

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th June 2015 at 8.00pm in Piddington Village Hall

**Present: Cllrs Mr S. Digby , Mr A. Hackett, Mrs W. Pitcher Mrs S Storey.
District Cllr Mr I McEnnis, County Cllr Mr D Hayday.
Clerk – Mrs H. Glasgow**

Apologies were accepted from: Cllr Ms J. Redfern, Mrs J Galliven, Cllr Mrs Jean Teesdale

Members of the public: 2.

Public questions

A member of the public raised the issue of the double yellow lines and parking on Kings Street. Cllr Hayday, the Clerk and some residents will be meeting Red Kite shortly to look at parking. The Clerk will report on this at the next meeting.

Cllr Hayday commented that the new surface outside the village hall was done well.

Cllr Hayday reported that residents of Wheeler End Common are talking about resurfacing the South and North tracks, they may approach the Parish Council for some funding.

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

198.2 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the May Parish Council Meeting.
The Minutes of the above meeting were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

198.3 To consider the quotation to paint the fence around the War Memorial in Wheeler End Common
Approved.

198.4 To consider the quotation for the toddlers play equipment at the Recreation Ground
Playground Services provided a quote for a small toddler slide at £3773.00 to supply and install. They also provided another quote for a slightly larger piece of toddler equipment at £6852.00 to supply and install.
Cllr Hayday reported that he can recommend an alternative supplier that might be slightly less expensive and will forward details to the Clerk.
The Clerk will contact Red Kite regarding their Community Fund, it might be that Red Kite may contribute towards the project.

198.5 **Planning: 15/06259/FUL – 20 Wellfield Road, Piddington – Householder application for construction of a single storey rear extension.**
No objections.

198.6 Wycombe District Council Draft Devolved Services Agreement: Wheeler End Common
Council received the draft agreement. Council noted that WDC were offering £392.00 per annum for the cutting of the grass.
Council resolved not to accept the offer on the basis that the grass cutting would cost far more than the offer.

198.7 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 11th May – 1st June 2015

1. WDALC Training Invite 'Being a Parish Councillor' Deigned for new Councillors 01/07/15
2. Dog Watch Alerts
3. Chiltern News
4. Weekly Email News Digest – Rural Services Network
5. Chiltern Society Magazine – email version available
6. Rural Services Network
7. Chiltern Conservation Board Newsletter
8. Dog Watch Alerts.
9. My Bucks – Newsletter
10. Community Champions Awards

11. Farm Tour is on Thursday 18 June at Bencombe Farm, Marlow Bottom the visit will also include a tour of the Rebellion Brewery.
12. Frieth Brownies Funday – 27th June – 11am – 3pm in Frieth Village Hall.
13. The Chilterns Conservation Board – Appointment of replacement Parish Member.
14. Bucks Law Plus.
15. Wycombe District Council – National Armed Forces.

Clerks Report

1. Council raised concerns about the metal shed at the Allotments. Cllr Digby reported he will talk to the tenant re permission not being sought before the shed was erected and that the shed is not inkeeping with the area.
2. The order has been placed for the pop up goal to go on Wheeler End Common. There is a delay on stock until 29th June.
3. The Clerk emailed Madeline Howe (BCC) regarding the TRO. She has suggested that TfB carry out an assessment for which they will charge a fee, the LAF may be able to fund this. Any measures they might suggest would then of course need to be funded at a more substantial cost but we can cross that bridge when we come to it.

Since this Cllr Hayday has suggested a different approach, to look at making the nearby carpark more accessible and getting more cars off the road. He also suggested we may look at applying for white lines if the problem still exists.

The Clerk will attend a meeting with Red Kite, Cllr Hayday and some residents arranged for Friday 12th June and report back to Council.

4. The Clerk has asked WDC if Council can have the plaque from the bench that was removed from Wheeler End Common, as yet I haven't received a reply.
5. 25 additional copies of 'Contact' will be delivered to Cllr Galliven to be distributed to houses in Wheeler End.
6. The Clerk has asked if BCC can install a sign for the Industrial Estate at Huckenden Lane.
7. The Clerk emailed the Dashwood Estate regarding the state of the footpath towards Fillingdon Farm. They will look at this asap.
8. The Clerk emailed Kensham Farms about the track through Lower Fillingdon Wood. They didn't recognise Lower Fillingdon Wood but said the area is probably known as Tipping Shaw. Mr Edgley has been in touch with a Parishioner about the issues.
Cllr Digby read out an email from Kensham Farms:

