

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on
Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

**Present: Cllrs Mr A Hackett – Vice Chairman, Mrs S. Storey, Mrs W. Pitcher, Ms J Redfern
District Cllr Mrs Jean Teesdale
Apologies were accepted from: Cllr Mr S. Digby, Mrs J. Galliven County Cllr Mr D Hayday**

Members of the public: 2

- 193.1 Declaration of any personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the Agenda
Cllr Hackett declared a prejudicial interest in the item relating to a donation to Piddington Village Hall.
- 193.2 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the December Parish Council Meeting.
The Minutes of the above meeting were agreed by those present and signed by the Vice Chairman.
- 193.3 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.

Correspondence Received from 10th December 2014 – 13th January 2015

1. WDC asking if we would take on the cutting of Wheeler End Common with a budget of £392.
2. DCLG/BCC/BALC Conference – Tuesday, February 24th Adams Park 10 – 4.30 – Parish Council delivering more – one space will be booked.
3. BCC information on Devolved Services – we have been given a budget of £1416.24 – it will cover the Rights of Way clearance that we undertook through the Chiltern Society this year.
4. Transport for Bucks leaflet on gritting etc. – put on website and on noticeboards
5. NALC notification that S137 will be £7.36 in 2015/2016.
6. BCC LAF priorities funding request and leaflet about cheaper energy.
7. WDALC Minutes of December meeting.
8. Christmas card and Christmas wishes from Cllrs Mrs Teesdale, Mc Ennis and Hayday
9. Refund from BCC Rights of Way team – cheque to be raised to refund The Chiltern Society
10. Local Council review
11. Invitation to Civic Service on Sunday 8th February
12. Signed contract of employment from Mrs Glasgow – she will attend the February meeting and start working with the current Clerk on the 1st March.
13. Thank you letter from the M40 Group.
14. Quote from Elizabeth Stillman for Wheeler End War Memorial maintenance - £240 per annum.
15. Request from Wycombe District Council for Councillors to update their Declaration of Pecuniary Interest form for themselves and their spouses by 3rd February

Clerks Report

1. Clerk has worked with Cllr Mrs Galliven to sort out appropriate sites for dog bins on Wheeler End Common and has requested permission from WDC to install same – currently waiting for permission to be given prior to the order being placed.
2. The Wheeler End bus shelter has been removed therefore we have lost the noticeboard.
3. Bucks County Council have been working on Dashwood Hill this week.
4. The new Dell Laptop has been purchased.

193.4 PLANNING

Applications

15/05045/FUL – 1 North's Estate – erection of side extension to existing unit 1 to form new B1 unit and creation of 8 new parking spaces flowing loss of 7 existing parking spaces – site visit to take place.

193.5 To consider items relating to Wheeler End/ Common – grass cutting by WDC; purchase of new noticeboard

The Clerk reported that Lane End Parish Council has chosen not to take on the grass cutting for their side of the Common – as there is a natural barrier this will not impact on our decision. The Clerk will advise WDC that we will take on our own grass cutting of the Common but not the Lane End section.

It was resolved to purchase a new noticeboard but this will not be undertaken until WDC has given permission for its erection.

- 193.6 To consider the BCC Devolved Powers document.
The Clerk advised Councillors of what was involved and it was resolved to take on devolved powers with the budget of £1416.24.
- 193.7 To place an order for annual maintenance on the Wheeler End War Memorial
It was resolved to place an order with Elizabeth Stillman at a cost of £240 per annum.
- 193.8 To consider making a donation to Piddington & District Village Hall towards repairs to the car park
Cllr Hackett left the room. Cllr Mrs Storey took the Chair. Further explanation of the need to resurface the car park was given. It was resolved to make a donation of £1000.
Cllr Hackett returned to the room.
- 193.9 Approval of invoices submitted for payment in January – to consider the budget for 2015/2016;
Accounts to be paid in January 2015
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| Mrs S Henson – December salary and pay award | 307.61 |
| BCC – pension - January | 99.30 |
| HMRC | 77.00 |
| Mrs S Henson – room allowance – Jan 14 – Mar 15 | 625.00 |
| Mrs Henson – refund of purchase of laptop | 811.68 |
| Staples | 15.00 |
| The Chiltern Society – refund of Rights of Way work | 463.14 |
| Sue Ryder donation – S137 | 200.00 |
| Total | 2598.73 |
| Statement of Account | |
| Opening balance – 1 st December | 16576.46 |
| Less December cheques | 1331.20 |
| Transfer from Bank of Ireland to close account | 114.40 |
| Total | 15359.66 |

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

The Clerk issued an up to date spreadsheet and revised budget allowing for elections and repainting of the War Memorial fence

- 193.10 To set the Precept for 2015/2016
It was resolved to set the precept at £18,500, representing a 0.64% increase and making a Band D house pay £71.02 per month in Council Tax as opposed to the current figure of £70.57. The agreed budget will go on the website.
- 193.11 Members Questions and Statements
Cllr Redfern reported that the electric charging point is not likely to happen as responses to letters had produced negative results.
Cllr Mrs Storey reported the issue of the pony and trap on Wheeler End Common had been reported to the NAG but there is very little that can be achieved.
- 193.12 Date of next meeting
Tuesday 10th February 2015 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall
The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Signature.....

Date.....

Public Question Time

A Wheeler End resident asked how notices could be displayed – the Clerk advised that they should be sent to her either in hard copy or via email and she would put them up.

A Wheeler End resident raised concerns over multiple cars being parked outside their property and the effect it is having on the North Track. Advice and contact details were provided.

A Piddington resident asked about the reason for putting up signs on the play area gates near The Dashwood Arms. The Parish Council are responsible for the access to the car park and the old BT building has been sold and it is to prevent new resident parking on the access road and blocking the access gate. The gate is locked to prevent unauthorised vehicular access; there is a smaller side gate access. Notices are put up as to where people can contact the Clerk. The resident also asked about the cost – this was explained and the fact that there are spares available.

A Piddington resident asked why the TRO HGV signs had been erected and what they had cost. He was advised that this project had been undertaken as a result of resident's requests and concerns and as a result of a public meeting where parking in Piddington was discussed. The Parish Council contributed £3464.76 to the overall cost of the TRO. Full details can be seen on the website in the Minutes from 2010 through to 2013 and the accounts ending March 2013.