

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th June 2016 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mr A Hackett, Mrs J Galliven, Ms J Redfern, Mrs S Storey, Mrs J K Roy, Mrs W Pitcher.

Clerk – Mrs H. Glasgow.

Apologies were accepted from: District Cllrs Mr I McEnnis, Mrs Jean Teesdale, County Cllr D Hayday.

Members of the public: 3.

Members questions

There was a question raised about the parking meeting. This will be reported later in the meeting.

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

209.2 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Minutes of the above meeting were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

209.3 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The Minutes of the above meeting were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

209.4 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.

209.5 To consider the revised salary scales.

SLCC has issued the revised salary scales for 2016-2018. The Clerks current salary scale is SPC 29 - £13.22 per hour. The next spinal column point is 30 - £13.94 per hour.

Council agreed to increase the Clerks SPC from 29 to 30.

209.6 Parking at Wheeler End.

Cllr Pitcher surveyed some residents of Wheeler End Common about the possibility of additional parking. Cllr Pitcher will continue to canvas residents. The Clerk should find out if there are any underground electricity cables.

Cllr Pitcher will report at a future meeting what action could be taken. The Clerk will provide Cllr Pitcher with a plan of the road.

209.10 Clerks Report and Correspondence.

Correspondence Received

- Campaign to Protect Rural England
- Outstanding Chilterns
- Chiltern Society magazine
- War Memorials Trust Bulletin
- **Planned 6% cut to pharmacy services could severely affect Bucks residents, council committee hears**

Proposed cuts in government support funding could have severe effects on the services offered by community pharmacies in Buckinghamshire, including the possibility of up to 20 pharmacies (out of 97) around the county closing completely.

That's the grim picture presented to Buckinghamshire County Council's Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC) on Tuesday 10th May by the Chief Officer of Buckinghamshire Local Pharmaceutical Committee and representatives of local community pharmacies.

Community pharmacies (those run outside of NHS premises) are key to strategic planning for health and adult social care in Buckinghamshire, as they offer an accessible local alternative to visiting a GP or using the 111 service, with trained health expertise on hand, often until late in the evening. For some, especially the county's more vulnerable residents and for those in rural areas, pharmacies can prevent a trip to A&E.

These pharmacies also provide easy local access to flu vaccination, emergency contraception, chlamydia testing and smoking cessation services.

With a reduction of £170 million in the funding for community pharmacies planned by the Department of Health to hit nationally in October 2016, this amounts to a 6% reduction in funding across the board. And with some small pharmacies relying on NHS funding for up to 90% of their income, this could mean that their business can no longer survive. Others may have to shed jobs and offer less services.

After hearing the evidence and the opinions of members, the consensus of the HASC was to compose a response to the current government consultation on the issue that ends on 25 May. The response will set out the Committee's deep concern about the probable effects of the cuts, which will disproportionately effect residents in rural areas within the county.

Angela Macpherson, Chairman of the HASC, said: "I'm most concerned by this. It looks like a hugely short-sighted cut, being an essential service that is seen by many – nationally as well as locally - as part of the solution to the increasing cost of health and adult social care, rather than as part of the problem.

"If this goes ahead, it is likely to have an impact on our more vulnerable residents, and it will certainly add to the workload of our GPs and adult social care services."

- This year's Rural farm tour will take place on **Thursday 30 June**, will be hosted by the Berkshire College of Agriculture (BCA) where members of the forum will have the opportunity to hear about the journey the college has been on to re-introduce farming related training into their course offer as well look the variety of livestock and other facilities they have available.
- Active Bucks Newsletter
- My Bucks Newsletter 2016
- Chiltern Conservation Board Newsletter

Clerks Report

1. The Clerk has arranged with Pete Gomme for the sign to be re-installed at the top of Piddington Lane.
2. The Clerk contacted Pete Gomme re the maintenance programme for Chipps Hill. He is unable to provide a quote as he does not have the correct equipment. The Clerk will contact Buckland Landscapes.
3. The judging for the Best Kept Village Competition will take place in June.
4. Allotment plot 20 is vacant.
5. Allotment plot 23 has not been cultivated for some time. The Clerk will contact the tenant.
6. Piddington Lane will be closed between 27th June until 1st July to alleviate water ponding.
7. There noticeboard has been installed in the bus shelter.

209.11 Planning Applications received:

16/06264/FUL – 1 Woodlands, Piddington Lane, Piddington
Householder application for construction of two storey side extension include front and rear roof lights.
No objection.

