi licencing policy – Consultation
12. Supporting local businesses - shop local online
13. Fraud advice
14. WDALC Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> December
15. WDALC correspondence.
16. Email from a neighbouring Parish re the bus shelter library idea.
17. Email from a Parishioner re the shrubs being moved.
18. Email from a Parishioner re the bus shelter being cluttered with books. Council commented that the bus shelter has been tidied up and the books are being rotated.

**Clerks Report**

1. An email was sent to the tenant of plot 15b regarding the rubbish around their plot. The rubbish has now been removed.
2. An email was sent to the tenant of plots 1a and 4 regarding the rubbish around their plots. The tenants advise they have removed 3 car loads of rubbish. Council agreed to discuss this at the January meeting.
3. An email was sent to the tenant of plot 17 regarding the rubbish around their plot. No response received to date. The Clerk will contact the tenant re the rubbish again. If the rubbish is not removed, the Clerk will issue a notice to quit letter.

4. A suggestion was made to install an ashtray near the flats on Kings Street. Council were not in favour of this.
5. The next North West Community Board Meeting will be on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Venue to be confirmed.
6. The waste team has confirmed they will install some dog fouling signs around Piddington.
7. The gate has been repaired at Piddington Rec ground.
8. I received a request to use the rec ground for a children's football team. I advised what needs to be in place before Council would consider this.
9. Checks completed on the AED unit.
10. No allotments are currently vacant.
11. Cllr Pitcher emailed the Clerk to advise she did not think the PC should increase the Precept for 21/22.
12. The Clerk will chase the unpaid allotment rents.
13. Any member of the public can report a problem to TFB on the website fix my street : [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com)

258.6 Finance i) Approval of the invoices submitted in November 2020  
Council approved the Income and Expenditure Report. Attached – appendix 2.

ii) Purchase of Christmas lights – retrospective.  
Council agreed the purchase of 2 sets of Christmas lights.

iii) To consider hiring a skip for Piddington Allotment Site.  
Council agreed to hire a skip for the allotment site. The allotment party to agree the location of the skip and to advise tenants the dates the skip will be available.

258.7 Accessibility Statement – website.  
Council agreed to Accept Accessibility Statement A :

1. To provide Accessible home-produced documents from 1st January 2021 but not to process home produced documents between 23rd September 2018 and 1st January 2021 because the work would impose a Disproportionate Burden on the council.
2. That the council will not process any documents supplied by third parties, including any scanned documents or documents containing hand writing because the work would impose a Disproportionate Burden on the council.

258.8 To consider a new bus shelter  
The Clerk provided an estimate for a new bus shelter near the Dashwood Arms Pub. The estimate was approximately £10,000.  
Council agreed that they did not consider there to be enough of a need to justify that level of expenditure.

258.9 Members questions and statements.  
Cllr Cloke reported that Buckland Landscapes has began to plant the new daffodil bulbs that were mowed in error.  
Cllr Cloke reported that Thames Water agreed a contribution of £1,000 towards the water scheme at the allotments. The allotment working party are going to pursue the North West Community Board re additional funding.  
Cllr Cloke reported that he would draft a plan for a seating/social area on Piddington green and report at the January meeting.  
Cllr May reported that he will work with the allotment working party regarding cutting back the brambles.  
Cllr Brown reported on ways to tackle flytipping and this will be discussed at the January Meeting.  
Cllr Digby reported that Cllr Hayday was continuing to work on a speed reduction sign.

Cllr Digby asked the Clerk if Bucks Council can install a deer crossing sign near Wheeler End memorial.  
Cllr Digby reported that an individual continues to plant saplings around the Parish. If Councillors are not able to speak to him, they will remove the saplings and dig them in to prevent them dying. Cllr Digby volunteered to organise this.  
Cllr Curzon will extend the Neighbourhood watch team to Wheeler End, covering all of the Parish.

