

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on
Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs Mr S Digby – Chairman, Mr N Cloke, Mrs F Curzon, Mr O May, Mrs W Pitcher, Mrs J Roy.

County Councillor Darren Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Apologies were accepted from: District Councillor Ian McEnnis.

Members of the public: 2

Members questions

A Parishioner raised concerns about the lack of broadband speed. Cllr Hayday will contact the Parishioner.

A Parishioner raised concerns about netting at the allotments and it being harmful to hedgehogs. This is something the allotment committee will consider.

Cllr Hayday reported that the A40 pathway has been cut back.

A Parishioner raised concerns about how the cutting on the Old Oxford Road will be done in the future. This will fall under the new Unitary Council which starts in May 2020.

There has been some anti-social behaviour between Lower Farm and Piddington Lane. Cllr Hayday will contact the Police re this issue.

Concerns were raised about flytipping and general rubbish being thrown. This can be reported on

www.fixmystreet.com

There have been cars / motorbikes doing excessive speeds on Old Oxford Road. These incidents should be reported to the Police.

248.1 Co-option of a new Parish Councillor
The Parish Council co-opted Ollie May.

248.2 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.
Mr A Stevens.

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

248.3 Minutes - 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.

248.4 Clerks Report and Correspondence.
Correspondence Received

1. Email sent re the Royal Garden Party.
2. December crime bulletin – national.
3. Email sent re the Unitary Authority – Community Boards.
4. Unitary Communications – delivery new authority newsletter
5. Christmas newsletter – Chilterns Conservation Board

Clerks Report

1. I have collected the food caddy bags from Chiltern Waste. There are 400 bags to be distributed.
2. Works on the recreational ground will begin end January / February.
3. I ordered the replacement baby swing, the lead time for installation is 6 – 8 weeks.
4. Works on the sleeper steps will begin end January / February.
5. I have ordered the wheelie bins stickers. Awaiting delivery.
6. All allotment rents have now been paid. There is 1 plot available.
7. Any member of the public can report a problem to TFB on the website fix my street – www.fixmystreet.com
8. The AED Checks have been carried out.

248.5 Finance – i) Approval of the invoices submitted in December 2019.

Natwest Account Summary

	Opening balance - 05/12/19	£	34,834.03			
	Less approved expenditure	£	674.80			
	Less cheque number 1932 - HSBC acc	£	20,000.00			
	Total as at 27/12/19	£	14,159.23			
Income and Expenditure Jan 2019						
Payment	Expenditure		Subtotal	VAT	Total	Descriptic
bacs	Mrs H Glasgow - Clerks Salary Dec	£	267.14	£ -	£ 267.14	Clerks sal:
bacs	BCC pension for Mrs Glasgow Dec	£	108.14	£ -	£ 108.14	BCC Pens
bacs	HMRC Dec	£	66.80	£ -	£ 66.80	HMRC
bacs	Mrs H Glasgow - Clerks expenses	£	44.75	£ 7.95	£ 52.70	Fuel/parki Play equip
bacs	Caloo Ltd	£	27.50	£ 5.50	£ 33.00	parts
bacs	Buckland Landscapes	£	365.83	£ 73.17	£ 439.00	Dec grass Wheelie B
bacs	K Isaaks	£	303.50	£ -	£ 303.50	stickers Environme
bacs	TBS Hygiene LTD	£	54.00	£ 10.80	£ 64.80	Waste
	Total Expenditure	£	1,237.66	£ 97.42	£ 1,335.08	
Cheque 1933	Piddington & Wheeler End PC	£	14,159.23	£ -	£ 14,159.23	Monies to account
Income	Total	£	-	£ -	£ -	
	HSBC Account		Statement of Account			
	Opening balance - 03/12/19	£	20,000.00			
	Less approved expenditure	£	1,888.16			
	Less direct debit ICO annual subscription	£	-			
	Income					
	Total as at 05/01/2020	£	18,111.84			
	Unpresented cheques	£	-			

ii) To note the budget against expenditure report.

Councillors noted the report.

iii) Proposed budget and precept 2020 / 2021

The budget for 20/2021 was agreed at £30,500. The Parish Council agreed a 2% increase on the precept. The 20/2021 Precept will be £23,715.00.

iv) New investment ideas for 2020.

Cllr Cloke suggested making the Parish more pretty with the following ideas:

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- 1) Trees on footpaths: TFB advised this is not an option because the roots grow and the pavements lift. It would also make the footpath too narrow for wheelchair and pushchair access.
- 2) Planter pots / fencing posts on the entry and exit points of the Parish: to install these, the PC would need to apply for a licence from TFB, the cost is £105 and we must use a Bucks appointed contractor. The Horticultural Society may do the planting.
- 3) Christmas tree on the Piddington green – there is no restrictions on this. A Christmas tree on Wheeler End Common - permission would need to be sought from WW Estate. The tree barn would be able to quote for this. Council would need to find an electrical supply for the lights.

The Parish Council agreed that Cllr Cloke would work on a proposal for the planter pots/fencing and Christmas trees.

Cllr Pitcher reported that there is a natural spring pond in Wheeler End and maybe this could be tidied up and opened back up. Cllr Pitcher will investigate this.

Cllr Pitcher reported that she is still working on the kissing gates and the Parish Council will need to arrange payment once we have an invoice.

Cllr Roy suggested adding some shrubs to Wheeler End Common. Cllr Roy will investigate this.

Cllr Digby reported on the fitness trail, this would be a long-term project. Need to ascertain the correct equipment to get the maximum different levels of fitness. The costs would be approximate £3500 for the equipment and would probably go on the recreational ground. Cllr Digby will contact Tylers Green Parish Council / Stokenchurch Parish Council for information regarding their outdoor fitness trails.

248.6 Review of the General Data Protection Regulation Policy.

Council approved this.

248.7 Review of the Parish Councils Privacy Notice.

Council approved this.

248.8 Review of Parish Councillors email addresses.

Council agreed that they would prefer to use their personal email addresses rather than parish council owned email addresses.

Councillors agreed that once issues have been dealt with and emails answered they would delete emails from their systems.

248.9 Review of the Emergency Plan.

Cllr Roy had drafted an emergency plan. The emergency plan would only be evoked if the emergency services cannot act or get access.

Piddington - If there is an emergency, for example, the A40 is gridlocked due to heavy snow there would be a simple telephone tree of whom would contact whom. Cllr Digby will draft this.

It was thought that Wheeler End might be better linking with the Lane End Parish Council emergency plan.

If there is an emergency the priority would be to make sure vulnerable people are ok.

248.10 Review of the website

The Parish Council opted to update their website to the new model website and the community package.

248.11 Members Questions and Statements.

Cllr Curzon reported that she is a community first aid responder.

Cllr Cloke advised Buckland Landscapes regarding the grass cutting comments.

Cllr Cloke reported that Thames Water are offering smarter home visits regarding reducing water, repairing leaks, fitting of water saving devices and to give advice on saving water consumption in and outside of the home. This should be promoted in contact.

Thames Water might be interested in sponsoring a water scheme at Piddington allotments.

The gullies are blocked and need to be cleared on Dashwood Hill, Cllr Digby will report these on fixmystreet.

It was reported that on the Newsfeed on Piddington website, there is a counter terrorism course. The course is on-

line and free of charge. It has been released by Thames Valley Police and is worth doing.

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248.12 Planning Applications: None.

248.13 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.54pm

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

