

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th May 2012 at 8.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

**Present: Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mr A. Hackett, Mrs J. Galliven, Mrs S. Storey, Mr. F. Swainston
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk**

1 member of the public

**Apologies were accepted from: Cllr Mrs W. Pitcher, District Cllrs Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale,
Mr I. McEnnis, County Cllr Mr F. Downes**

1. Cllr Simon Digby as Chairman welcomed everyone present and thanked them for their support over the previous year.

2. Chairman's Report

The Piddington and Wheeler End Parish Council has maintained a solid forward momentum in the last year. Guided and advised by its clerk, Sharon Henson, the Council has improved the local environ, represented its parishioners at a number of public forums and looked after the wellbeing of the people in its area. All of the councillors volunteer large amounts of time and effort to their local community which is very much appreciated.. Our thoughts, comments and decisions travel far and wide and impact many different areas of public life.

In the last twelve months the Piddington and Wheeler End Parish Council has carried out the following work –

- The Parish Council website has been constantly updated and attracts a steady stream of users
- Both Wheeler End and Piddington have published an Emergency Plan outlining what process will be in place should either area be involved in a major incident. Key people in the Parish have been identified and Emergency Management Team Contacts established
- Three grit bins have been purchased and sited across the parish at key points
- The recreation ground has been maintained and improved including a repaired boundary fence and new basketball backboard
- Chipps Hill was cleared of brambles allowing more delicate flora to come through
- The allotments have been under the Council's management for two years and have been improved with the further clearing of brambles and the removal of an old willow tree
- A wreath was laid at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday
- Daffodil planting was completed adding some springtime colour to Piddington Green
- White lines for the dropped kerbs were organised
- The TRO application has been pushed diligently through the bureaucratic treacle of local government and is due imminently
- Unofficial horse riders and pony and traps have been reported at Wheeler End Common
- Representations were made to the local bus companies to maintain services
- Donations were made to Bucks Search and Rescue, the Piddington Jubilee Fund and the Piddington Village Hall disabled toilets building fund
- The footpath from Ham Farm to West Wycombe has been cleared
- The decision to have the play area hedge cut and laid but will not happen until we have another two summers growth
- We will improve the lettering on the War Memorial
- We are considering installing a new piece of play equipment but must consider potential vandalism

I am very proud of the achievements of the Parish Council over the last year. The driving force making sure that we keep achieving for our parishioners is our clerk, Sharon Henson. She has the uncanny ability of paddling like fury beneath the surface, whilst maintaining a calm and collected exterior. Sharon naturally espouses all the values of our council and ensures that she gets the very best from her Councillors. Her hard work and diligence have been an enormous help to this Parish Council, all carried out to a regular tempo of continual achievement. I thank her sincerely for navigating our Council through the thick and thin with a smile on her face.

Vice Chairman Alan Hackett has supported me as Vice-Chairman and ably filled in for me when I have been unavailable, and I thank him for this. Councillors Jean Galliven and Wendy Pitcher are invaluable members and guide this Council in all matters pertaining to Wheeler End. I thank them both for their continuing sage advice and guidance. Councillor Sylvia Storey is the eyes of Piddington and has selflessly attended many meetings on behalf of this Parish Council and also carries out the weekly inspection of the Recreation Ground. Councillors Fraser Swainston and Jo Redfern are always to hand when needed and contribute to the lively debates at meetings.

I must also thank our local representatives for their continuing support. County Councillor Frank Downes and District Councillor Ian McEnnis are 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 are in good shape. I believe we are continuing to have a positive impact on our area and with the support of our Parishioners, I know that this will continue for a long time.

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. Open Forum and reports from other bodies

No questions were raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm and asked everyone to join the Councillors in light refreshments.

Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council - Receipts and Payments Account - Year ended 31st March 2012

Receipts	Year ended 31.3.2012	Year ended 31.3.2011
Precept	18500.00	18500.00
Interest	0.02	0.00
HM Customs	577.50	315.47
Allotment Income	130.00	135.00
BCC Community Leaders Fund	500.00	--
Total income	19707.52	19011.57
Payments		
Clerks salary, pension	4328.28	4888.77
Administration	2103.08	1600.34
Insurance	575.52	554.87
Audits (internal & external)	210.00	210.00
Recreation Grounds Maint/insp/wayleave/rent	1596.07	1655.51
Maintenance of Piddington Green/Bus shelter/bulbs	1492.00	1520.00
Maintenance of Wh/End bus shelter/War Mem/	230.00	290.00
Hire of village hall	216.00	216.00
Subscriptions	231.07	208.00
Donations: WERAG	----	200.00
Piddington Village Hall (Sect 19 LGA 1976)	1550.00	1000.00
VAT on purchases	577.50	315.47
Allotment	560.00	
S137 – Poppy Wreath	50.00	40.00
Sue Ryder Hospice donation for chair	165.00	
Work on Chipps Hill	980.00	----
Total Expenditure	14864.52	12698.96
Cumulative Fund		
Opening Balance	9515.78	3203.17
Income	19707.52	19011.57
	29223.30	22214.74
Expenditure	14864.52	12698.96
Balance not allocated	14358.78	9515.78
Represented by:		
Current account	14244.42	9401.44
Bank of Ireland	114.36	114.34

S. Digby, Chairman,

S.L. Henson, Responsible Financial Officer

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