

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

**Present: Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mrs J Galliven, Ms J Redfern, Mrs S Storey, Mrs J K Roy.  
Clerk – Mrs H. Glasgow.**

**Apologies were accepted from: Cllrs Mr A Hackett, Mrs W Pitcher.  
District Cllr Mrs Jean Teesdale, Cllr Mr I McEnnis. County Cllr D Hayday.**

**Members of the public: 4.**

**Members questions**

A Parishioner raised concerns about poorly parked vehicles within the village.

A Parishioner expressed a vote of thanks to the Parish Council for the new play equipment at the recreational ground.

The two bollards near the Piddington sign when approaching from West Wycombe on the A40 need to be replaced/renovated. The Clerk will report this issue to BCC.

Concerns were expressed about various notices being attached to telegraph poles etc around the village. It was suggested that a pin-board in the bus shelter would be a good idea. The Clerk will look into costs.

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

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

206.3 To co-opt a Parish Councillor  
Mrs Jane Kingsman Roy was co-opted as a member of the Parish Council. The Declaration of Office was duly signed.

206.4 Piddington Parking OGSM  
Councillors were invited to attend a working group. It was suggested that a self-policing activity within the community would be a good starting point. The activity would give Councillors/residents around the village an opportunity to become a 'Local Hero'. The 'Local Hero' would be responsible for a road or a few houses and would communicate with them to help achieve harmonious parking.  
It was suggested that the Parish Council would invite residents to a village meeting. Services such as the Police and fire service would be present to demonstrate the difficulties of poorly parked vehicles. The Parish Council would give a presentation and invite people to join the team of 'Local Heros'.  
The working group will meet again and provide further suggestions at the next PC meeting.

206.5 To consider whether to enter the Best Kept Village Competition  
Council agreed to enter the Best kept Village Competition, the entry fee is £20.  
Councillors will organise a 'Clean for the Queen' session. This will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016 from 2pm to 4pm. All residents are encouraged to join in. The group will meet at the village hall and go from there.  
The Clerk will organise for this to be advertised in Contact, Facebook, Website and notices.  
Council set a budget of £100 to purchase litter pickers, bags and gloves.

206.6 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.

- War Memorials Trust Magazine
- The Chiltern Spring Magazine
- Chiltern Society February e-news
- Minutes of the NAG meeting
- Rural Services Network – Rural Broadband - February 2016
- BCC – My Bucks March 2016

Clerks Report

1. BCC has confirmed the 2016/17 grass cutting service will be 4 cuts per year from April as opposed to 6 cuts per year. This may continue to reduce in the future.
2. The latest update from Charles Meakings re Broadband is that proposals have now been submitted by BT which are currently being evaluated with a view to decisions being made by April.

3. Update from Steve Baker re Broadband as follows:

"I know Piddington Parish Council is aware the upgrade of broadband is now a matter for local councils under central government policy. Thank you for recent email concerning broadband in your area and giving me sight of your correspondence with Wycombe District Council.

I attended a recent debate on Superfast Broadband where the Government gave a number of reassurances.

I have also recently joined several cross-party colleagues in the British Infrastructure Group, led by The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP. The Group is dedicated to promoting better infrastructure across the UK and has recently published its first report.

This research highlights the serious problems that the UK broadband network is facing. It argues that the current situation of large inconsistencies in service leading to millions of citizens and businesses experiencing slow or non-existent connections is now untenable. With the UK economy now so reliant on its internet infrastructure, this BIG report contends that our future is being held back by systemic underinvestment stemming from the 'natural monopoly' of BT and Openreach. The report concludes that the current situation is stifling competition, hurting our constituents and in the process limiting Britain's business and economic potential. This report urges Ofcom to urgently follow the proposed solutions.

I will continue to take an active role in ensuring the Government delivers on its commitments with regard to Broadband across the UK".

4. The Clerk has reported the blocked drains on the Old Dashwood Hill to BCC.
5. The Clerk has instructed Peter Gomm to carry out the works agreed on the hedges around the rec ground.
6. The new backing for the basketball hoop has been installed.
7. The new play equipment at the recreational ground has been installed. I have received some good feedback about this.
8. The Clerk has arranged insurance for the new play equipment against loss or damage for a total sum insured of £7,000.00 under the Property Insurance section of the Hiscox policy will add £32.96 including Insurance Premium Tax (IPT) to the current premium payable. Came and Co have offered to defer charging it until the next renewal date on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016.

206.7 ACCOUNTS : Approval of invoices submitted for payment In March

Cheque no	Expenditure	Subtotal	VAT	Total
1570	Mrs H Glasgow – February Salary	£199.86	£0.00	£199.86
1571	HMRC	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
1572	BCC Pensions	£78.67	£0.00	£78.67
1573	Mrs H Glasgow – Expenses Nov - Feb	£81.30	£13.20	£94.50
1574	White Horse Contractors LTD	£4,700.00	£940.00	£5,640.00
1575	TBS Hygiene LTD - December	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00
1576	TBS Hygiene LTD - January	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00
1577	Criterion Asset Management	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00
1578	Information Commissioner	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00
1579	Safe and Sound Playgrounds	£6,395.00	£1,279.00	£7,674.00
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£11,594.83</b>	<b>£2,243.20</b>	<b>£13,838.03</b>
	Income			
	Red Kite	£3,000.00	£0.00	£3,000.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£3,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£3,000.00</b>

Statement of Account

Opening balance – 3rd February 2016	£16,362.26
Less Approved Expenditure	<b>-£773.86</b>
Income	£3,000.00
<b>Total at the 2nd March 2016</b>	<b>£18,588.40</b>

Total Unpresented Cheques	
1567 - BCC Pensions	£78.67
1569 - WDALC	£10.00
Total unrepresent cheques	£88.67
Balance Minus Unpresented cheques	£18,499.73

206.8 Planning Application  
16/05360/FUL - St Swithins, Piddington Lane, Piddington

Application for: Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings and erection of 3 bedroom detached chalet style bungalow & detached single storey studio/store building in rear garden.

No objection to the application, traffic management should be taken into consideration given that it's a single track road.

206.9 Members Questions and Statements

Councillors expressed their thanks to the village hall for the new curtains.

There is a new construction that has been built near the Orchard in Wheeler End. This has been reported to the Police and the West Wycombe Estate.

Cllr Storey raised concerns that the tree on the grassed area adjacent to the A40 is still in a poor state. The Clerk will contact WDC again about this.

Council noted that the Peacock Pub in Bolter End is now up for Auction.

206.10 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 12 April 2016 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.21.

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