

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th April 2013 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mr A Hackett, Mrs S. Storey, Mrs J. Galliven , Ms J. Redfern, Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

Dist Cllr Mr I. McEnnis

Members of the public: 2

Apologies were accepted from:

Cllrs Mrs W. Pitcher, Mr F. Swainston, County Cllr Mr F. Downes, Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale,

176.1 Declaration of any personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the Agenda
None

176.2 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the March Parish Council Meeting
The Minutes of the 12th March meeting were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

176.3 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 attended the LAF meeting where there was a general consensus derived from the Community Impact Bucs Survey, that the top three priorities should be to improve transport for the elderly, disabled and youth of the communities in order that everyone can get where they need to go whether it be hospitals, shopping, work or youth activities. The second item was to improve facilities for the youth of the area and the third one was to find volunteers prepared to help with the first two items. As the total budget for the LAF is only £43,000 and we are such disparate and spread out parishes/communities and we have discussed all this before it is not obvious how they plan to proceed. Councillors asked the Clerk to write to Bucks County Council stating that the LAF was just a talking shop; too big and diverse; insufficient budget to achieve anything. This LAF might be more successful if there was a division between all the rural parishes and then combine Lane End, Stokenchurch and Marlow.
2. Clerk attended a meeting for all Clerks at Wycombe DC where we were all told that it was unlikely that we would get grants to help with the Precept next year and that our figure upon which we base our precept will from now on change every year as it is entirely dependent on the number of people within our parish who claim Council Tax benefit. It is hoped that the government will not impose the 2% maximum increase without a referendum on parishes. Apparently 90% of the responses to the consultation were against many of the Council tax change proposals but the government went ahead regardless.
- 3 The Clerk has completed and submitted a P35 to HMRC
- 4 The goal posts will be delivered week beginning 8th April.

Correspondence received from 13th March – 9th April 2013

1. Thames Valley Police asking for nominations for the Community Policing Awards- PC Danny O'Driscoll will be nominated.
2. Notification of HMRC PAYE changes to Real Time
3. Chiltern Society email newsletter – circulated
4. Explanation from WDC planning department on the BT exchange decision – circulated.
5. WDC Community Conversation in relation to producing the new Local Plan – Clerk will advertise this in Contact and on the website
6. Mazars External auditors papers – May agenda

176.4 **PLANNING:**

Application

13/05672/CLP – 10 Queen Street, Piddington – Certificate of lawfulness for construction of single storey detached garden building – no objection

Decision

13/05159/MIN – Old BT telephone exchange, Piddington – alteration to window and door fenestration on the rear of the elevation and side elevation. Existing brickwork on side elevation to be cleaned or rendered - part allow, part refuse

- 176.5 How do you see Piddington and Wheeler End in 20 years time – a discussion
After a further discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would issue a copy of a previous questionnaire issued in 2005 and to consider using this as a basis for a new questionnaire.
- 176.6 To consider a quote for work on clearing brambles on Chipps Hill
The contractor has not submitted his quotation. The Clerk has found two possible alternative contractors but does not have a price as yet. May agenda.
- 176.7 To consider entry to the Best Kept Village Competition
Clerk will create Best Kept Village flyers for delivery to residents of Wheeler End and Piddington. Judging takes place in June.

176.8 AccountsInvoices to be paid in April

Mrs S Henson	222.66
BCC Pension payment	82.43
HMRC	55.60
WDALC Subs	10.00
BMKALC subs	89.28
Best Kept Village Competition	12.00
Staples – photocopying	15.00
Total	486.97

Statement of Account:

Opening balance – 1 st March	10713.03
Less March cheques	1420.03
Plus allotment rent	10.00
Plus VAT refund	1980.83
Sub Total	11283.83
Bank of Ireland	114.38
Total	11398.21

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

2. Approval of accounts for the year ending March 2013

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

3. Approval of the updated asset and risk registers

It was resolved to approve the documents.

176.9 Members Questions and Statements

1. Cllr Mrs Galliven gave her apologies for the May meeting.
2. Cllr Mrs Galliven reported that the wooden cross of the War Memorial has developed a split. This is now a Listed Monument and repair will have to have specialist repairs undertaken.
3. Cllr Mrs Galliven reported that no obvious action has been undertaken by West Wycombe Estate on the allotments at Wheeler End after the Clerk had advised the Estate that they were beginning to become a 'dumping ground'. Clerk will try to get some action undertaken.
4. Cllr Mrs Storey and a local resident reported that lorries are occasionally parking in the Old Oxford Road – this will be reported to the next NAG meeting
5. Cllr Mrs Galliven reported that there are often galloping horses on Wheeler End Common – the Clerk will ask WDC to provide bolder and more obvious signage.
6. The Diamond Jubilee plaques for the trees will now be costed.
7. The rear fence on the play area is being damaged – Clerk will obtain a quote.

Concerns raised by a resident of George Lee Court over the state of our roads.

176.10 Date of Next Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and May Meeting - Tuesday 14th May 2013 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

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