

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom

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

Councillor Darren Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 0.

Members questions

Councillor Darren Hayday reported that the A40 petition is gaining momentum. Buckinghamshire Council may consider reducing the speed limit to 50mph.

Buckinghamshire Council carried out a speed survey on the A40 and the average speeds were recorded at just over 50mph. However, the public perception is that the speeds are much greater.

It was reported that the drains at the bottom of Dashwood Hill have now been unblocked.

Councillor Hayday reported that Buckinghamshire Council are looking at the number of Councillors per wards.

255.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Councillor Wendy Pitcher & Councillor Jane Roy.

Apologies received from Councillor Ian McEnnis.

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

None.

255.3 Minutes - To confirm the Minutes of the July Meeting.

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

255.4 Project – Pretty Parish Land Management Plan.

It was reported that Cllr Digby attended 2 of the Bucks, Berks, and Oxon Wildlife Trust Webinars. The Clerk will ask for a copy of the presentations and send to all Councillors.

Councillors discussed the saplings on the green along the A40. Council has been advised that they only have a 32% survival rate mainly due to the lack of water and longer dryer summers. Saplings need at least a 70% survival rate. It was agreed that the dead saplings would be removed, and the surviving ones would be left on the row nearest the A40. The other saplings beside Old Oxford Road will be pulled out completely.

There are currently 2 orders for saplings, it was agreed that one order would be cancelled, and we would plant the remaining order.

The Pretty Parish Management Plan will be discussed at the October meeting when Councillor Roy is able to attend.

255.5 To discuss the children's play equipment at Piddington Recreational Ground -Covid-19.

The Parish Council considered the current government guidelines and felt that to safely open the play equipment a cleaning regime would need to be undertaken. This is too onerous for a small parish council with a limited precept.

The Parish Council agreed that the play equipment should remain closed and they will continue to review the government guidelines.

255.6 Clerks report and Correspondence.

Correspondence Received

1. War Memorial Magazine
2. BC – Covid-19 testing centre info
3. BC – Opening of schools
4. BC - New recycling and waste contract announced for southern Buckinghamshire
5. Community Board Meeting – 30th September. Clerk to attend.
6. WDALC Meeting – 17th September. Clerk to attend.
7. BC - Comments welcome on extension of Public Spaces Protection Orders
8. BMKALC – Training courses
9. Wycombe Community Governance Review: Notification to Interested Parties
10. Chiltern Conservation Board e-news
11. BMKALC - Planning Consultations

12. Chiltern Society magazine

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13. BC – weekly updates from Martin Tett

14. Wycombe Area Rural Forum - Time for a food partnership for Buckinghamshire

15. TFB – weekly road updates

Clerks Report

1. We have received the External Auditors report back. They reported that all proper practices have been followed and no concerns were raised.
2. I have put the completed audit up on the noticeboards, website & Facebook page.
3. I have put the 2019/20 completed finance documents on the website.
4. I have been contacted by a Ramblers' path checker for the parish. On 22 August they had an altercation with dangerous dogs from Oak Ridge Farm when they were walking footpath 12. This has been reported to the police and Councillor Curzon will raise this at the next NAG meeting.
5. The current advice is to continue to hold Parish Council Meetings via virtual platforms.
6. All the invoices that were submitted have been paid online. Checked by Cllrs Digby, & Cloke.
7. I have received a complaint that the children's play equipment is not yet open.
8. The football nets have been installed at Piddington Rec.
9. The new signs have been installed at Piddington Rec.
10. The Parishioner has been reimbursed for the items purchased for the bus stop.
11. No allotments are currently vacant.
12. Any member of the public can report a problem to TFB on the website fix my street – www.fixmystreet.com

