

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th October 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 Darren Hayday, Ian McEnnis.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 0.

Members questions

Councillor Hayday reported that he attended the recent Community Board Meeting and the petition to reduce the speed on the A40 was discussed. Cllr Hayday asked for variable speed cameras to be installed, this is unlikely, but Cllr Hayday will pursue this.

Cllr Ian McEnnis and the Parish Council thanked Cllr Hayday for representing them re the petition for the A40. Cllr Hayday reported that he and a few volunteers had recently done a litter pick around the Parish.

256.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.
Apologises received from Councillor Wendy Pitcher.

256.2 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on the Agenda.
None.

256.3 Minutes - To confirm the Minutes of the September Meeting.
Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman will sign the minutes at a later date.

256.4 Allotments –

i) To consider serving notice to quit to tenants with uncultivated plots.

Council discussed a couple of plots that have not been fully cultivated, although it is thought that some work has been done. Council agreed not to issue notices to quit at this time.

Cllr Digby agreed to contact one of the tenants to discuss this further.

All allotment tenants will receive an invoice, letter, and the new tenancy agreement.

ii) To consider issuing 3 months' notice to cultivate, maintain and tidy up.

Council discussed a couple of plots that have been partly cultivated but need to be tidied and maintained. Cllr Cloke agreed to contact one of the tenants to discuss this further.

Council agreed not to issue 3 months notices to quit.

iii) To discuss rubbish left at the allotments.

Council are issuing new tenancy agreements to all allotment tenants, these must be signed and returned to the Clerk. If after 30 days, the rubbish on site has not been cleared Council agreed the Clerk should issue a letter to those tenants.

iv) Additional expenditure at the allotments – machinery / skip hire

The additional income from the allotment rent increase will be approximately £225.00

Councillors discussed hiring a skip, the cost would be approximately £350 for a 10-yard skip. It was thought it would be difficult to police a skip and prevents others using it.

Council agreed to hire machinery to cut back the overgrowth & hedges bordering the allotment site. Councillor May has volunteered to do this.

v) General update

None.

256.5 Project – Pretty Parish Land Management Plan.

Councillor Roy reported that the pretty parish project team had started looking at certain areas which could be improved. We will be carrying out further planting in the parish over Autumn and Spring: Group planting of various shrubs in several locations:

- Behind the notice board on Wheeler End Common
- Behind the Wheeler End village sign on the corner of North track/Bolters End Lane
- Next to the bus stop in Piddington
- Various bulbs around the milestone in Piddington
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We are also looking at the feasibility of Christmas lights on a selected tree/shrub in Piddington and Wheeler End.

As part of the council's ongoing commitment to the green spaces and wildlife in the parish, we are working on several further initiatives. Prior to any final decisions being made the details will be published on the parish council website and on Facebook.

It was reported that the small wooded area off of the A40 is owned by Buckinghamshire Council. They have given permission for thinning works to be carried out. The Parish Council would contact BC before any works go ahead.

Mr Edgley met with Cllrs Digby, Roy and Pitcher re renovation of ponds.

Council discussed the possibility of undertaking a wild flower survey.

Cllrs May and Cloke removed all of the dead hedging.

256.6 Litter Picking

Council agreed that they would split the Parish into litter picking areas and head teams of no more than six people to carry out community litter picks.

Cllr Digby will draw up a map of the Parish with assigned areas.

The Clerk will put a post of the Facebook page asking for volunteers.

Cllr Hayday will contact Buckinghamshire Council regarding a bigger waste bin near the Dashwood Arms.

