

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on
Tuesday 10th December 2019 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs Mr S Digby – Chairman, Mr N Cloke, Mrs F Curzon, Mr A Stevens, Mrs W Pitcher, Mrs J Roy.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

District Councillor Ian McEnnis.

Apologies were accepted from: County Councillor Darren Hayday.

Members of the public: 3

Members questions

Cllr Ian McEnnis reported that WDC are undertaking an enormous amount of work re the Unitary Authority. There are quite a few candidates sitting on the Shadow Authority, ensuring that WDC is not disadvantaged. From 1st April 2020 the Shadow Authority takes over until the elections in May 2020.

There will be more services devolved down to Parish Councils and it will be up to them if they accept these services. Cllr Ian McEnnis thanked the Parish Council for all of the work they have done over the year.

247.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.
None.

247.2 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on the Agenda.
None.

247.3 Minutes - To confirm and sign the Minutes of the November Meeting.
Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

247.4 Clerks Report and Correspondence.
Correspondence Received

1. Chiltern Society magazine
2. WDALC Meeting on Thursday 12th December – WDC offices
3. Update on community boards for the new Buckinghamshire Council
4. Slides from the BMKALC Annual Conference
5. Planning update – BMKALC
6. My Bucks November 2019
7. Consultation on the Draft Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and Canopy Cover

Clerks Report

1. The Chiltern Waste Team have surplus stock of food caddy bags that can be used to line the indoor food caddy. I have asked if we can have some for our residents.
2. BT have submitted a planning application to remove the BT phone box on the Old Oxford Road. Council agreed not to submit any objections.
3. I will provide a paper at the January meeting re the budget and precept for 20/21. The PC will need to budget for the elections. Uncontested elections are usually in the region of £300. Contested would be around £2000. The elections are on 7th May 2020.
4. I will provide the expenditure against budget report at the January meeting.
5. There is new government legislation with regards to accessibility. It could mean that our current website does not comply with the legislation. Mike Henson is currently working on proposals and costs for all new sites. This will need to be discussed at a future meeting.
6. All allotment rents have now been paid. There is 1 plot available.
7. The Emergency Plan will be discussed at the January meeting.
8. Dates for Parish Council meetings in 2020

14th January

11th February

10th March

14th April

12th May
(The Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and normal meeting).

9th June

14th July

No meeting in August

8th September

13th October

10th November

8th December (Precept will be set).

9. Any member of the public can report a problem to TFB on the website fix my street – www.fixmystreet.com
10. The AED Checks have been carried out.

247.5 Finance – i) Approval of the invoices submitted in November 2019.

	Expenditure	Subtotal	VAT	Total	Description
bacs	Mrs H Glasgow - Clerks Salary	£ 267.14	£ -	£ 267.14	Clerks salary
bacs	BCC pension for Mrs Glasgow	£ 108.14	£ -	£ 108.14	BCC Pension
bacs	HMRC Nov	£ 66.80	£ -	£ 66.80	HMRC
bacs	Mrs H Glasgow - Clerks expenses	£ 538.00	£ 6.60	£ 544.60	Fuel/office rent
bacs	Chiltern Society	£ 381.48	£ -	£ 381.48	Footpath clearance
bacs	TBS Hygiene LTD	£ 67.50	£13.50	£ 81.00	Environ Waste
bacs	Buckland Landscapes	£ 365.83	£ 73.17	£ 439.00	Grass cutting
	Total Expenditure	£ 1,794.89	£ 93.27	£ 1,888.16	
1932	Piddington & Wheeler End PC	£ 20,000.00	£ -	£ 20,000.00	Transfer to HSBC ac
Income	Allotment P08	£ 10.00	£ -	£ 10.00	
	Allotment P22	£ 10.00	£ -	£ 10.00	
	Allotment P10	£ 10.00	£ -	£ 10.00	
	Allotment P26	£ 10.00	£ -	£ 10.00	
	Total	£ 40.00	£ -	£ 40.00	
Statement of Account					
	Opening balance - 05/11/19	£ 36,397.53			
	Less approved expenditure	£ 1,603.50			
	Less direct debit ICO annual subscription	£ -			
	Income	£ 40.00			
	Total as at 05/12/19	£ 34,834.03			
	Unpresented cheques				
1928	TBS Hygiene LTD	£ 54.00			
1929	Elizabeth Stillman	£ 260.00			
1929	Elizabeth Stillman	£ 350.00			
	Total	£ 664.00			

ii) Update re the new bank account.

Council agreed to raise a cheque for £20,000 from the existing Natwest Account to the new HSBC account. This will allow for the last few cheques to be cashed from the Natwest Account.

