

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council
held on Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

**Present: Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mr A Hackett, Mrs S. Storey, Mrs W. Pitcher, Mr F Swainston
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk**

**Apologies were accepted from: Cllr Mrs J. Galliven, County Cllr F. Downes,
Dist Cllr Mr I McEnnis, Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale
District Cllr Bill Bendyshe Brown – Chairman Wycombe District Council**

- 152.1 To Co-opt a Councillor and sign the Declaration of Acceptance
The candidate did not present themselves at the meeting and as we have held the vacancy for him for several months it was resolved that as another candidate has presented themselves the vacancy will now be offered to the new candidate.
- 152.2 Declaration of any personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the Agenda
Cllr Mrs Storey declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application for Glendyne.
- 152.3 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the December Parish Council Meeting
These were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.
- 152.4 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

Drain covers in Chipps Hill and in the Old Oxford Road were replaced a day after last month meeting.

The Clerk has been in contact with the War Memorials Trust who, having studied current photos of the Wheeler End War Memorial, has said its lettering is too legible to be considered for a grant, the Clerk is now talking to a restoration company who will look at the War Memorial and see if they can improve the lettering. The Clerk is also talking to the WDC Conservation Officer.

Correspondence received from 9th December – 12th January

1. M40 Group Newsletter
2. Allotment rent from Mr Hemmings.
3. BCC launch of new guide to make it easier to comment on council services.
4. WDC Notification of a briefing on the Localism Bill – 2nd February and BCC/NALC – 9th February
5. BCC Local Area Forum Agenda – 18th January – Longburrow Hall, Stokenchurch – Cllr Swainston and the Clerk will attend.
6. WDC Training on 15th February on Planning and Enforcement – Cllr Swainston will attend.

152.5 PLANNING:

Applications

PM/10/07756/FUL – Glendyne, Old Oxford Road – householder application for construction of rear dormer window in connection with loft conversion and associated external and internal alterations – no objection.

Decisions

SW/10/07480/FUL – 11 Queen Street, Piddington – householder application for two storey side extensions, alterations to driveway and to raised rear terrace - permit

TPOPTA/10/07242/FUL - 3 Chapel Row, Bolter End Lane – householder application for single storey rear extension – refused

- 152.6 To discuss the BCC HGV TRO and parking document (if received prior to the meeting)
Richard Luxton, BCC has confirmed that the document is with the BCC Legal Dept.

152.7 ACCOUNTSTo agree to pay the Clerks Working from Home Allowance

It was resolved to pay £500 to the Clerk as the annual Working from Home Allowance

Approval of invoices submitted for paymentInvoices to be paid in January

Mrs S Henson s/o	267.23
Mrs S Henson – room allowance	500.00
BCC Pension payment	79.15
Piddington & District Village Hall – room rent for the year	216.00
M40 Chilterns Environmental Group – donation	200.00
Mike Henson Presentations –updates precept and planning	35.25
Total	1297.63

Accounts

Current Account opening balance 1.12.2010	13373.63
Less December cheques/so	551.91
Plus allotment rent	5.00
Sub total	12826.72
Bank of Ireland balance	114.34
Total funds	12941.06

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

152.8 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Mrs Pitcher reported that the potholes near the War Memorial have opened up.

Cllr Swainston asked if we have a view on the proposed new Stadium. The Clerk reported than no member of the parish had raised a concern over it.

Cllr Hackett reported potholes at the bottom of Piddington Lane.

Cllr Mrs Storey reported a pothole at the bottom of King Street.

Cllr Mrs Storey reported that the power cable signs in the play area need replacing and the goal mouth will need re-seeding.

Councillors asked if we could investigate the costs of hi viz vests.

Cllr Digby stated that he would chase the contractor re the work on Chipps Hill.

152.9 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9th February 2011 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Cllr Bendyshe Brown, Chairman of Wycombe District Council gave a short report on the work and plans for the District Council. WDC is the fifth largest District Council in the country. There are 164,000 people with 100,000 of working age. A lot of movement in and out of the District for work. The A4010 now has 18,000 vehicle movements per day as opposed to 10,000 per day several years ago. Good area for business start ups that last. He has hosted four Business Breakfasts in the area where business people are encouraged to talk about their concerns, network and let the District 'know they exist' and to be offered mentorship. In the last 15 – 20 years the District has gone from 80% manufacturing now 75% high tech, 9% of people are employed in the public sector compared to 67% in the NE, 3% in the aero space sector.

Increasing level of unemployment to 8% with a lot of these people unemployable.

WDC has made a £5.6 million reduction in costs and needs to reduce by another £3million in the next 4 years which is a lot out of a £17million budget. WDC the public to make suggestions where there is waste

Stadium – Wycombe Wanderers say they must move in order to keep Wasps in the District who need a stadium to take 15,000 to meet RFU rules. 15 sites looked at across WDC.

Booker airfield seemed to be the best site, as it is owned by WDC, to construct a sports village. WDC cannot afford it – private business to fund and to do this they say they need to build 800 houses to fund it. £760,000 cost to WDC. WDC are now investigating all the pros and cons of Booker in greater depth.