16/06333/FUL – Piddington Telephone Exchange, Old Oxford Road, Piddington
Householder application for removal of flue from South elevation, construction of two storey rear extension, boxed dormer to West elevation and alternations to ground levels incorporating retaining walls & new steps.
Objection – not enough information provided within the planning application.

16/06174/FUL – Huckenden Farm, Cadmore End Common Road, Wheeler End
Conversion of an existing detached garage building to form 1 x 2 bed dwelling with associated parking and amenity space.
No objection.

209.12 ACCOUNTS : Approval of invoices submitted for payment in June 2016.

Cheque no	Expenditure	Subtotal	VAT	Total
1597	Mrs H Glasgow – May Salary	£199.86	£0.00	£199.86

316/16

1598	BCC Pensions	£78.67	£0.00	£78.67
1599	HMRC	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
1600	Hayley Glasgow - Expenses May	£42.24	£3.75	£45.99
1601	TBS Hygiene LTD - April	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00
1602	BALC - Annual Subscription	£95.37	£0.00	£95.37
1603	Chiltern Society	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00
1604	Peter Gomme	£720.00	£0.00	£720.00
1605	L P Johnson	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
1606	mh-p internet ltd	£15.98	£3.20	£19.18
Total Expenditure		£1,307.12	£11.95	£1,319.07

Income

	£		£
HMRC VAT	2,606.95	£	- 2,606.95
Total Income	£2,606.95	£0.00	£2,606.95

Statement of Account

Opening balance – 29th April 2016	£13,838.32
Less Approved Expenditure	-£1,751.48
Income	£2,606.95
Total at the 7th June 2016	£14,693.79

TBS Hygiene 1593	£25.00
Gemma Smith 1594	£100.00
Total Unpresented Cheques	£125.00
Balance Minus Unpresented cheques	£14,568.79

209.13 To approve the payment of a £50 honorarium to the Internal Auditor.
Council approved the honorarium.

209.14 To complete the External Audit Statement and to consider and complete the Annual Governance Statement and to receive the Internal Auditors report.

Council noted the Internal Auditors Report. No issues were raised.
Council answered the Annual Governance Statement.
Council approved the Annual Accounting Statement.
Council approved the Year End Accounts.

209.15 Members Questions and Statements.

The hedges near the Peacock Pub in Bolter End are extremely overgrown, the Clerk will look into this.
The hedge near the unused building on Bolter End Lane is overgrown, the Clerk will look into this.
The 30 mph sign at the top of Chipps Hill has been covered by overgrown branches. The Clerk will report this to BCC.
The Clerk will ask Peter Gomme to cut the bank at Wheeler End Common.
The Clerk will contact WDC about strimming around the benches at Wheeler End Common.
Complaints have been received about the static caravan that is connected to the mains of the property at the Dashwood Arms. Clerk to email the Enforcement Officer at WDC.
Weeds along the curb side of the Old Oxford Road need to be sprayed. Clerk to ask BCC.
The second tree east of the junction (Old Oxford Road and A40) needs attention, hanging limbs and dead branches. The Clerk will contact BCC.
There is a large pine tree at the allotments causing concern. The Clerk will contact the tenant.
Cllr Storey will draft a specification for sheds at the allotments. Council will consider this at a future meeting.
Pinewood Tree Care have been seen dumping blue bags of manure in the public bins around the village. The Clerk will contact WDC.

Piddington Parking Meeting

Like many communities the issue of parking within Piddington Village is problematic and has been raised with the Parish Council on a number of occasions by residents. The Parish Council held a meeting on Tuesday 7th June which focused on improving emergency vehicle access and, therefore, the safety of residents and their homes.

Many ideas, suggestions and comments were raised at the meeting. Listed below are a few:

1. Work as a community and appeal to people's good sense to park thoughtfully.
2. White lines on corners to prevent people parking and destroying the sight lines.
3. Cones to be placed on corners to deter people from parking dangerously.
4. Use the parking spaces in front of the Village Hall when not in use. Have a sign on the Village Hall telling people when it is OK to park.
5. Double yellow lines up both sides of King Street.
6. Write down and communicate the unwritten rules of the Village.
7. Consistent parking on one side of the road, leaving the other side buggy-friendly.
8. Come up with a long term plan of attack, taking small steps, one at a time.

The Parish Council will run a trial of placing cones on the corners of Kings Street (opposite the Village Hall). It is an offence to park within 10ft of a corner/junction. The Police can issue tickets/fines to those cars that continue to do so.

There will be notices placed on the cones. The Parish Council hopes that by not parking on the junction it will relieve problems with access and increase people's sight line when turning in/out of the junction.

209.16 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 12th July 2016 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.40.

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