

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council
held on Wednesday 11th March 2009 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

**Present: Cllrs Mr A Hackett, Vice Chairman, Mrs S. Storey , Mrs W. Pitcher,
Miss L. Bowen, Mrs Galliven, Mrs S. Henson, Clerk County Cllr Mr. F. Downes**

**Apologies were accepted from: Cllr Mr S. Digby attending WDC Chairman's meeting,
Dist Cllrs Mrs J. Teesdale, Mr I. McEnnis,**

133.1 Declaration of any personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the Agenda
Cllr Mrs Pitcher declared an interest in the Planning Application in Huckenden Farm

133.2 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the February Parish Council Meeting
These were all agreed by those present and signed by the Vice Chairman.

133.3 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.

Clerk's Report

1. The work on Chipps Hill has been completed and our grant refund has been requested. The next challenge will be to try and tidy the steep bank on the North side.
2. We have to watch the football post situation as the area is being so heavily used the youngsters keep wearing out the extra soil we are placing. During the summer we will need to remove the goals and lay turf etc.
3. Clerk has repaired the ball wall with a nut and bolt (the mesh had come away from the frame in one place).
4. Daffodils planted in the autumn are about to come into flower.
5. Clerk has had 4 site visits to get prices for the ball wall apron.
6. Clerk attended the WDALC training session where play area and allotments were discussed as well as Risk Assessment. We will have to do some work re documents for play area inspection and risk assessment.
7. Clerk has submitted a VAT reclaim of £3471.04.

Correspondence received from 12th February – 11th March2009

1. Standards Board newsletter
2. WDC Tree Preservation Order issued for three trees on Mweya land
3. Quotations for the ball wall apron.
4. Local Council Review magazine
5. Chiltern News Magazine
6. BCC SW Rural Local Area Newsletter
7. WDC Pathfinder Newsletter
8. Open Spaces Magazine
9. Letter from WDC asking if we would like to book a Play Area Inspection - it was agreed to book an inspection.
10. Letter from Prof Lee of Wellfield Road making a complaint about the HGV's parking along the Old Oxford Road, he acknowledges that no Traffic Regulations are being broken but their could be an issue of an Commercial Operators License – Clerk will write advising Prof Lee thanking him for his interest and help in the matter.
11. Email from Mr Lassen with suggestions about litter bins and Notice Boards for the Recreation Ground and additional information on the website.

1. Approval of invoices submitted for payment

Invoices to be paid in March 09

Mrs S Henson (s/o)	285.80
Mrs S Henson – expenses (Nov – March)	59.00
Piddington & District Village Hall (February & March)	36.00
Criterion – wayleave over Dashwood Arms land	11.50
Peter Gomme - Chips Hill and work around goal posts	1285.00 (B of I)
Staples – print cartridge	53.82
West Wycombe PC – 10% of tel bill and 1/3 of Clerks training	31.63
SLCC – third of training cost	16.35
Peter Gomme – rolling Piddington Green and Piddington Recon	240.00 (B of I a/c)
Total	2019.10

Accounts

Current Account opening balance 1.2.2009	1490.75
Less February cheques & s/o	1027.19
Plus transfer from B of I	500.00
Sub Total	963.56
Bank of Ireland balance	1638.41
Total funds	2601.97

We are due to get a £500 refund from the grant for clearing Chipps Hill plus the VAT refund of £3471.04

It was resolved to approve the accounts

2. To place an order for the apron in front of the ball wall

The Clerk had obtained four quotes for the required work. All companies were advised that the work had to be completed by 10th May in time for the official opening.

Four Seasons - £5950 (including markings)

RPM - £6421 (no markings)

Safe & Sound - £6620 (no markings)

ARD - £7252 plus £480 for painting the markings

We have kept the cost down by allowing the contractors to keep the soil on site.

It was resolved to place an order with Four Seasons who are a local company.

3. To agree to contribute £30 worth of Book Vouchers for the NAG's Schools

Speeding Competition

The Area NAG is running a competition for the schools in our area for the children to create an A4 coloured poster. The competition is divided into 3 age groups. The winning poster for each group will win £20 worth of book vouchers and the Parish Council for each of the winning posters will be asked to copy them and laminate them so that they can be erected around the Parish on private land.

The Clerk will purchase them and claim the money back under her expenses.

133.5 Planning:

PM/09/05231/FUL – 12Wellfield Road – construction of part two storey/part single storey rear extension – no objection in principal but does seem to be very large extension and would it come within the 50% rule.

SH/09/05267/FUL – Huckenden Farm - retention of detached single storey Garden Room (retrospective) – no objection.

133.6 To consider the previously issued suggested Rules and Regulations relating to the Piddington Allotments

Cllr Mrs Storey presented a set of suggested Rules and Regulations based upon standard ones used for other Parish Councils. It was agreed to modify the section covering compost bins and water butts to encourage allotment holders to use visually and environmentally acceptable containers. It was resolved to set a rent of £5 pa. Paying the rent and accepting the rules and regulations will give tenants the opportunity to be involved in any decision making processes. Set date for allotment holders meeting at April meeting.

133.7 To progress the official opening of Piddington Recreation Ground

Colin Baker has confirmed that he will be available for Sunday 10th May, 3pm for 3.30pm opening. Clerk will produce a needs and activity list. It was agreed that we would provide a barbecue of burgers/buns and soft drinks for approx 80 people. Alcoholic drinks could be purchased at The Dashwood Arms. Cllr Mrs Storey will put a piece in Contact and will be the contact point for residents. Clerk will invite the Bucks Free Press and our County and District Councillors. Clerk will purchase the official ribbon and put an item on the website as well as create the A5 'flyers'

133.8 To consider the Risk Assessment document and the Recreation Ground inspection record

The Clerk had issued copies of the two documents for consideration. It was agreed that the Play Inspection record would be implemented and Cllr Miss Bowen offered to carry out the weekly inspection. The Clerk will modify the Risk Assessment document

133.9 Members Questions and Statements

1. County Cllr Downes reported that the Audit Commission has a rating system for County Councils/Unitary Authorities. The maximum rating is 4 stars and BCC is now 4 stars. A large amount of work to reduce costs and to maintain services is being undertaken. Pathfinder is taking much longer than anticipated to implement. BCC plan to increase the capacity of the office tower block in Aylesbury to be able to sell off other office buildings. BCC has to reduce staff numbers and outsource some services

2. Cllr Digby returned from the WDC Parish Council Chairman's Meeting and reported that there was a feeling that TVP NAGs were undermining Parish Councils as some had been taken over by pressure groups. Parish Councillors have to work to the Standards Boards requirements whereas private individuals and groups can behave as they please and are not answerable to the public.

3. Cllr Mrs Storey reported that buses are still going along the A40 not the Old Oxford Road.

4. Cllr Mrs Galliven reported that she had been in touch with the Imperial War Museum who is currently making a record of all War Memorials.

5. Cllr Hackett and Cllr Mrs Storey reported that the Old Oxford Road was once again being used for fly tipping. The Clerk will make contact with WDC.

6. Councillors reported potholes near the junction of Piddington Lane and also at the junction of King Street.

7. Cllr Mrs Pitcher that the bus stop and 30mph roundel had disappeared from outside Laurel Farm. The route 104 bus run by Red Rose is providing a good service but she wondered whether they were only making one stop in Wheeler End. The Clerk will ask BCC to put out more information re bus times/routes.

133.10 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 8th April 2009 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall
There being no other matters, Cllr Hackett closed the meeting at 9.20pm

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