

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th December 2016 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mr A Hackett, Mrs J Galliven, Mrs J Roy, Mrs J Redfern, Mrs W Pitcher, Mrs S Storey.

Clerk – Mrs H. Glasgow.

Apologies were accepted from: District Cllrs Mr I McEnnis, Mrs Jean Teesdale. County Cllr D Hayday.

Members of the public: 2.

Members questions

None.

214.1 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on the Agenda.

None.

214.2 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the November Meeting.

The Minutes of the above meeting were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

214.3 Clerks Report and Correspondence.

Correspondence Received

- BCC Budget
- Modernising Local Government
- Latest news from The Chiltern Conservation Board.
- Dogwatch Alert – Rural Crime
- Thames Valley Police - attached is a proposal for a scheme starting up next year for all of the year 6 pupils in Marlow and all of the surrounding villages. They are looking for funding to cover the costs of all the printing and also paying for St Johns ambulance to go into all the schools to give 2 hour first aid training to each class, they will also be covering topics on cse (child sexual exportation, ASB, Working with bucks fire safety team, environmental topics, faith and so many more).
- Mike Henson – website. Cllr Roy will review the website.

Clerks Report

1. The Clerk contacted TFB regarding the blue 'parking quarter mile' sign on Dashwood Hill. The LAT advises he has spoken with the signs team and they advised this sign design no longer exists. If the sign were to be replaced, it would be just the blue sign with large 'P' and ¼ mile below. TFB confirmed they will replace the sign.
2. BCC have promised to replace the bollards on the entrance to Piddington in January.
3. BCC confirmed the overgrown weeds will be cleared over the winter.
4. WDC advise that BCC need to clear the dumped waste from Piddington Green. BCC have not advised a date for clearance yet.
5. Allotment plot 20 is still vacant.

214.4 Local crime

Cllr Storey reported that unfortunately a few sheds at Piddington allotments had been broken into over the last few weeks. The Police have been informed.

Cllr Digby reported that sadly his dog had been stolen from his home. The Police have been informed.

It was reported that there was an attempted burglary at the Londis store in Lane End.

It was reported that sheds and garages have recently been broken into in Fingest.

The Parish Council would ask all Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the Police.

214.5 ACCOUNTS : i. Approval of invoices submitted for payment in December.

Cheque no	Expenditure	Subtotal
1642	Mrs H Glasgow – November Salary	£210.67
1643	BCC Pensions	£81.59
1644	HMRC	£52.80
1645	Mrs H Glasgow – Expenses and working from home allowance Apr 16 - Dec 16	£438.75

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1646	TBS Hygiene	£21.60	£4.32
1647	Mazars LLP - external audit fee	£200.00	£40.00
1648	Elizabeth Stillman	£240.00	£0.00
Total Expenditure		£1,245.41	£57.07

Income

Total Income	£	110.00	£	-
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Statement of Account

Opening balance – 5th November 2016	£19,976.77
Less Approved Expenditure	-£833.27
Income	£110.00
Total at the 5th October 2016	£19,253.50

BCC Pensions 1636	£81.59
TBS Hygiene LTD - September 1639	£32.40
Total Unpresented Cheques	£113.99
Balance Minus Unpresented cheques	£19,139.51

ii. Draft Budget 2017/ 18.

Initial Draft Budget for 2017/18

Clerks Salary and pension	£ 4850
Admin –telephone, post, insurance, website, audit, broadband, & working from home allowance	£ 3000
Village Hall-hire	£ 300
Recreation Ground – grass/maint	£ 2500
Chippis Hill verge	£ 4500
Grass cutting – Piddington Green including the allotments	£ 2000
Grass cutting – Wheeler End	£ 500
Allotments	£ 600
Wheeler End - War Memorial & fence/Wreaths/dog waste bins	£ 1200
Subscriptions	£ 350
Donations	£ 900
Reserve	£ 5000
Total	£ 25,700

The Parish Council should end the year with approximately £12,000 in the bank, this will include the VAT refund.

Council should consider at the January meeting if they wish to increase the Precept or keep it the same. The precept increase in 2016/17 was £1500.00.

The current Budget gives a reserve of £5000 but Council could consider increasing the reserve amount.

The Band D cost for the Parish Council over the last few years have been as follows:

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07/08	50.03
08/09	57.37
09/10	56.96
10/11	70.63
11/12	69.41
12/13	69.68
13/14	69.68
14/15	70.57
15/16	71.02
16/17	75.97 based on a precept of £20,000

Council Tax Support Grant

The provisional determination of the Council Tax Support Grant is for it to reduce by 17.5% from 2016/17. The grant will be paid regardless of whether you charge a standstill tax, introduce an increase or reduction for 2017/18.

214.6 Members Questions and Statements

It was reported that the M40 Group will install sound barriers on the motorway that runs through Lane End.

There are no plans to install sound barriers at Wheeler End at the moment.

The WDC/BT phone box consultation has ended. Council would anticipate that all phone boxes with no or little use will be removed.

Councillor Redfern has liaised with A J Hawes regarding the cutting of the foliage on Chipps Hill. Councillor Redfern will email them a brief. If the brief is agreed Council will instruct A J Hawes to carry out the work before the nesting season.

It was reported at the NAG meeting that motorbikes have been speeding through the village.

It was reported that there has been less parking issues since the Parish Council installed the cones on the corner of Kings Street.

214.7 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.02.

Signature..... Date.....