- "Our entire scheme for making a bridleway for our own Riding Permit Holders parallel to but separate from the Definitive Footpath (for the section nearest to Barn Wood) was instigated by walkers deliberately trying to obstruct our horse riders on the permissive bridleway, by making barricades from fallen branches last Autumn and on earlier occasions.
- Robin and Georgina explained to me how many of the Piddington parishioners really enjoy walking through Tipping Shaw - perhaps more appreciated and a bigger issue to them than I had realised.
- I was most disappointed to hear that some parishioners felt that the West Wycombe Estate overgrown hedge next to the footpath which we restored two or three years ago, leaving selected taller hedgerow trees, was not an improvement. Apparently some folk thought it had been better in its original overgrown state, whereas I - and Sir Edward Dashwood - thought the work had provided a huge benefit to the landscape. However we all know it is not easy to please everyone!
- We deliberately left the brash when we carried out the work in Winter 2014/15 as habitat for wildlife. Again, it is not possible to please everyone, and the interests of wildlife versus landscape do often conflict. The brash would also have had the benefit of protecting wildlife from dogs which were not walking under control on a lead. However as a compromise I have asked Richard to remove some of the untidiest brash (which we will burn elsewhere) and leave some piles of cordwood or smaller branches as some habitat.
- Shooting is an important field sport around here, and the requirements for game birds often conflict with the interests of walkers, who sometimes let their dogs run wild.
- Some walkers had started to walk along the Defra ELS Wildflower Strip on the south side of Tipping Shaw. This is totally against EU and Defra rules of the scheme, and that is why we have erected 'private' signs at each end. Many parishioners may not realise the number of EU / Defra rules with which farmers have to comply. Charlie has just had to cope with a detailed inspection of all of our ELS features (the restored hedge mentioned above had been one of these schemes agreed with the Ministry) carried out by two Inspectors using tape measures and hand held GPS rangefinders, they had spent two weeks checking every feature on the 2,500 acres which we farm.

- Robin and Georgina asked me if we were intending to fill in the potholes and puddles in the track which starts at the Chipps Hill bellmouth and ends near the Fillingdon Farmhouse garden. The answer is yes, we have repaired this West Wycombe Estate track in the past and have recently bought some loads of planings (from contractors re-surfacing the B482 Finings Road) which will be suitable to fill the potholes again”.

Cllr Digby suggested Mr Edgley attend a future Parish Council Meeting to keep Council & residents updated on what was going on at the farm.

9. Cllr Storey thanked Mr Ranking for picking up the litter around the village.
10. The Bank Mandate has been completed. Cllr Redfern has been added as a signatory.
11. The Clerk has sent letters to all businesses fronting the Old Oxford Road informing them of the Best Kept Village competition and asking if they would keep the outside areas tidy and mow any grass around the buildings.
12. The insurance policy has been renewed. Council will receive a refund of £9.83 as we no longer insure the bus shelter at Wheeler End.
13. The drains on the small road in between the Dashwood Arms and the Recreational Ground are blocked, the Clerk will obtain quotes to have them unblocked.
14. The Frieth Brownies Funday will take place on 27th June from 11am until 3pm in Frieth Village Hall. They have asked if they can put a few small signs around the village to advertise the event.
15. The Clerk reported there is currently one vacant allotment with no one on the waiting list. The Clerk will contact West Wycombe Parish Council to ask if someone on their waiting list might like the plot.

198.8 Accounts: Approval of invoices submitted for payment in June 2015

Mrs H Glasgow – May Salary	211.40
HMRC	53.00
Mrs H Glasgow – Expenses (April – May)	48.55
Mr J Glasgow – Repair & Paint Bus Shelter	387.00
TBS Hygiene – Environmental Waste Service	24.00
Buckinghamshire Playing Fields Association - Subscription	20.00
Chiltern Society – Subscription	25.00
Peter Gomme – 2 x cuts at playing fields	520.00
Total	£1288.95

Statement of Account

Opening balance – 30 th March	£14388.05
Less Approved Expenditure	- £710.76
Total at the 5th May	£13677.29

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

198.9 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Storey reported that Arriva Buses are working for WDC, two (40) buses one Arriva to Stokenchurch and the other being Carousel going to Thame. The Arriva service will stop in July.
 Cllr Digby reported that elderly residents in the village wanted to talk to younger residents and vice versa. Cllr Digby contacted Community Impact Bucks, they put him in touch with a Community Link Officer. Cllr Digby will invite her to a meeting, Council are still progressing this.
 Cllr Digby reported that Mobile reception & broadband was still an issue for the village and he will chase MP Steve Baker to progress is comments made at the May meeting.

198.10 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 14th July 2015 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.39.

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