256.7 Clerks report and Correspondence.

Correspondence Received

1. BC - Trial for new cycling and walking route comes to Southcourt, Aylesbury.
2. BC - Weekly road works update.
3. BC - Leave the car at home and walk, cycle or scoot to school this month.
4. BC - Help us decide our budget priorities.
5. BC - Buckinghamshire residents asked to do their bit to stem rise in local COVID cases.
6. BC - Recycling centres switch to winter hours.
7. BC - Consultation Re: Changes to the Planning System.
8. BMKALC Parish Liaison Meeting – Wednesday 14th October.
9. BC - Information about the NHS COVID-19 app.
10. Chilterns Society - Working together for a Green Recovery in the Chilterns - Your Invitation to our online event 15th October.
11. Draft Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy for Buckinghamshire.
12. Buckinghamshire Council sets its sights on Covid recovery by proposing "best in class" devolution bid.
13. Police and Crime Commissioner newsletter - September 2020.
14. Chilterns Conservation Board enews
15. BMKALC – Training courses
16. BC – weekly updates from Martin Tett
17. TFB – weekly road updates

Clerks Report

1. I have asked Buckinghamshire Council for advice re the woodland off the A40, awaiting their reply.
2. All of the online payments have been completed as per the previous I&E report.
3. Received a complaint about the grass cutting on Wheeler End Common. Advised Buckinghamshire Council.
4. Received a complaint about flytipping on Wheeler End Common. Contacted the company involved and the waste was removed.

5. I ordered 6 litter pickers and waste bags from Buckinghamshire Council, these were free of charge.

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6. Buckinghamshire Council will organise for the waste to be taken away if we give a date and location.

7. I have received a couple of phone calls re when/if the Dashwood Arms will re-open. Cllr Brown spoke to the company that owns the Dashwood Arms and a business plan and refurbishment works has been submitted from an interested party. With Covid, this may take longer than usual and it is unlikely the pub will re-open before Christmas.

8. Checks completed on the AED unit.

9. No allotments are currently vacant.

10. Any member of the public can report a problem to TFB on the website fix my street – www.fixmystreet.com

256.8 Finance i) Approval of the invoices submitted in September 2020

Payment	Expenditure	Subtotal	VAT	Total	Description
bacs	Mrs H Glasgow - Clerks Salary Sept	£ 654.43	£ -	£ 654.43	Clerks salary
bacs	BCC pension for Mrs Glasgow Aug	£ 269.04	£ -	£ 269.04	BCC Pension
bacs	HMRC Sept	£ 196.79	£ -	£ 196.79	HMRC
bacs	Mrs H Glasgow - Clerks expenses Sept	£ 26.99	£ 5.40	£ 32.39	Zoom Package/fu
bacs	JSG Handyman & Plumbing Services	£ 235.00	£ -	£ 235.00	Installation of kissi
bacs	TBS Hygiene LTD	£ 54.00	£ 10.80	£ 64.80	Environmental Sei
bacs	Buckland Landscapes	£ 365.83	£ 73.17	£ 439.00	Grass cutting Aug
bacs	TBS Hygiene LTD	£ 54.00	£ 10.80	£ 64.80	Environmental Sei
	Total Expenditure	£ 1,856.08	£100.17	£ 1,956.25	

Income	Precept			
	Total	£ 11,857.50	£ -	£ 11,857.50

HSBC Account	Statement of Account
Opening balance - 02/09/2020	£ 27,145.11
Less approved expenditure	£ 1,956.25
Less direct debit ICO annual subscription	£ -
Income	£ 11,857.50
Total as at 05/10/2020	£ 37,046.36
Unpresented cheques	£ -

ii) Expenditure against Budget

Council noted the expenditure against budget report. The budget currently looks healthy with good reserves. The pretty parish project is likely to cost a large amount and it is hoped this expenditure is easily covered in the current and next financial year.

The Clerk will present the November expenditure against budget report over the last 3 years at the next Parish Council meeting. This will give Councillors an idea of the growth in budget.

iii) To appoint the Internal Auditor for 20/21.

Council approved the appointment of Lucy Stupples to carry out the Internal Audit.

256.9 Members questions and statements.

Council received an email regarding Climate Change from a Parish Councillor of Hazlemere Parish Council. Cllr Roy responded, and he has been invited to a future PC meeting.

Cllr Cloke will ask Buckland Landscapes to replant the daffodil bulbs that were mown in error on Piddington Green.. Cllr Digby reported that Buckinghamshire Council has unblocked the drain at the bottom of Dashwood Hill but it is now blocked again. This will be reported again.