255.7 Finance i) Approval of the invoices submitted in July 2020 (retrospective)

Payment	Expenditure	Subtotal	VAT	Total
bacs	Mrs H Glasgow - Clerks Salary July	£ 534.29	£ -	£ 534.29
bacs	BCC pension for Mrs Glasgow June	£ 216.26	£ -	£ 216.26
bacs	HMRC July	£ 133.60	£ -	£ 133.60
bacs	Mrs H Glasgow - Clerks expenses July	£ 70.11	£ 14.03	£ 84.14
bacs	JSG Handyman & Plumbing Services	£ 35.00	£ -	£ 35.00
bacs	Nigel Adams Countryside Management	£ 240.00	£ -	£ 240.00
bacs	Samantha North	£ 35.00	£ -	£ 35.00
bacs	TBS Hygiene	£ 67.50	£ 13.50	£ 81.00
bacs	Parish Council Website	£ 200.00	£ -	£ 200.00
bacs	Buckland Landscapes	£ 365.83	£ 73.17	£ 439.00
	Total Expenditure	£ 1,897.59	£100.70	£ 1,998.29

Income

Total £ - £ - £ -

HSBC Account Statement of Account
Opening balance - 06/07/2020 £ 30,921.35

Less approved expenditure £ 1,777.95

Less direct debit ICO annual
subscription £ -

Income £ -

Total as at 04/08/2020 £ 29,143.40

Unpresented cheques £ -

ii) Approval of invoices submitted in August 2020

Payment	Expenditure	Subtotal	VAT	Total
bacs	Mrs H Glasgow - Clerks Salary Aug	£ 534.29	£ -	£ 534.29
bacs	BCC pension for Mrs Glasgow Jul	£ 216.26	£ -	£ 216.26

bacs	HMRC Aug	£	133.60	£	-	£	133.60
bacs	Mrs H Glasgow - Clerks expenses Aug	£	49.99	£	6.00	£	55.99
bacs	JSG Handyman & Plumbing Services	£	35.00	£	-	£	35.00
bacs	G B Sport and Leisure	£	60.00	£	12.00	£	72.00
bacs	PKF Littlejohn LLP	£	200.00	£	40.00	£	240.00
bacs	Buckland Landscapes	£	365.83	£	73.17	£	439.00
	Total Expenditure	£	1,594.97	£	131.17	£	1,726.14

Income

Total	£	-	£	-	£	-
HSBC Account	Statement of Account					
Opening balance - 04/08/2020	£	29,143.40				
Less approved expenditure	£	1,998.29				
Less direct debit ICO annual subscription	£	-				
Income	£	-				
Total as at 02/09/2020	£	27,145.11				
Unpresented cheques	£	-				

iii) To consider the NALC point scale increase.

Council approved an increase from SCP 28 to SCP 29 backdated to April 2020, in line with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) agreed pay scales.

255.8 Members questions and statements.

Cllr Cloke reported that the Allotment Working Party had met and agreed the sizes of allotment plots. They identified 9 plots as double plots, and these will be invoiced at the new agreed rates apart from one plot that has just been taken over by a new tenant and is overgrown and currently being cleared.

The Allotment Working Party has also agreed a new tenancy agreement which has been adopted by the Parish Council and these will be issued to all tenants with their invoice.

Cllr Cloke will draft a letter to allotment tenants on behalf of the Allotment Working Party to inform them of what they have and will be doing and inviting all tenants to join.

It was agreed that at the October Parish Council Meeting there would be a discussion on how the Parish Council can make use of the extra income from the increased allotment rents. Council could possibly hire a skip once a year for all tenants to use. Councillor May stated that if Council were to hire a machine to cut back the hedges/brambles on the A40 which are currently growing onto allotment plots, he would volunteer to cut these back.

The Allotment Working Party will investigate skip / machinery hire and report at the October Parish Council Meeting.

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255.9 Planning Applications

Planning ref – 20/07227/FUL – The Old Crown, Wheeler End. Application for : Householder application for construction of a single storey rear infill extension.

No objections.

255.10 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th October 2020 – scheduled via Zoom or venue (tbc).

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.43.

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

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