258.10 Planning Applications – none.

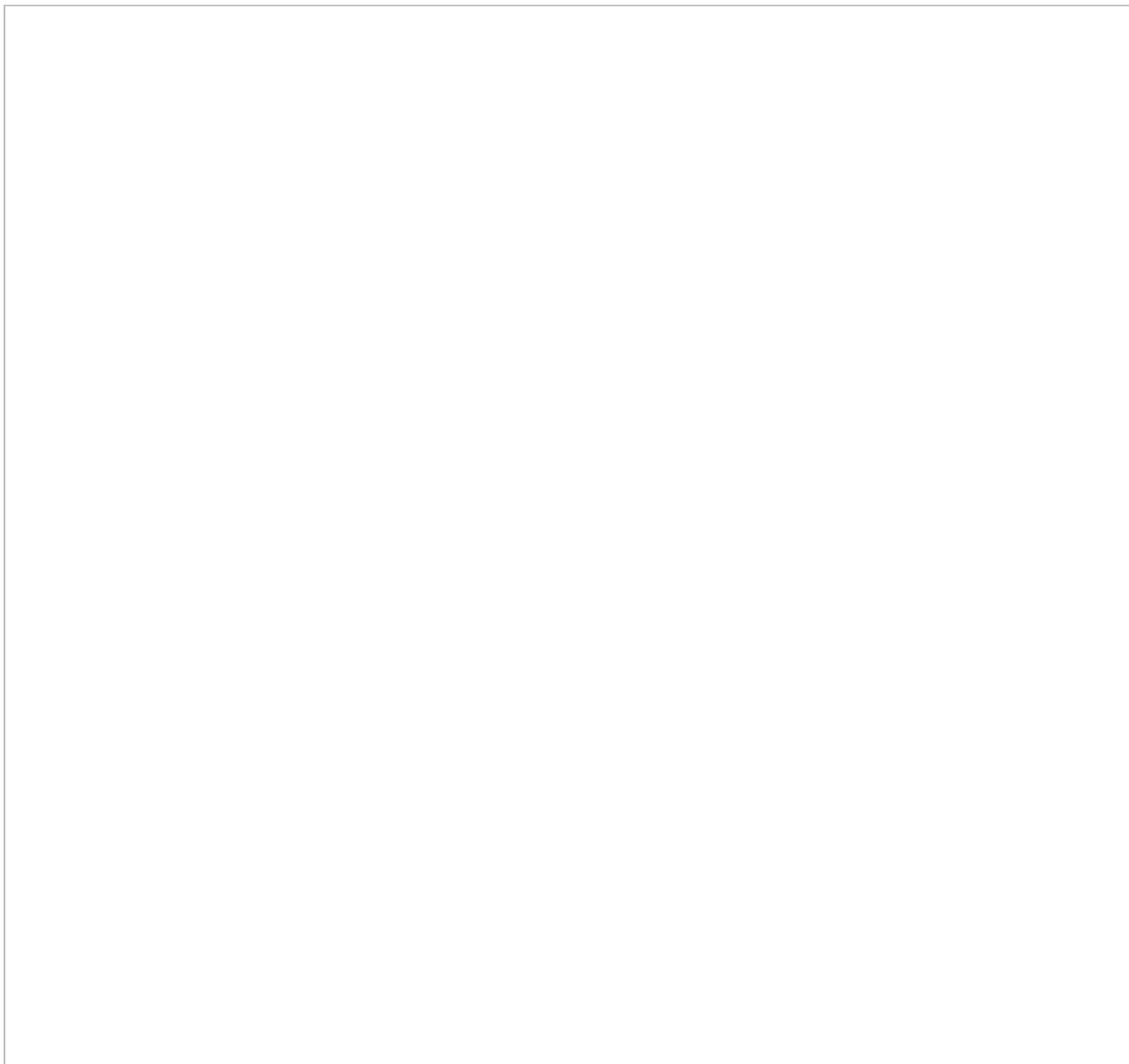
258.11 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – scheduled via Zoom or venue (tbc).

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.38.

Signature..... Date.....

Enc - Appendix A – Pretty Wild Parish

Appendix B – Income and Expenditure Report



# Pretty Wild Parish Project Status Report and Future Plan

Author: Jane Roy

Date: 8/12/2020

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## Summary

The Pretty Wild Parish project commenced in July 2020 and it was agreed that the following would be reviewed as possible schemes to form part of a programme of countryside management for the parish council.

- Row of Cherry trees along edge of Old Oxford road.
- Christmas lighting on a designated tree in Wheeler End and one in Piddington
- Management of woodland strip by A40 (Ollie's Copse)
- Management of Chipps Hill verge
- Newly planted hedges
- Wildflower meadow
- Milestone – feature
- Widening of paths on WE common
- Group planting x 2 in WE and x 1 Piddington
- Re-instate WE pond.

Before making any final decisions, the project team carried out an information gathering exercise:

- Attended BBOWT wild parish webinars
- Meeting and site visit with Nigel Adams, expert in countryside management
- Meeting and site visit with John Morris, woodland expert.
- Meeting and site visit with Bryan Edgley, Kensham farm, Pond renovation.

## Progress - December 2020

The following schemes have been completed.

- Group planting (*Piddington 3 x shrubs to be moved*)
- Christmas tree lights x 2
- Bulbs planted around the milestone
- Re-planting of bulbs in Piddington

## De-scoped

We agreed not to move forward with the following schemes:

### 1. Wheeler End pond

For the following reasons:

- The cost involved, which could be upwards of £10,000.
- Loss of habitat and shelter for wildlife caused by removing surrounding trees.
- The likelihood of the pond failing if any root systems were left in place
- The effort required to carry out and oversee the work, and ongoing management:
  - Prevention of dogs entering the pond because of the harm that flea treatment could do to invertebrates.
  - Monitoring and managing plants
  - Ensuring safety.
  - Preventing the public from 'donating' fish.

