

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd December 2013 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

Present:

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

Apologies: Mr A Hackett, County Cllr Mr D Hayday

Members of the public: 1

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

181.2 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the November Parish Council Meeting.
The Minutes of the November meeting were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

181.3 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.

Clerks Report

1. The Clerk has placed an order for the defibrillator at a cost of £2220 plus VAT – due to broadband instability it will be a manual opening cabinet which means it will need a fortnightly check. The Clerk has written to the Village Hall Committee asking for permission to fix it to the Village Hall and this has been granted. We will need to employ an electrician to complete the installation once a suitable position on the Village Hall has been agreed upon.
2. Bucks CC has been carrying out jet patching surface road repairs to the Old Oxford Road.
3. The Clerk arranged with Thames Valley Police to carry out an allotment equipment marking session on Saturday 30th November from 11.15 for an hour. Letters were sent to all allotment holders.
4. Our last allotment has been allocated – we have one resident on the waiting list.
5. The Clerk has found a source of 'fun signs' to encourage people to pick up their dogs excreta.
6. The Clerk has sent the specification for the repairs to the Wheeler End War Memorial to two companies to price.
7. The Clerk was able to confirm that J5 of the M40 has been removed from the HS2 Construction route.

Correspondence from 12th November – 3rd December

1. Recommendations from Oxley Conservation for companies to quote for repair/restoration
2. Chilterns Conservation Board Environmental Management report –emailed
3. Local Area Forum report on the Transport questionnaire both specific and overall– emailed
4. WDALC Agenda – emailed to Cllr Swainston
5. Confirmation of booking on course – Dangers of Social Media – 11th December – Clerk to attend.
6. Email from webmaster on Social Media with an attachment from Wycombe District Council
7. Thank you letter from Piddington & District Village Hall for recent donation
8. Chiltern News Magazine
9. Request from a Piddington resident for financial support for a Piddington Children's Christmas Party for children aged up to 11 years old to be held on 21st December – as a point of principal and with our legal constraints on how we spend public money we are not in a position to donate to community events.
10. Bucks CC Order for the change of speed limit on Old Dashwood Hill.
11. Notification that S 137 payment for 2014/2015 will be £7.20 per head of the population on the electoral roll.
12. Chilterns Conservation Board request for comments on the Chilterns AONB Management Plan.
13. M40 Chilterns Environment Group – reminder for AGM which is the same night as our meeting and asking for financial help – January agenda item.

181.4 PLANNING

13/07794/FUL-10 Queen Street, Piddington -Householder application for construction of single storey detached garden building within rear garden – no objection.

13/07907/PAJ- Piddington Telephone Exchange Old Oxford Road Piddington - Prior notification application (Class J) for change of use of existing building falling within Class B1(a) (offices) to 1 x 1 bed dwelling falling within Class C3 (dwellinghouses) – the Parish Council objects to this change of use. It is not an appropriate setting for a dwelling house and the miniscule space created to the front of the property is insufficient to park a car. The Parish Council has to pay for the maintenance of the access road which is owned by the brewery as it provides access to the Parish Council play area and the current owner of the building frequently blocks the gated access to our play area.

181.5 To discuss the Parish Plan questionnaire
Today is the closing date for all Parish Plan questionnaires – the Clerk will print off copies for each Councillor in order that they can study the results and make recommendations and create an action plan at a meeting on Monday 9th December 7pm in The Dashwood Arms.

181.6 To discuss having a Facebook Page
January meeting.

181.7 To discuss a Diamond Jubilee Tree celebration
January meeting. Cllr Swainston will forward a document for the Clerk to circulate.

181.8 To discuss the repair of seats in Piddington and Wheeler End
Clerk will contact WDC re the Wheeler End seat as we believe they own it and the order will be placed with James Glasgow for the Piddington Recreation Ground seat to be repaired.

181.9 Accounts: Approval of invoices submitted for payment

Accounts to be paid in December 2013

Mrs S Henson – November salary	222.66
Bucks CC – pension - December	82.43
HMRC	55.60
Staples	5.38
West Wycombe Parish Council – 10% telephone	31.66
BMKALC – Training Course	31.40
SLCC 1/3 of subscription	49.00
Total	478.13

Statement of Account

Opening balance – 1 st November	22447.90
Less November cheques	3285.73
Plus allotment rents	20.00
Sub Total	19182.17
Bank of Ireland	114.39
Total	19296.56

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

181.10 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Swainston asked if there was any legislation re riding on Piddington Green – the Clerk reported that there were no byelaws on the land.

Cllr Mrs Storey reported an uneven pavement which is in need of repair in Princes Street leading to Wellfield Road.

Local residents have witnessed suspicious activities in Old Oxford Road .Cllr Mrs Storey will report this to the NAG.

Cllr Swainston and the Clerk reported minor thefts and anti-social behaviour on a section of the allotments and some sections of Piddington by local children – this will be reported to the NAG.

Cllr Mrs Galliven returned the updated Emergency Plan for Wheeler End

Cllr Mrs Galliven reported the continued appearance of a pony and trap on Wheeler End Common.

181.11 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th January 2014 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

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