

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on
Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs Mr Simon Digby – Chairman, Mr A Stevens, Mr N Cloke, Mr A Hackett, Mrs W. Pitcher,

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

**Apologies were accepted from: District Councillors Mrs J. Teesdale, Mr I. McEnnis.
County Councillor Mr D. Hayday.**

Members of the public: 2.

Members questions

A Parishioner asked if BCC are going to re-surface the path on the right hand side of Kings Street. It was scheduled to be completed mid-December. A small section was done but the rest of the path has been left. The Clerk will contact Cllr Hayday.

Concerns were raised about vehicles/machinery being parked on the road.

Concerns were raised about mud in the road caused by machinery.

Concerns were raised about the upkeep of allotments. Some allotment plots need to be cultivated/ dug over.

236.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.
Cllrs J Redfern & Roy.

236.2 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on the Agenda.
None.

236.3 Minutes - i) To confirm and sign the Minutes of the December Meeting.
Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

236.4 Clerks Report and Correspondence.
Correspondence Received

1. Thames Valley Police - One week to go - Survey on an increase in council tax to help protect operational policing.
2. Thames Valley Police - Police & Crime Bulletin for December 2018 - Police funding, Chief Constable recruitment and more.
3. BCC - Household recycling centre service review
4. Chilterns Conservation Board enews
5. Bucks CC is proposing to install a new footway along the verge in Dashwood Hill, Studley Green as part of the A40 Safer Roads Scheme.
6. Parish Unitary Meetings.

Clerks Report

1. Clerk contacted BCC re the layby on the Old Oxford Road.
2. Re the 5mph sign for Wheeler End Common, WDC/BCC advise this is the responsibility of the West Wycombe Estate. Cllr Hayday emailed the Estate.
3. I wrote to the property owner of the old electricity substation re using the public waste bin for personal litter.
4. I wrote to the property owners of 2 Queens Street re parking a black BMW very close to the junction, restricting the sightline of on-coming traffic.
5. The disabled bay on Kings Street has been sprayed black as requested.
6. I have emailed the West Wycombe Estate to ask if the stile can be replaced / repaired. The stile is broken with no easy access over and the steep slope up to the stile and is dangerous.
It has also been suggested that a step system is installed on the steep verge leading to the stile that is on Piddington Lane.

7. I have been asked by someone outside the Parish if Piddington PC would supply them with a couple of litter pickers, hi-vis vests and some bin bags. They live in West Wycombe and would like to litter pick along the A40 between Piddington and Studley Green. Council agreed.
8. Cllr Stevens advised he has purchased a galvanised steel post for £75 for the broken post attached to the gate at rec ground. He will install this free of charge. He will also install the road mirrors and secure the picnic bench.
9. Update re the piece of common land running alongside Wheeler Cottages. BCC advise that there is no public right of way shown on the definitive map and the County Council is therefore unable to take action with enforcement or installing a new sign.
10. I still have the held cheque for the dog waste bags. Council should decide if they want to issue or cancel the cheque.
11. There is one allotment plot vacant.
12. Any member of the public can report a problem to TFB on the website fix my street – www.fixmystreet.com
13. The AED Checks have been carried out.

236.5 Finance – i) Approval of the invoices submitted in December 2018.

Council approved the income and expenditure report.

ii) To note the Expenditure against Budget report.

Council noted the expenditure against budget report. It is likely there will be an underspend on the budget.

iii) Proposed Budget and Precept 2019/20.

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Budget for 2019/20

Clerks Salary and pension	£ 7000
Admin –telephone, post, insurance, website, audit, broadband, & working from home allowance	£ 3150
Village Hall-hire	£ 500
Recreation Ground – grass/maint	£ 3000
Chipp's Hill verge	£ 3000
Grass cutting – Piddington Green including the allotments	£ 3000
Grass cutting – Wheeler End	£ 0
Allotments	£ 600
Wheeler End - War Memorial & fence/Wreaths/dog waste bins	£ 1200
Subscriptions	£ 350
Donations	£ 900
Projects	£ 2000
Reserve	£ 5000
Total	£ 29,700

The bank account balance as of 02/01/19 is £31,555.73

The Parish Council should end the year with approximately £20/£25k in the bank.

In setting the budget it is proposed to increase the following budget lines, clerks salary and pension, and grass cutting. I have removed grass cutting at Wheeler End, this is done by WDC. All other budget lines remain the same as the previous year.

The current Budget gives a reserve of £5000.

The Band D cost for the Parish Council over the last few years have been as follows:

07/08	50.03	12/13	69.68
08/09	57.37	13/14	69.68
09/10	56.96	14/15	70.57
10/11	70.63	15/16	71.02
11/12	69.41	16/17	75.97
17/18	79.86	18/19	83.66 based on a precept of £22,250
19/20	87.45 based on a precept of £23,250		

Council Tax Support Grant (CTS)

The grant funding from WDC will cease in 2019/20. In 2014, the government rolled the CTS into the revenue support grant (RSG) paid to the district council. Wycombe DC continued to make CTS grants while it received a RSG payment from the government. In 2019/20 and in the future, Wycombe DC will not receive RSG funding.

To set the Precept

Current Precept 2018/19 £22,250.00 CTS Grant £403.15

Council approved to increase the precept by £1000 to £23,250 (Band D estimated cost per household £87.45). This will take into account the loss of the CTS grant and a small inflation increase.

236.6 Planning Applications – None.

236.7 Members Questions and Statements.

The Clerk was asked to contact the contractor regarding works on Chipps Hill. All cutting back should be completed before the nesting season.

Cllr Cloke reported that 4 of the 5 contractors will tender for the grass cutting contract. The contractors will be doing site visits. Tenders to be submitted by 1st Feb.

236.8 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 12th February 2019 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.17pm

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