

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

**Present:**

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

**Apologies: Cllr Mrs J. Galliven, County Cllr Mr D Hayday, Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale, Cllr Mr I. McEnnis**

**Members of the public: 0**

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

183.2 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the December and January Extraordinary Parish Council Meetings.  
The Minutes of the two meetings were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

183.3 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 defibrillator has been delivered and will be installed the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> February.
2. WDC are going to carry out an inspection on the seat on Wheeler End Common: the order has been placed for the repair on the seat in the play area.
3. All issues in relation to the police were reported at the recent Thames Valley Police NAG.
4. We have been notified that we have a new Local Area Technician as from 1<sup>st</sup> January – the Clerk has now met them.
5. Clerk attended the BMKALC training session on ‘The Dangers of Social Media’ – covered issues of defamation, data protection and freedom of information. Important to keep it accurate, constantly monitored and up to date.
6. Cllr Mrs Storey has updated the Emergency Plan for Piddington and this as well as Wheeler Ends will be issued at the meeting. The co-ordinating group will meet and invite another member of the community to join the team.
7. The Clerk has submitted the form for the LAF for the footway at the bottom of Chipps Hill.
8. The Clerk attended the WDC Local Plan meeting – we are all going to have to face some challenging issues. All household should receive, next week, an excellent ‘magazine’ on the consultation with all the why’s and wherefores’.
9. The hedge laying contractor has almost completed the hedge laying and we will have to have some whips planted in the gaps on the road side and possibly on the Dashwood Arms side once the work is complete. Councillors agreed that we will have whips planted and the side hedge cut to ankle height.
10. Peter Gomme has given a price of £70 to crown lift the willow in the centre of Piddington Green in order that he can cut closer to the tree. As the trunk is split we will get prices for cutting the tree down.

Correspondence Received from 4th December – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014

1. WDC notification of a proposed reduction in the Council Tax Support Grant by 14% from last year. This still has to be confirmed. SLCC have advised Clerks that we may still have a referendum for increases of more than 3% introduced from next year in other words this may be the last time parishes are free to set whatever precept they want.
2. Letter from Royal British Legion advising the Parish Council that they raised a total of £4000 in the Lane End Area of which £525 came from our Parish
3. Chiltern Society newsletter – emailed
4. Bucks CC notification that works are to be carried out by the Highways Agency on the Stokenchurch M40 bridge. Work to start in March for approx 20 weeks – it will involve road closure from 9pm – 5.30am.
5. Chilterns Conservation Board – January Newsletter – emailed
6. WDC Notification of Stakeholder meeting for the new Local Plan – 29<sup>th</sup> January.
7. WDC Notification of Local Plan meetings and Exhibitions – Longburrow Hall, Stokenchurch meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February – exhibition from 9.30 – 5.30 and meeting from 7 – 9pm. Cllr Simon Digby to attend one of the events.

8. Thames Valley Police press release on reduction in burglary crime in our NAG Area.
9. Notification of Neighbourhood Watch AGM on April 29th at St Andrews Church, Hatters Lane.
10. Bucks CC notification of employer increase in pension contribution from 21.2% to 21.6%
11. BALC Newsletter - emailed
12. Bucks CC LAF – 11<sup>th</sup> February agenda.
13. Bucks CC Newsletter – emailed
14. WDC notification of Consultation on Local Plan – emailed.
15. Quotes from John Herridge & Sons, Ward & Co; Owlsworth for works on the War Memorial
16. Letter from WDC about the portacabins at The Dashwood Arms – enforcement action being taken.
17. Bucks CC Notification of Old Oxford Road closure in February for resurfacing – put on website
18. War Memorials Trust Magazine
19. BCC letter about taking on the clearance of some footpaths in the parish.

#### 183.4 PLANNING

##### Applications

**14/05208/FUL -36 Princes Street, Piddington** -Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension – no objection.

**14/05167/FUL-The Garden House, Bullocks Farm Lane** -Householder application for construction of dormer window to rear roofslope and insertion of 4 x rooflights to front roofslope in connection with creation of first floor living accommodation. Replace existing garage door with window to front in connection with conversion of garage into habitable accommodation and fenestration alterations. Extend existing hardstanding to provide additional parking. No objection.

**14.05305/FUL – Buis Cottage, Bolter End Lane, Wheeler End** – application for erection of detached oak framed 3 bay garage – no objection.

##### Decisions

**13/07794/FUL-10 Queen Street, Piddington** -Householder application for construction of single storey detached garden building within rear garden – permit

**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) – details not required to be submitted. The Parish Council will seek legal advice about the access to the play area being blocked by vehicles in connection with this application.

- 183.5 To discuss the analysis and actions from the Parish Plan questionnaire  
Councillors had met as a working party to discuss the completed questionnaires and as a result of this a list of 15 actions had been identified and a basic action plan developed.
- 183.6 To discuss having a Facebook Page  
It was agreed to develop a Twitter connection for our website. The Clerk will organise is through the webmaster and Cllr Swainston.
- 183.7 To agree to place an order for the work on the Wheeler End Memorial from the three quotes supplied.  
It was resolved to pace the order with John Herridge & Son.
- 183.8 To discuss our parish in relation to the Local Plan and the forthcoming meetings and Consultation  
All Councillors to study the document. To be discussed at the March meeting.
- 183.9 To agree to purchase 'Local Councils Explained' published by NALC at a cost of £49.99  
It was resolved to purchase the above book.
- 183.10 To consider a request from the M40 Chilterns Environmental Group for financial support  
It was resolved to make a donation of £250.
- 183.11 Accounts: Approval of invoices submitted for payment, signing of cheques and to advise the Parish Council that employer pension contributions will increase from 21.2% to 21.6% on 1<sup>st</sup> April

##### Accounts to be paid in February 2014

Mrs S Henson – January salary	222.66
BCC – pension - February	82.43
HMRC	55.60
BMKALC – Local Council Explained	49.99
Elizabeth Stillman – Wheeler End War Memorial annual maint.	220.00

AED Locator – carriage charge	31.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>662.60</b>
AED Locator	2664.00 paid after December meeting
South Bucks Business Products	17.00 paid after December meeting
<u>Accounts paid in January 2014</u>	
Mrs S Henson – December salary	222.66
BCC – pension- January	82.43
HMRC	55.60
MH-P Internet – use of office, energy, broadband for 2013	600.00
MH-P – Parish Plan questionnaire	258.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1218.69</b>
<b>Statement of Account</b>	
Opening balance – 1 <sup>st</sup> December	19182.17
Less December cheques	3159.13
Less January cheques	1218.69
Plus allotment rent	10.00
Plus refund of BCC printing	68.08
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>14882.43</b>
Bank of Ireland	114.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>14996.82</b>

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that employer pension contributions will increase from 21.2% to 21.6% on 1<sup>st</sup> April

183.12 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Digby raised concerns about the diseased lime trees in Piddington Green. These come under Bucks County Council and the Clerk has reported it to them on several occasions.

183.13 Date of Next Meeting

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.30pm** in Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

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Date.....