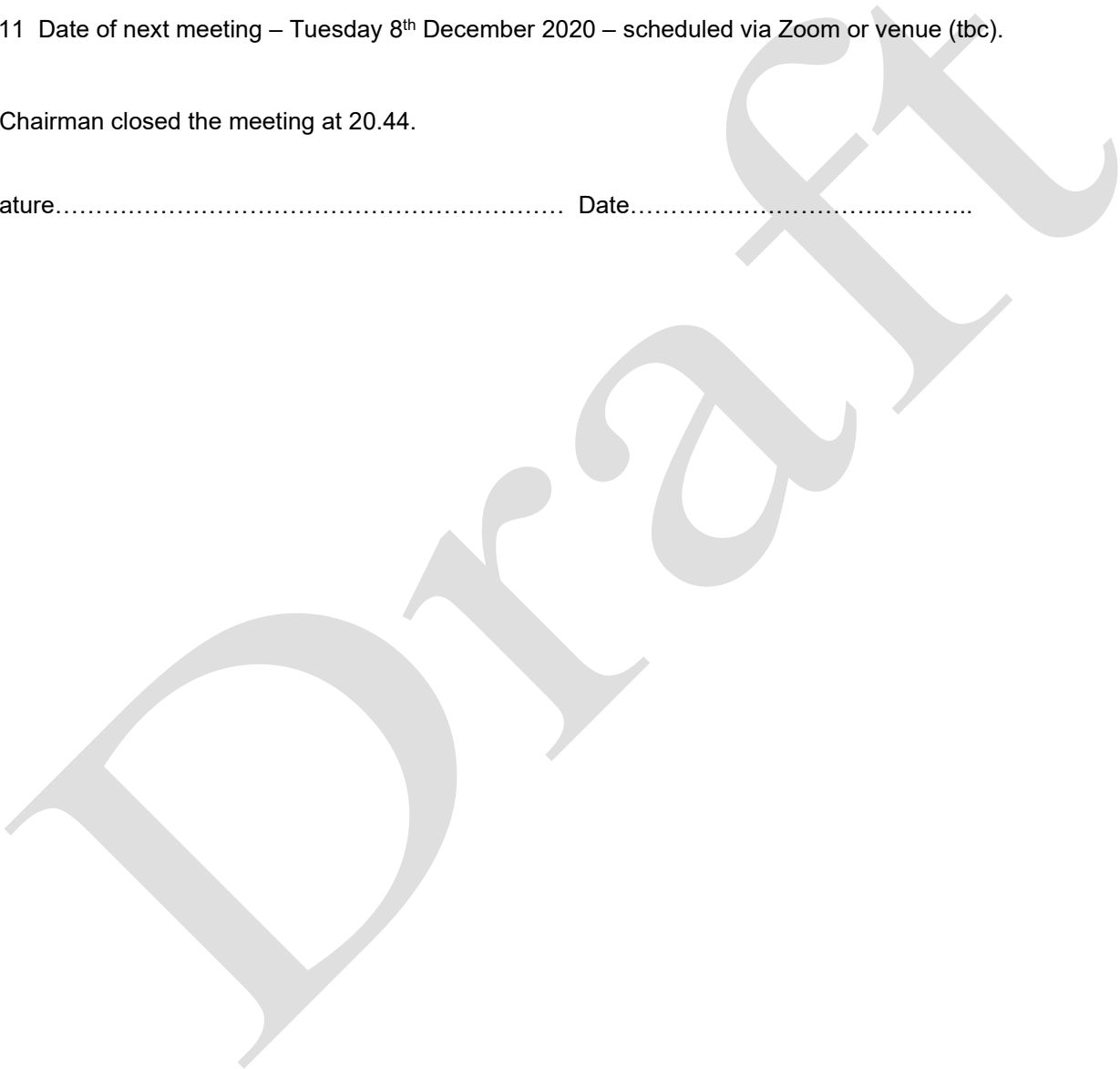
256.10 Planning Applications

None.

256.11 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 8th December 2020 – scheduled via Zoom or venue (tbc).

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.44.

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



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