

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 7.30pm

Cllrs Mr S Digby – Chairman, Mr P Brown, Mr J Day, Mr O May, Mrs W Pitcher, Mr T Willet.

Buckinghamshire Councillor – Cllr D Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 2.

Public Questions

A group of Parishioners have been implementing plans for the Queens Platinum Jubilee party. The Parish Council had donated £810 for supplies, it was confirmed that the majority of items have now been purchased. Parishioners have managed to secure insurance and printing free of charge. They have also applied for a road closure of Queen Street. Parishioners thanked the Parish Council and Cllr Darren Hayday for their support.

Cllr Hayday reported that the speed reduction of the A40 has now been completed. Longer term, it would be good if Buckinghamshire Council could install average speed cameras.

The Parish Council has recently undertaken an exercise of installing speed tubes over a two-week period on Bolter End Lane. The information has been captured in a report and this has been produced on a spreadsheet. Councillors have analysed the report. It was noted that speeds were generally higher than 30mph. It was agreed that the Chairman would email the data to Cllr Darren Hayday with suggested safety measures such as painted roundels on the road. Councillor Hayday will contact the Community Board and the Road Safety Officer at Buckinghamshire Council. It might be that the PC can apply for funding or part funding for an MVAS, these usually costs in the region of £2 – 3k.

The signs have been moved at the bottom of Chipps Hill, Council thanked Cllr Hayday for his support.

272.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.

Cllr S Thomas. Buckinghamshire Councillors Orshi Hayday.

272.2 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda.

None.

272.3 To confirm the Minutes of the March Meeting

Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

272.4 Clerk's report and Correspondence.

1. Health & Safety and Compliance April 20th at 10am – Online training course
2. Star Council Awards
3. Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust
4. North West Chilterns Community Board Newsletter
5. New gambling licensing policy adopted – Buckinghamshire Council
6. 70 Trees for 70 Years – one month to go! Buckinghamshire Council
7. Bucks Lottery celebrates two years of supporting local good causes
8. Training - Common Land 8th of June & Village Greens 5th of July (clerk attending both)
9. Buckinghamshire Council and FCC Environment unveil bug hotel to celebrate new Household Recycling Centre contract
10. Buckinghamshire Council extends its e-scooter trial
11. Fly-tippers prosecuted after being caught red-handed by hidden cameras – Buckinghamshire Council
12. An update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
13. Buckinghamshire launches its Ukraine Crisis Fund
14. Police & Crime Bulletin - Mar '22 - Safer Streets, Road Safety & more...
15. Update from Steve Bowles on the Ukraine situation
16. Driver awarded for prompt action that ensured pupils' safety
17. Council welcomes budget support for struggling households
18. Buckinghamshire Council begins removing illegally parked vehicles from public roads
19. Ukraine visa scheme - An update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
20. Letter from Steve Bowles - Update on 'Homes for Ukraine'
21. News this spring from the Ridgeway National Trail
22. Buckinghamshire Council Chairman plants tree for Queen's Jubilee
23. Buckinghamshire Council to convert first refuse vehicle to electric thanks to government grant
24. Latest news on Community Safety in Buckinghamshire
25. Buckinghamshire Council New Licensing Policy

Clerks Report

1. I have booked the annual play area inspection.
2. An allotment tenant reported that soil was stolen from their plot on several occasions. Cllr Thomas met with the allotment tenant.
3. I have completed the VAT return.
4. I have updated the asset register.
5. I have completed the final PAYE submission to HMRC.
6. I have started work on the year end accounts.
7. I have chased the waste management team at Bucks Council re installing a new waste bin, Cllr O Hayday is also on the case.
8. As agreed at the last meeting I have made a payment of £810 to the Horticultural Society for the PCs contribution to the Jubilee event.
9. I did report that the drains on Chipps Hill are still blocked. The drains team will investigate this but no time frame has been given.
10. Data from the speed tubes has been sent to Councillors.
11. I have booked the Internal Audit to be carried out in May.
12. Cllr Day raised the issue of the PC applying for a waste exemption licence for burning waste at the allotments. Cllr Day will look into this.
13. Attended a year end financial training course.
14. Submitted the article for Contact magazine.
15. Checks on the AED unit have been completed.
16. The on-line bacs payments have been completed.
17. Any member of the public can report a problem to TFB on the website fix my street – www.fixmystreet.com

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5.1) Approval of the invoices submitted in March 2022

Clerks Salary	£560.25	
BCC Pension	£226.74	
HMRC	£140.00	
Expenses	£40.58	Fuel / webroot
Parish Council Website	£500.00	Annual Package
TBS Hygiene	£64.80	Environmental Waste
Parish Council Website	£35.00	Email support
James Chipps	£1300.00	Works on Chipps Hill
Total Expenditure	£2,867.37	
Income	£0.00	

Opening Balance – 03/03/22	£27,003.81
Less approved Expenditure	£2,553.37
ICO	£35.00
Less Banking Charge	£5.80

Total as at 05/04/22 £24,409.64

5.2) Expenditure against budget

Council noted the budget report for 21/22. The budget came in £7600 under budget. This was due to there being no elections, underspends on Chipps Hill and on projects.

5.3) To note the VAT return

Council noted the VAT claim. The Clerk will submit this.

272.6 To note the asset register

Council noted the asset register.

272.7 Update on the Queens Platinum Jubilee plans

There will be a Jubilee picnic on Wheeler End Common (Northside) on Thursday 2nd June 2022 from 2pm onwards. There will be a bouncy castle, face painting, family fun & games, jubilee picnic & tea. In the evening there will be a bring your own BBQ.

There will also be a celebration on Queen Street (road closure application has been submitted) on Friday 3rd June 2022 from 12 noon. There will be a local singer, children’s entertainer, chalk drawings, face painting. The Dashwood Roadhouse will provide a pop-up bar. There will also be ‘Bring your own BBQ’.

Later on, from about 3.30pm on Piddington Recreational ground there will be children’s activities and adults tug of war.

Council thanked all the volunteers who were helping with the events.

272.8 Emergency plan

Cllr Willet presented a list of minor changes for the emergency plan. Cllrs Willet and Digby will work on implementing the changes and will report back to Council.

272.9 Allotments

Cllr Day was hoping to have a scaled plan of the allotments but unfortunately has not been able to find someone to do this.

Cllr Day will draw up a list of actions from the notes taken when he and Cllr Thomas visited the plots.

Planning Ref – 22/05627/FUL – 28 Wellfield Road, Piddington. Application for: Householder application for construction of single storey front and rear extension and two storey side extension, loft conversion with rear box dormer, fenestration and external material alterations, single storey detached garden room for gym use, widening of existing dropped kerb and driveway alterations, installation of photovoltaic panels to roof, air source heat pump and installation of a rain water/grey water tank.

No comments.

272.10 Members Questions and Statements.

A Parishioner asked if Wheeler End Common could be cut more regularly. It is the PCs understanding that the common is cut once a year and this is done by Buckinghamshire Council.

The Clerk will ask Buckland Landscapes for a quote to pick up all the branches/sticks that have fallen on the Village Green.

Council thanked Cllr Hayday for doing a litter pick.

The Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and normal meeting will now be held on Tuesday 17th May instead of the 10th May.

272.11 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 17th May 2022, Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at - 20.25

Signed..... Dated.....