The Clerk should then raise a further cheque for the remaining funds and pay these into the HSBC account and close the Natwest account.

Council agreed the Clerk should make all payments listed in the I&E report using on-line bacs payments. Cllrs Digby, Cloke and Roy will log online to the HSBC Account and check all payments have been made correctly.

iii) Quotation re the Play inspection report.

Baby swing - the timbers need to be replaced and the actual seat needs to be replaced. Quotations as follows:

Playdale - replace baby swing and installation - £982.00 plus VAT

Council approved this.

Gate - adjoining Princes Street

James Glasgow - Remove excess thread and replace bolts and gate, parts and labour - £100.00

Council approved this.

Bench

James Glasgow - to replace missing slat and paint bench, parts and labour - £120

Council approved this.

Children's swing

James Glasgow - Replace matting surface, parts and labour - £300

Council approved this.

Basket swing

James Glasgow - Replace matting surface, parts and labour - £300

Council approved this.

Spring bird

James Glasgow - Remove sharp edges and repair/secure handles and footrests - £95

Council approved this.

Multi-play Junior

Caloo playgrounds - Post end caps - £20 plus delivery

James Glasgow - fit and secure post end caps - £35

James Glasgow - recreate a 3mm bevelled edges on exposed timber - £95

Council approved this.

Multi-play Senior

James Glasgow - remove algae moss and treat and clean on surface areas - £100

Polyfix joints to be replaced on climbing rope - £4.56 (Playdale will pop these on when they install the baby swing)

Council approved this.

MUGA

James Glasgow - welds need to be repaired, parts and labour - £150

James Glasgow - clean and treat the algae and moss growth on the surface - £145

Council approved this.

iv) Quotation to install sleeper steps.

The quotation to supply and install up to 10 sleeper steps - £950.00 (the price may lower if less steps are required).

Council approved the installation of 6 – 8 steps.

v) To consider purchasing '30 mph, please drive carefully' wheelie bin stickers.

Council approved an order of 500 stickers - £279.50 plus delivery 30mph.

Cllr Curzon will deliver to properties on the Old Oxford Road. 4 Stickers per 2 x bins.

Cllr Roy will deliver this on the Wheeler End Common track - 5mph – 6 houses 4 stickers each or min amount.

Cllr Pitcher will deliver the 30mph stickers to Bolter End.

vi) Review of grass and hedge cutting contract.

Council gave some feedback on the grass cutting. Overall they are very happy with the service. Cllr Cloke will pass the comments onto Buckland Landscapes.

vii) New investment ideas for 2020.

Cllr Pitcher reported that BCC will provide two free stiles. The stile for the permissive path will need to be purchased and installed.

Sir Edward Dashwood has contributed a £100 donation towards the stile.

After Christmas Cllr Pitcher will order the stiles and contact the Chiltern Society re the installation.

Cllr Roy suggested that Council focus on long-term project ideas as well as smaller projects.

Cllr Cloke suggested the following projects:

Large planter pots and wooden stakes at all the entry/exit points.

Planters at the bus shelter at Piddington Green.

Planter at the bottom of Princes Street on the small grass triangle.

Planters on Wheeler End Common

Christmas tree on the green and common with lights and a star.

Trees on Queens Street / Kings Street pavement.

Cllr Cloke agreed to work on a proposal for the above ideas.

Cllr Digby reported re a fitness trail. We would want to make sure it would get used. Cllr Digby will work on a proposal.

Council asked The Clerk to put a post on the Piddington Facebook site asking for expenditure ideas and projects.

247.6 To discuss the co-option of a Parish Councillor.

Alan Hackett has resigned from Council. Council agreed to advertise for a new Councillor.

247.7 Members Questions and Statements.

Cllr Curzon reported that the allotment committee will arrange a date to meet after Christmas.

Cllr Curzon attended the recent NAG meeting, the next meeting is on Tuesday 20th Feb.

Cllr Curzon will continue to chase for information regarding the layby.

The Clerk will put an advert in the next edition of Contact.

Cllr Roy reported that there is a garage on the north track of Wheeler End Common and it is believed this is being used as a work shop to repair cars.

Cllr Roy reported that she had emailed the emergency plan to Councillors. This should be discussed at a future meeting. Cllr Digby will draft a proposal, there should be two plans. One for Piddington and one for Wheeler End.

Cllr Digby reported the A40 up to Dashwood Hill has been cleared.

247.8 Planning Applications: 19/07562/FUL, 2 Queens Street, Piddington - APPLICATION FOR: Householder application for single storey side extension with engineering works to ground level erection of retaining wall and erection of front porch.

No objections.

247.9 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

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

