

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on
Wednesday 11th April 2012 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

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

**Apologies were accepted from: Cllrs Mr A Hackett, Mrs J. Galliven,
County Cllr F. Downes, Dist Cllrs Mr I McEnnis & Mrs J. Teesdale**

165.1 Declaration of any personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the Agenda
None declared.

165.2 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the February/March Parish Council Meeting
These were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

165.3 Clerks Report and Correspondence
A list of correspondence had been issued to Councillors and copies of relevant items were given to them prior to the meeting.

Clerk's Report.

1. The Clerk has made a site visit with the Local Area Technician showing where we would like white lines marked to identify/highlight dropped kerbs. BCC will have to make the final decision as to where they actually place them.
2. The footway from Ham Farm to West Wycombe has been cleared.
3. The Clerk is still chasing for a price for clearing the brambles from the Chipps Hill bank.
4. The Clerk has received the VAT refund - £577.50.
5. County Cllr Frank Downes has donated £500 towards the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. The Clerk has thanked him.
6. The Clerk has obtained literature and prices from Playinnovation for street snooker and will circulate.

Correspondence received from 9th February – 4th April 2012

1. Report from BCC on the Local Area Forum – issued in March
 2. Chiltern News Magazine
 3. WDALC Agenda for 15th March – issued to Cllr Mrs Galliven
 4. BALC Training courses – forwarded to Councillors
 5. WDC request to Parishes for issues for improvements in WDC
 6. BCC letter on the end of the trial for switching off street lights.
 7. BCC LAF agenda – issued to Cllr Redfern
 8. Article on planning and the Localism Bill enclosed in March papers
 9. Letter from Mr Brian Bristow asking if the Parish Council could provide any financial support for Bucks Search and Rescue. A donation of £200 was suggested.
 10. Bucks County Council have confirmed the TRO for the prohibition of HGV with a weight exceeding 5 tonnes to park at any time the entire length (both sides) of Old Oxford Road, Piddington. Signs should all be in place by the end of May. Clerk will investigate what type of vehicle 5 tonnes represents.
 11. Bucks CC have issued the consultation and confirmed the road closure order for the Diamond Jubilee party.
 12. BCC email newsletter – Hot Topics
 13. Chilterns Society Newsletter – email.
- 165.4 PLANNING:
12/05417/CLP – 3 Wellfield Bungalows, Piddington – Certificate of lawfulness for construction of rear dormer window in connection with loft conversion – no objection
Decisions
12/05089/FUL -Chipps Hill House – insertion of two dormer windows,
two velux roof lights and attic window – permit

165.5 To consider a request from the new owner of the BT building for installing a piped water supply inside the hedge of the Piddington Recreation Ground to the BT building.
The new owner of the BT exchange building in The Dashwood Arms car park has asked if we would allow him to install a water supply/toilet in the building but using the playing field for trenching. We could have a tap if we wanted all this would be at his cost. West Wycombe Estate has granted an easement for it to be allowed as well as a close board fence (not less than 5ft high) on the boundary between the BT building and the Recreation ground. It was resolved not to request a water connection for the benefit of the Parish Council and that all land must be made good.

- 165.5 To consider and agree upon ways of celebrating the Diamond Jubilee. To distribute the Donation of £500 from County Cllr Downes to the Diamond Jubilee Committee and to make a donation of £150 for the same purpose
 The Clerk has obtained prices for memorial seats. It was resolved that we would not purchase any seats.
 The Clerk has obtained prices for trees: average at £42 per 2m high tree including post and tie and guard, 9 trees (3 oak and 6 fruit trees would cost £300 to plant (3 people at 3 hours each). It was resolved to plant 9 trees and the Clerk will gather advice from an arboriculturalist as to the best sites in Piddington and Wheeler End as to where to plant them for maximum effect and growth.
 It was resolved to make a donation of £150 from the Parish Council and to hand over the entire donation of £500 from County Councillor Downes to the Piddington and District Horticultural Society as they are running the Diamond Jubilee events with the Village Hall Committee. Leaflets for the Piddington celebrations will be circulated in Wheeler End to ensure our donations are used to the benefit of both communities.
- 165.6 To discuss further works on the allotments in relation to stump, root and rubbish removal
 The Clerk has received prices for clearing the tree stump and roots. Peter Gomme has supplied a price of approximately £1000; this would include removing the rubbish and leaving the land ready to hand over to a tenant. We have a price of £640 from Simply Stumps to remove the stump and roots; this would not include removing the rubbish. It was resolved to place the order with Mr Gomme.
- 165.7 To consider whether to make a donation to the Chilterns Conservation Board
 It was resolved to make a donation of £50.00
- 165.9 To consider joining the MH-p loyalty scheme
 If we join the MH-p loyalty scheme, when our website is 5 years old, they will give it a complete makeover free of charge and fix the price of the Updating Plan for 5 years. It was resolved to advise MH-p that we would sign up to the Loyalty Scheme.
- 165.10 ACCOUNTS
 1. Approval of invoices submitted for payment in March and April
Accounts
Invoices paid in March
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|---|---------------|
| Mrs S Henson | 222.46 |
| BCC Pension payment | 82.43 |
| HMRC | 55.80 |
| MH-p – website renewal | 516.00 |
| Staples – photocopying | 11.37 |
| West Wycombe PC – 10% telephone | 25.48 |
| Mrs Henson – expenses | 19.35 |
| Criterion – Wayleave at The Dashwood Arms | 12.00 |
| Buckinghamshire Playingfield Association – subs | 20.00 |
| Total | 964.89 |
- Invoice to be paid in April
- | | |
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| Mrs S Henson | 222.66 |
| BCC Pension payment | 82.43 |
| HMRC | 55.60 |
| Staples – 204 x 2 nd class stamps | 73.44 |
| Peter Gomme – allotment work | 950.00 |
| BALC Subscription | 88.62 |
| WDALC Subscription | 10.00 |
| Piddington & District Horticultural Society – Diamond Jubilee | 650.00 |
| Chilterns Conservation Board | 50.00 |
| Total | 2182.75 |
- It was resolved to approve the accounts.
- The end of year accounts and spreadsheet for income and expenditure were issued to Councillors to consideration.
2. To approve the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2012 for completion of the Annual Return.
 The Clerk/RFO presented the annual accounts for the year ending 31st March 2012. These were approved and accepted and the Chairman and Clerk/RFO signed them off.

3. To receive the internal auditors report and to consider the Annual Governance Statement

The internal auditors report was not available for consideration and will be presented at the May meeting. The Chairman read out the Annual Governance Statements and Councillors answered them all in the affirmative.

165.10 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Swainston reported rats on the allotments.

Cllr Swainston reported damage to cars in Wellfield Road. Cllr Mrs Storey will report this to the next NAG meeting as well as other items of concern.

Cllr Mrs Storey raised concerns over vehicles continually parked on the bus stop as it puts bus users in danger. The Clerk will ask BCC if we could mark up the bus stop.

The Clerk will report potholes in King Street

Cllr Digby reported that the crash barrier up Dashwood Hill has three uprights missing as a result of a road traffic accident and that due to another road traffic accident the barrier near Ham Farm and Old Dashwood Hill installed to prevent illegal access has also been removed.

165.11 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9th May 2012 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall – this will be the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the May Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk advised Councillors that the September meeting would need to be brought forward to the 5th September

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.41pm

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