### 2. Widening of Wheeler End paths. While locals were willing to do this, it is the responsibility of the county council who carried out a widening of the paths at the end of the summer. They repeat this exercise twice a year.

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## Future Plan

### Cherry trees

A quote has been requested from Elizabeth Stilman for the supply and planting of 4 large flowering cherries opposite the factory on the old oxford road.

It is anticipated that the council will go ahead with this in Winter 20 / Spring 21

### Wildflower Meadow

An area on Piddington green has been marked out by SD. The first year we will wait to see what grows, ensuring it is excluded from the mowing regime. In Autumn 2021 the council will review this and agree whether to continue with the scheme, perhaps planting further seeds.

### Chipps Hill verge

It is recommended that the verge is cut annually in late summer and early autumn (it was not cut this year) and arisings raked and removed. To do this we need a tractor mounted flail with a long reach. WP to source a supplier to do this work next year.

Simon to meet with Neil Jackson, Conservation and Landscape Office, Chilterns Conservation Board, in the coming weeks, to discuss options to address the hawthorn and other scrub and agree actions for next year.

### Ollies Copse – Hazel hedge

Ollie to organise a working party over winter 2020-Spring 2021, to tidy the blackthorn and hazel and form a dead hedge inside the hazel coppice. This is to encourage more growth and make the area more open to discourage anti-social behaviour.

### Ollies Copse – Trees/Ash die back

Summer 2021

- Select the ash to be felled when trees are in leaf, with assistance from John Morris,
- Obtain permission from the forestry commission
- Obtain permission from Bucks county council

Autumn 2021

- Organise the felling of the trees with contractor
  - Organise the sale of wood
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Income and Expenditure December 2020

Payment	Expenditure	Subtotal	VAT	Total	Budget	Description
bacs	Mrs H Glasgow - Clerks Salary Nov	£ 560.25	£ -	£ 560.25	1	Clerks salary
bacs	BCC pension for Mrs Glasgow	£ 226.74	£ -	£ 226.74	1	BCC Pension
bacs	HMRC	£ 141.24	£ -	£ 141.24	1	HMRC
bacs	Mrs H Glasgow - Clerks expenses Nov	£ 528.49	£ 5.70	£ 534.19	2	Fuel/Zoom package/Annual office rent
bacs	TBS Hygiene LTD	£ 67.50	£ 13.50	£ 81.00	16	Environmental Services
bacs	Buckland Landscapes	£ 365.83	£ 73.17	£ 439.00	7	Grass cutting Oct
bacs	RBL (Land End Branch)	£ 17.00	£ -	£ 17.00	13	Poppy Wreath
bacs	WDALC	£ 10.00	£ -	£ 10.00	13	Subscription
bacs	Samantha North	£ 50.75	£ -	£ 50.75	15	Lights for the bus stop
bacs	JSG Handyman and Plumbing Services	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 50.00	5	Repair bottom hinge and adjust lock on gate - rec
bacs	Nick Cloke	£ 466.60	£ 93.32	£ 559.92	15	Solar lights for trees
bacs	Buckinghamshire Council	£ 43.50	£ 8.70	£ 52.20	5	Annual Play Inspection
bacs	TBS Hygiene LTD	£ 54.00	£ 10.80	£ 64.80	16	Environmental Services
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£ 2,581.90</b>	<b>£ 205.19</b>	<b>£ 2,787.09</b>		

Income	Allotment plot 10	£ 15.00	£ -	£ 15.00		
	Allotment plot 18	£ 15.00	£ -	£ 15.00		
	Allotment plot 20	£ 15.00	£ -	£ 15.00		
	Allotment plot 6	£ 15.00	£ -	£ 15.00		
	Allotment plot 25	£ 15.00	£ -	£ 15.00		
	Allotment plot 14	£ 25.00	£ -	£ 25.00		
	Allotment plot 5	£ 25.00	£ -	£ 25.00		
	Allotment plot 7 & 8	£ 25.00	£ -	£ 25.00		
	Allotment plot 3	£ 25.00	£ -	£ 25.00		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 175.00</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 175.00</b>		

HSBC Account	Statement of Account
Opening balance - 03/11/2020	£ 35,435.22
Less approved expenditure	£ 3,468.44
Less direct debit ICO annual subscription	£ -
Income	£ 175.00
<b>Total as at 03/12/2020</b>	<b>£ 32,141.78</b>

Unpresented cheques £ -