

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Tuesday
12th January 2016 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

**Present: Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Ms J Redfern, Mrs S Storey.
County Cllr Mr D Hayday.
Clerk – Mrs H. Glasgow.**

**Apologies were accepted from: Cllrs Mrs J Galliven, Mr A Hackett, Mrs W Pitcher,
District Cllr Mrs Jean Teesdale, Cllr Mr I McEnnis.**

Members of the public: 5.

Members questions

Council noted Parishioners concerns about parking. It was suggested that vehicles could be issued with tickets when inconsiderately parked.

Cllr Hayday reported that BCC cannot currently undertake works to resurface the pavements. This is due to financial constraints. It may be possible that the work can be carried out within in the next few years. Cllr Hayday reported that he will arrange a meeting with the LAT and Cllr Digby regarding the clearance work on Dashwood Hill.

It was reported that the resurfacing works on the roads in Piddington are now complete. Council thanked Cllr Hayday for his work on this.

Cllr Hayday reported that in the next financial year there may be funds available to do some patching work at the top of Piddington Lane.

It was reported that there has been some damage to the roads at Wheeler End Common when construction work was carried out. Cllr Hayday is currently progressing this.

Council noted a Parishioners concerns about the amount of rent charged per allotment. The Parishioner felt that because plots were different in size the rent should reflect this.

Council noted parishioners concerns about the broadband and lack of speed.

204.1 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests by Members relating to items on the Agenda
None.

204.2 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 Chairman.

204.3 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.

- Chiltern Society Winter Magazine
- Minutes – BCC Town & Parish Council Conference
- Rural Transport
- Letter from an Allotment Tenant.
- Dog Watch Newsletter
- Chalk and Trees Magazine.

Clerks Report

1. The Clerk has arranged for a representative from Community Impact Bucks to attend the February meeting to advise about linking older and younger people together in the community.
2. The Clerk contacted BCC re the signs on Princes Street and asked for these to be removed. This has been done.
3. The Clerk contacted BT regarding the low hanging wires. This has now been done.
4. The Clerk has been in regular contact with WDC regarding superfast broadband.
5. Tfb reported that the winter landscaping programme has been extended. They are now doing some siding out work of the footway from Chorley Road, West Wycombe all the way to the second junction of Old Dashwood Hill. These works have commenced but only in areas that do not require positive traffic management. The flail works will commence early in the New Year but we do not have an exact programme date.
6. No one has come forward for the Councillor vacancy as yet.
7. All allotment plots have been rented.

204.4 Installation of water supply at Piddington Allotments.

The Clerk sent a letter to all allotment tenants to ask if they would like to have a water supply and if one was installed would they be willing to pay an extra £10 per annum. 16 tenants responded to the letter and the majority were not in favour of having water.

Council resolved not to go ahead with the installation of water at the allotments.

204.5 Chipps Hill Maintenance Brief

Cllr Redfern met with a contractor to discuss the works needed to cut and clear Chipps Hill verges and embankments. It is estimated that it will take 3 days for works on the western embankments. The quote for this was £3750 plus VAT. The quotation to carry out works on the eastern side embankment was £950 plus VAT and would take 1 day to complete.

It has been a difficult task to find a contractor with a high enough reach to be able to cut back the vegetation. The work must be carried out by the end of February as the nesting seasons starts in early March.

Council resolved to have both the eastern and western embankments cleared as per the above quotes.

204.6 Fibre Broadband update

WDC advised an update on the position regarding the countywide project that they are supporting to extend the Connected Counties superfast broadband programme to more homes and businesses in the district.

The Superfast Extension Programme (SEP) change request was issued to BT with a scheduled return date to WDC of December 15.

WDC reported that BT have been unable to meet the timeline and have been advised that the proposals will not be ready until February 16. WDC anticipate being able to advise further in April 16.

The Clerk will email MP Steve Baker to request this is drawn to the Ministers attention.

204.7 Piddington Parking OGSM

Council discussed various strategies and ideas to focus on better parking within the village.

This will be discussed again at the February meeting.

204.8 Children's Play Equipment

Council received a request for a new piece of children's play equipment suitable for toddlers at Piddington Recreational Ground. The Clerk approached Red Kite Community Housing and they have offered to contribute £3000 towards the project.

The piece of equipment will cost £6395 plus VAT and will be supplied by Safe and Sound Playgrounds. Permission has also been sought from the West Wycombe Estate.

Council approved the expenditure of £3365.00 plus VAT towards the play equipment.

204.9 ACCOUNTS : i. Approval of invoices submitted for payment in January.

Cheque no	Expenditure	Subtotal	VAT	Total
1561	Mrs H Glasgow – December Salary	£199.86	£0.00	£199.86
1562	HMRC - November	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
1563	BCC Pensions	£78.67	£0.00	£78.67
1564	TBS Hygiene LTD - November	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00
	Total Expenditure	£348.53	£4.00	£352.53
	Income			
	P Legg P02	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00
	T Brand	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00
	D Hawes	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00
	C Bristow	£5.00	£0.00	£5.00
	T Stocks	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00
	Total Income	£45.00	£0.00	£45.00

Statement of Account

Opening balance – 3rd December 2015	£17,731.02
Less Approved Expenditure	-£1,369.31
Income	£45.00
Total at the 06th January 2016	£16,406.71

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Total Unpresented Cheques

Total unrepresent cheques £0.00

Balance Minus Unpresented cheques £16,406.71

ii. Expenditure against Budget

Council noted the report.

ii. Draft Budget & Precept 2016 / 17.

Budget for 2016/17

Clerks Salary and pension	£ 4850
Admin –telephone, post, insurance, website, audit, broadband, & working from home allowance	£ 3000
Village Hall-hire	£ 300
Recreation Ground – grass/maint	£ 2500
Chippis Hill verge and create a footway to West Wycombe	£ 4500
Grass cutting – Piddington Green including the allotments	£ 2000
Grass cutting – Wheeler End	£ 500
Allotments	£ 600
Wheeler End - War Memorial & fence/Wreaths/dog waste bins	£ 1200
Subscriptions	£ 350
Donations	£ 900
Reserve	£ 5000
Total	£ 25,700

The provisional CTSS Grant (formerly LCTS Grant) issued by WDC shows a reduction of £99.18 (14.93%) from 2015/16.

Council resolved to increase the Precept from £18500 to £20,000. A current Band D property is £71.02 this will increase to £75.97.

204.10 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Redfern reported that the hedge at the playing fields fronting the road and round into the car park entrance of the Dashwood Arms needs to be cut back. The Clerk will ask Pete Gomme for a quotation for the works.

The Clerk will get a quote to replace the basketball hoop board at the recreational ground.

There was concern about the mess on the road of Queens Street from the development of a property. Cllr Digby will meet with the owner regarding this.

204.11 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 9th February 2016 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.55.

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