

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th May 2013 at 9.00pm in Piddington Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mr A. Hackett, Mr, Mrs S. Storey, Mrs W. Pitcher, Ms J. Redfern, Mr. F. Swainston Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

County Cllr Mr D. Hayday, County & District Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale, Dist Cllr Mr I. McEnnis

3 members of the public

Apologies were accepted from: Cllr Mrs J. Galliven

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 continued its mission of diligently managing the local environ whilst ensuring that the best value for money is delivered for all of our parishioners. Aided by the firm hand of our clerk, Sharon Henson, the Council has literally brightened the local area with the planting of a 280 metre stretch of daffodils, represented its parishioners at many different public forums whilst ensuring that the unsung day-to-day dull stuff gets done – repairing of potholes, prevent the riding of ponies on Wheeler End Common, maintaining a beady eye on building activity to ensure adherence to plans and making sure that people are not in harm's way but maintaining all of the Parish's equipment to the highest standard. Our councillors volunteer their own time to many mundane tasks which is appreciated by the community. We contribute to many outside groups and forums in order to represent the views of our residents.

- In the last year the Piddington and Wheeler End Parish Council has been busy and has carried out the following work –
- The Parish Council website was constantly updated and continues to attract a steady stream of users and now has cookie control
- The TRO has been put into effect, preventing vehicles of over five tonnes parking anywhere along the old Oxford Road.
- The clerk has continually worked with the Bucks County Council Local Area Technician to log the work that had to be done on our roads
- The recreation ground has been maintained and improved including the installation of a basket swing and imminent siting of steel goalposts paid for with the help of donations from our two District Councillors
- The epicornic growth has been cleared from twenty-one lime trees and one acacia
- The allotments have been under the Council's management for three years and are now fully allocated
- A poppy wreath was laid at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday
- Chipps Hill drains were cleared and the potholes on King Street repaired
- White lines for the dropped kerbs have been ordered
- We have entered the Best Kept Village competition for the first time with the goal of winning an award within the next five years – there is a lot of tidying up to be done
- The first steps towards creating a twenty year vision have been taken outlining where we hope to take the Council and the steps needed to deliver for our parishioners
- Donations were made many local organisations in order to assist their individual works and to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee

The pillar behind our work is our clerk, Sharon Henson. She keeps us all on track and the key priorities at top of our agenda. Her tentacles reach across three Councils and this means that we are always appraised of any issues that might need our attention. Sharon attends numerous meetings and forums on our behalf and always ensures that our voice is heard. This Parish Council would not get much done if it was not for the energy and efficiency of our Clerk. I thank her sincerely for all of her hard work and guidance.

Vice Chairman Alan Hackett has always supported me as Vice-Chairman and ably filled in for me when I have been unavailable, for which I am grateful. Councillors Jean Galliven and Wendy Pitcher are valued members and ably guide this Council. I thank them both for their input and guidance. Councillor Sylvia Storey is the conscience of Piddington and has selflessly attended many meetings on behalf of this Parish Council and also continues to carry out the weekly inspection of the Recreation Ground. Councillors Fraser Swainston and Jo Redfern always contribute to the lively debates at meetings.

I must also thank our local representatives for their continuing support. County Councillor Frank Downes has always supported the Parish Council and in the year of his retirement from public office, we wish him well. District Councillor Ian McEnnis is a great supporter of our Parish Council, and a special thanks to District Councillor Mrs Jean Teesdale who has always been at hand to help out when needed. We now welcome Cllr Darren Hayday, our Independent candidate who was elected on 2nd May.

The Piddington and Wheeler End Parish Council is in fine fettle. I believe that we continue to have a positive impact on our Parish and long may that continue.

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

Cllr Mrs Storey gave an update on the work of the Thames Valley Police NAG.

Two residents asked about the Parish Council's thoughts on converting The Brickmakers to a dwelling. The landlord of The Dashwood Arms gave everyone a brief on his forthcoming plans for the pub. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm and asked everyone to join the Councillors in light refreshments.

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st March

Receipts	Year Ending 31.3.12	Year Ending 31.3.2013
Precept	18500.00	18500.00
Interest	0.02	0.02
HM Customs	577.50	1980.83
Allotment Income	130.00	270.00
BCC Community Leaders Fund	500.00	0
WDC Ward Budget	0.00	336.80
Total income	19707.52	21087.65

Payments

Clerks salary, pension	4328.28	4328.28
Administration	2103.08	1660.04
Insurance	575.52	575.52
Audits (internal & external)	210.00	210.00
Recreation Grounds Maint/insp/wayleave/rent	1596.07	3220.29
Maintenance of Piddington Green/Bus shelter/bulbs	1492.00	2861.00
Maintenance of Wh/End bus shelter/War Mem/	230.00	297.98
Hire of village hall	216.00	0
Subscriptions	231.07	211.62
Diamond Jubilee parties, bunting and trees	0	1104.90
Donation: Bucks Search & Rescue/Chiltern Soc	0	250.00
Piddington Village Hall (Sect 19 LGA 1976)	1550.00	0
VAT on purchases	577.50	1980.83
Allotment	560.00	1010.00
S137 – Poppy Wreath	50.00	50.00
Sue Ryder Hospice donation for chair	165.00	0
Work on Chipps Hill	980.00	0
Basket Swing	0.00	2733.00
Traffic Regulation Order	0.00	3464.76
Bucks CC - white lining	0.00	90.00
Total Expenditure	14864.52	24048.22

Cumulative Fund

Opening Balance	9515.78	14358.78
Income	19707.52	21087.65
Total Income	29223.30	35446.43
Expenditure	14864.52	24048.22
Balance not allocated	14358.78	11398.21

Represented by:

Current account	14244.42	11283.83
Bank of Ireland	114.36	114.38

Signed: S Digby, Chairman 9.4.2013

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