

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on
Tuesday 8th January 2013 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

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

Members of the public: 1

**Apologies were accepted from: Cllrs Mrs J. Galliven, Ms J. Redfern, Dist Cllr Mr I McEnnis,
Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale**

- 173.1 Declaration of any personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the Agenda
The Chairman and all Councillors present declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Item 173.8 Precept for 2013/2014 in that they own properties in the Parish to which the precept will apply. Dispensations in accordance with Section 33 (1) of the Localism Act 2011 were sought by the Councillors from the Clerk and were granted as without this dispensation the whole of the Council would be prevented from participating in the decision to set the precept for the Parish which would impede the transaction of the business.
- 173.2 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the December Parish Council Meeting
The Minutes of the 12th December meeting were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.
- 173.3 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.
Clerk's Report.
1. All highways issues have been reported and the potholes in King Street have been repaired.
 2. Leaning tree on Chipps Hill has been removed.
 3. The goal posts on the Piddington Recreation Ground need replacing – they would cost £373.72 plus carriage and VAT for aluminium or £314.78 plus carriage and VAT for steel. It was agreed to order a set of steel goal posts. The Clerk will also order a pair of nets.
- Correspondence Received from 13th December 2012 – 8th January 2013
1. BCC Fact sheet on Winter Salting - When we Salt no 2
 2. Minutes of WDALC meeting – issued to Cllr Mrs Galliven.
 3. Notification from BMKALC that in future Parishes may only be able to increase their precepts by a maximum of 2% or £5, whichever is higher, if it is above that then it could trigger a referendum.
 4. Bucks CC – information re Area Speed Reviews
 5. WDC Tax base
- 173.4 **PLANNING:**
PM/12/07845/FUL – 26 Wellfield Road, Piddington – householder application for construction of front porch and first floor side extension with first floor fenestration alterations – no objection.
- 173.4 To discuss the requirements of Wycombe District Council in relation to the production of the new Local Plan
Planning/parking facilities when granting planning applications. No further development of the industrial estate – keep the same footprint/capacity; improved broad band to ensure communities are as connected as possible; public transport - increased frequency to cope with proven local demand and to meet the needs of commuters.
Continued management of Wheeler End Common and possibly reduce the width of Wheeler End Common to create a residents parking lane; controlled development of The Brickmakers.
- 173.5 To agree to place an order with South Bucks Trees Surgeons to clear the epicormic growth on 21 trees on Piddington Green at a price of £380.
It was resolved to place an order with South Bucks Tree Surgeons for the work as specified.
- 173.6 To consider a quote for work on clearing brambles on Chipps Hill
The contractor has not submitted his quotation. February agenda.

173.7	<u>Invoices to be paid in January</u>	
	Mrs S Henson	222.66
	BCC Pension payment	82.43
	HMRC	55.60
	Post Office – 200 x 50p second class and 50 x 69p lg letter	134.50
	Elizabeth Stillman – War Memorial annual maintenance	220.00
	Total	715.19
	 <u>Statement of Account:</u>	
	Opening balance – 1 st December	13473.92
	Less December cheques	574.50
	Plus allotment rents	30.00
	Sub Total	12929.42
	Bank of Ireland	114.37
	Total	13043.79

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

173.8 To set the Precept for 2013/2014

The Clerk advised Councillors of the effect of the Council Tax Support Scheme on the Council Tax Base. If we keep the Precept at the current years' figure of £18,500, because of the government's change in formula with the Council Tax Support Scheme, the Council Tax Base for a Band D household would increase to £73.27 from £69.68 (5% increase) with a proportional increase for the other Bands. We would need to set the precept at £17,593.50 to keep the figure the same and we will be given a grant by Wycombe District Council to make up the shortfall.

It was resolved to set the precept at £17,593.50.

173.9 Members Questions and Statements

1. Drains on Chipps Hill need clearing.
2. The Clerk advised Councillors that the lease for Piddington Recreation Ground would not allow camping on the site.
3. The Clerk will write to West Wycombe Estate and Bucks CC Highways department about the mud on the footway into West Wycombe caused by the recent logging activity.
4. The Clerk will contact the police and Wycombe District Council planning about the dangerous parking of builder's vehicles on the bend of Princes Street and the small frontage of the new houses in relation to the space available for parking vehicles.

172.10 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th February 2013 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.09pm

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