

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

**Present: Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mrs S. Storey, Mrs W. Pitcher, Ms J Redfern  
County Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale**

**Apologies: Cllrs Mrs J Galliven, Mr A Hackett, Mr F Swainston County Cllr Mr D Hayday**

**Members of the public: 0**

188.1 Declaration of any personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the Agenda  
None declared.

188.2 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the June Parish Council Meeting.  
The Minutes of the above meetings were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

188.3 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 June – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014

1. Chilterns Conservation Board – June and July Newsletters
2. WDC devolved services letter – similar vein to BCC – no further information at the moment.
3. Emails about the Wheeler End War memorial
4. Emails about football on Wheeler End Common
5. WDC Emergency Plan v6
6. Email from WDC re home made goal posts
7. BCC LAF agenda – issued to Cllr Redfern
8. WDALC agenda – issued to Cllr Swainston
9. BCC advice that new discretions need to be added to the Pensions Policy
10. Signed contract between Piddington & Wheeler End PC and BCC re the Chiltern Society taking on some of our bridleways/paths

Clerk's Report

1. Clerk attended BCC LAF meeting – we will get the footway at the bottom of Chipps Hill – they plan to extend it from our original request and it may be worth increasing our contribution to £4000 from the original £3000 suggested depending on the final proposal.
2. The white and yellow lines have been painted in Piddington.
3. WDC replied re the broken lorry and were aware of the problem.
4. The Clerk has had two further site visits to the Wheeler End War Memorial.
5. The Clerk reported that new goal nets are required.

188.4 PLANNING  
**Applications** - None received

Decisions

**14/05852/FUL –16 Princes Street, Piddington** - construction of single storey rear extension and conversion of garage into living accommodation with new pitched roof over – permit.

188.5 To consider Bucks County Council's and Wycombe District Council's proposal for parishes to take on devolved services  
BCC has issued a list of frequently asked questions however the map shows that BCC do not carry out any urban grass cuts in our parish which we would be responsible for however, under their guidelines, they should be undertaking the 30mph cuts along the Old Oxford Road. WDC currently cut the grass on Wheeler End Common and this could be affected by WDC plans to devolve some services. Clerk was advised that we would have information by 16<sup>th</sup> June but despite leaving messages nothing has been produced for us to consider.  
It was resolved that the Parish Council are interested in taking on devolved services but independently not as part of a cluster.

188.6 To receive an update on the works to Wheeler End War Memorial  
The Clerk was called to site as it was discovered that the centre all way to the base was 'rotting' and when core samples were taken at the bottom of the memorial the wood was wet and water could actually be seen oozing out of the column. It was agreed to remove the column and take to the workshops to dry out and to devise a method of refixing the column but allowing it to breathe and keep dry. It was also discovered that the top cross had not been sealed properly when attached to the column which is why they think there has been an ingress of water. Oxley

Conservators have been on site at all times due to the Listed status and they have continued to liaise over the work with the contractor and WDC and produce drawings for the new top and bottom fixings. The Clerk made on site decisions and agreed to the removal. With extra conservators fees and the amount of work now needed to stabilise and renovate the column to meet the Listed Building standard the total bill will now be £4200 – within our budgeted figure for the project but higher than initially costed. Work has to be complete by 4<sup>th</sup> August for the First War Commemoration Service due to take place at noon.

188.7 To discuss Wheeler End Common

A local resident had made complaints to the Parish Council about football being played on the Common. The Parish Council sought advice as they had no objection to this healthy sporting activity taking place – WDC advised that football could be played on the Common although they were not happy with the home made goals on Health and Safety grounds and always remove them on land they manage - they quoted guidance from the Football Association. WDC investigated whether a permanent goal could be erected for the youth of the parish but this has been refused.

188.8 To discuss new discretions in relation to the Local Government Pension Scheme 2014

It was resolved not to grant any of the five extra optional discretions and a new policy was signed.

188.9 ACCOUNTS : 1. Approval of invoices submitted for payment – see appendix 2

Accounts to be paid in July 2014

Mrs S Henson – June salary	232.11
BCC – pension - July	79.00
HMRC	58.00
WDALC – training course	15.00
Edwards Sport products – goal nets	59.74
Peter Gomme – cut of Recreation Ground & Pidd Green	480.00
War Memorials Trust subs	30.00
Chilterns Conservation Board – donation	100.00
Chiltern Society –subs	25.00
Staples	15.00
Mrs Henson – expenses April- June	59.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>1153.70</b>

Accounts to be paid in August 2014

Mrs S. Henson - July salary	232.11
BCC pension – August	79.00
HMRC	58.00

Peter Gomme will issue invoices between the July meeting and September meeting and it was agreed that these would be paid between meetings.

The Clerk issued spreadsheets showing the first quarter's expenditure.

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

**Statement of Account**

Opening balance – 1 <sup>st</sup> June	18290.67
Less June cheques	1116.29
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>17174.38</b>
Bank of Ireland	114.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>17288.78</b>

188.10 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Mrs Pitcher if any progress had been made on having the SLOW sign replaced at the top of Chipps Hill. The NAG, via Cllr Mrs Storey, will also be advised of the concerns about visibility. Cllr Digby raised concerns about the gullies near Chipps Hill and the A40 junction not being cleared as this was causing water to sit on the road.

Cllr Digby restated his concerns about the Dashwood Hill footway – we have been advised it will part of a BCC Winter maintenance gang schedule.

With many of the issues relating to plant and grass growth the Clerk will contact a local contractor to obtain a price for work on Dashwood Hill and Old Oxford Road.

188.11 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall** The

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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