

The Parish Councillors continue to strive to operate more efficiently and to get greater value for money for the community. Included in the improvements made are –

- The Parish Council has developed a major emergency plan
- Financial Regulations which ensure best practice have been operated throughout the year and acknowledged by our auditor
- Parish Councillors and Sharon Henson have attended many meetings through the year representing the Parish Council, including the BCC Accessibility Forum, the SLCC Training Course, Thames Valley Police Forum, Standards Training session, LAF meetings, numerous NAGs, and many more

It is with great satisfaction that I look over the past year as a result of the accomplishments that we have managed to achieve. This would have been impossible without the services of our clerk, Sharon Henson. She has single-handedly made molehills out of mountains and used her extensive network of contacts to seek speedy resolution to issues. Her vast knowledge and massive experience have been an enormous help to this Parish Council, and all carried out with great humour. I thank her wholeheartedly for creating our team and pushing us to succeed on so many fronts.

Vice Chairman Alan Hackett willingly took up position mid-year and I thank him for his support. Councillor Jean Galliven is a stalwart of our Council. Councillor Wendy Pitcher has been very active member an invaluable for Wheeler End input. Councillor Sylvia Storey continues to be the eyes and ears of the Parish Council and has added hugely to our achievements by her unselfish participation in many local meetings. I am saddened to be losing Councillor Laura Bowen and thank her for her energy and input in her time with us.

I must also thank our local representatives for all of their support. County Councillor Frank Downes and District Councillor Ian McEnnis have been great supporters of our Parish Council, and a special acknowledgement to District Councillor Mrs Jean Teesdale who has always been at hand to help out when needed.

The Piddington and Wheeler End Parish Council continues in great shape. I believe we are making real value added changes and with the support of our Parishioners, I look forward to even greater things in the future.

3. Annual Accounts

The Responsible Financial Officer, Mrs Henson had issued sets of accounts and went through them with everyone present. They will become part of the minutes of the meeting.

4. District Councillor's Reports

Cllr Mrs Teesdale is pleased to see Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council represented at so many meetings and is proud to work with them to represent their residents. She reported that Cllr Ian McEnnis is now Vice Chairman of Wycombe District Council and that she remains as the Cabinet Member for Planning and Sustainability.

Most recently she has been involved in the Gypsy and Traveller consultation and has had several face to face meetings with concerned residents and hopes that their questions and concerns have been addressed. She has kept County Cllr Fran Downes in the loop on this issue. Cllr Mrs Teesdale that the current traveller site in Studley Green will be applying for retrospective planning permission and that WDC would not allow an expansion of the site. The other area on the far side of Stokenchurch will be applying for 8 permanent pitches.

Neither of the sites will be transit sites.

She is always willing to help with planning applications.

5. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Downes reported that the pothole filling programme is proceeding quite well however for some residents not quickly enough. An extra £3.5million has been allocated to road maintenance to get the roads back to a safe level. Potholes are being filled in order of 'hazard'. Cllr Downes is concerned that if we have another bad winter we will be back to square on road surfacing and feels that a major long term programme of major resurfacing and upgrading of surfaces needs to be considered. However BCC are already in a deficit budget which will increase to £27m by 2013. They are looking at all ways of reducing this deficit and combining forces with other organisations to make costs savings, however it is possible that the new government will cut budgets by a further 25% and if this happens then BCC will have to consider cutting services as they will already have made all the economy and efficiency savings they can.

6. Open Forum and reports from other bodies

The Chairman opened the meeting for residents to ask questions.

Mrs Harris raised concerns over activity on the traveller site at Studley Green and Pendles Paddock – Cllr Mrs Teesdale took note and stated that she would investigate her observations. Local people were concerned that there is a plan to extend the site.

Mrs Bristow and Mr Peachey Saunders had similar concerns.

Mrs Harris, Mrs Bristow and Cllr Hackett all agreed that the area or road at the bottom of Piddington Lane needs cutting out and resurfacing.

Mrs Harris felt that the standard of pothole repair was not good enough as the one between 12/14 Queen Street was already breaking up.

Mrs Bristow asked if the Parish Council could investigate supplying water to the allotments. She had carried out some investigations. The Clerk had been advised by Thames Water that to produce a quote would cost £235 which was non refundable if we did not proceed with the project.

Mrs Harris was concerned about the building works on Norths Estate, Princes Street – Cllr Mrs Teesdale and the Clerk will investigate.

Mrs Harris asked if there was any way in which we could co-ordinate BCC grass cutting with our own grass cutting so that they do not overlap.

Residents raised concerns about lorries driving across the corner of Piddington Green and damaging the area. This is caused by cars being parked on Old Oxford Road and the lorries not having sufficient space to turn.

Concerns were raised about the house at the bottom of Prince Street and the cars parked at the junction making visibility difficult.

Other parking concerns were raised – see May Minutes.

The Clerk will write to West Wycombe Motors and ask them if they could stop washing their cars on the highway.

The Chairman closed the meeting and asked everyone to join the Councillors in light refreshments.

Receipts and Payments Account -Year ended 31st March 2010

Receipts	Year ended 31.3.2010	
31.3.2009		
Opening balance current account	4456.85	2594.83
Opening balance – Bank of Ireland	114.17	19854.94
Interest_	0.17	362.87
Precept	15000.00	15000.00
HM Customs	1181.71	3471.04
Chiltern Society Grant	----	500.00
Allotment Income	130.00	---
County Councillors & District Councillors Leaders Fund		----- 700.00
Refund for paper	----	34.93
Unpresented cheque –credit back to account	11.75	---
Total income	20894.65	42518.61
 Payments		
Clerks salary, allowances and pension	4232.50	4111.94
Administration	1389.87	1621.58
Insurance	537.93	606.31
Audits (internal & external)	360.00	210.00
Recreation Grounds Maint/insp/wayleave/	8399.22	21058.81
War Memorial Restoration(Sect 133 LGA 1948)	-----	2508.00
Maintenance of Piddington Green/Bus shelter	910.00	1555.00
Maintenance of Wh/End bus shelter/	282.39	59.00
Hire of village hall	216.00	198.00
Subscriptions	181.76	206.57
Donations: WERAG	----	200.00
Piddington Village Hall (Sect 87 PHA 1936)	----	1141.34
VAT on purchases	1181.71	3471.04
Clearance of Chippys Hill	----	1000.00
Bank adjustment on cheque	0.10	----
Total Expenditure	17691.48	37,947.59
 Cumulative Fund		
Opening Balance	4571.02	22449.77
Income	16323.63	20068.84
	20894.65	42518.61
 Expenditure	17691.48	37947.59
Balance not allocated	3203.17	4571.02