

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th March 2014 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

Present:

Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mr A Hackett, Mrs S. Storey, Mr F. Swainston, Mr J. Galliven

Apologies: Cllr Mrs W. Pitcher, County Cllr Mr D Hayday

Members of the public: 0

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

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

184.3 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 12th February – 11th March 2014

1. Invitation to the Chairman to the WDC Civic Service in March
2. Invitation to the Chairman and Clerk to attend a Transport for Bucks Workshop on 10th April
3. Chilterns Conservation Board – February Newsletter
4. Bucks CC newsletter
5. Bucks CC response re the work to be carried out by the Highways Agency on the Stokenchurch M40 bridge. The form had been inaccurately completed and less overnight closures are planned than indicated and the alternative routes are being corrected.
6. WDC confirmation of our precept request – Band D property £70.57
7. Best Kept Village Competition announcement – **April agenda**
8. Chiltern Society Magazine.
9. Notification from an allotment holder that they will be giving up their plot at the end of March. We have one Piddington resident on the waiting list.

Clerks Report

1. The hedge laying is complete and whips have been planted and the debris burnt.
2. Peter Gomme is probably going to carry out an early roll of the playing field once it has dried out a bit.
3. Please study the Expenditure against budget spreadsheet enclosed.
4. The defibrillator was installed on Friday 28th February. We need someone to inspect it fortnightly and submit an on line report – this is compulsory. Clerk will submit reports until March 2015.
5. Clerk has contacted the webmaster about Twitter and provided information.

184.4 PLANNING

Applications

4/05564/CTREE -Hunts Cottage Bolter End Lane Wheeler End -Fell 1 no. Douglas Fir to front of property – to be considered by 27th March.

14/05412/FUL-Sunny Bank Cottage Bullocks Farm Lane Wheeler End -Householder application for construction of two storey side extension, roof alteration to existing single storey rear workshop. Construction of front porch canopy and repositioning of front entrance door - to be considered by 27th March.

184.5 Standing Orders to consider modifying this Parish Council's Standing Orders to allow for a smaller number of Councillors to be present to make the meeting quorate
It was resolved to reduce our quorate figure to three Councillors in attendance.

184.5 To discuss the actions from the Parish Plan questionnaire including placing an order to make additions to our website

Clerk has written to two taxi companies re favourable rates.

Age UK provides certain maintenance services and Clerk has details and costs.

Clerk has information re fly tipping.

A one off price of £85 from webmaster for adding maps with footpaths to our website to include the parish boundary on a google map showing the footpaths in our parish. It was resolved to place an order for this and to add a photo gallery to the website at a one off cost of £70.

BCC - Cost of installing electronic/solar bus timetables - £6000 - £7000.

Clerk has looked at Bullocks Farm Lane re the positioning of a grit bin but it is going to be challenging for it to be installed on BCC land
 Clerk will write an article for Contact covering parking, trees, contact details for the elderly, Thames Valley Police alert emails
 A summary of the Parish Plan and an information sheet will be produced.
 Chairman is to contact people who came forward via the Parish Plan to help in some capacity.
 Chairman will contact those people who supplied details and who would like some support/help.

- 184.6 To discuss the bus information document
 Councillors were very pleased with the bus timetable document and it was agreed to proceed with having it printed and distributed, probably with West Wycombe bus timetables and information. We will receive some grant support from Bucks CC for this joint venture.
- 184.7 To discuss our parish in relation to the Local Plan consultation
 In principal this Parish Council would not object to the addition of four reasonably sized and priced family homes or a small development of one bed dwellings with appropriate parking allocation. We are concerned about the lack of infrastructure e.g. schools.
- 184.8 To agree to pay for the goat willow on Piddington Green to be crown lifted at a cost of £70
 The Clerk asked an arboriculturist to inspect the goat willow on Piddington Green and reports that it is perfectly healthy – therefore we will place an order for it to be crown lifted.
 It was resolved to place an order for the work.
- 184.9 To consider asking The Chiltern Society to take on the maintenance of three footpaths/bridleways currently maintained by Bucks CC.
 There are four footpaths/bridleways in the parish in question. We would receive a grant of £463.14 to undertake the work. The Clerk has had a meeting with the Chiltern Society who are willing to take on this work. Councillors resolved to ask the Chiltern Society to carry out the maintenance work on these paths/bridleways and pass on the entirety of the grant to them.
 The Clerk also asked if they could help with Chipps Hill wild flower maintenance – we will ask for a price for them to undertake this work.
- 184.10 To consider the updated Risk Assessment and Asset Register
 Prior to the meeting the Clerk had issued the asset register and the risk assessment document for consideration. Councillors agreed that with a note stating that the Standing Orders were modified at this meeting and the addition of the new defibrillator they are up to date.
- 184.11 Accounts: Approval of invoices submitted for payment, signing of cheques
Accounts to be paid in March 2014

Mrs S Henson – February salary	222.46
BCC – pension - March	82.43
HMRC	55.80
Staples – print cartridge and stationery	55.12
Criterion – wayleave	12.00
Information Commissioner – Data Protection renewal	35.00
M40 Chilterns Environmental Group	250.00
J C Belgrove – hedge laying and whips	2250.00
Mrs S. Henson – expenses December – March 14	60.30
MH-P annual domain name	72.00
Post Office – 100 x 2 nd class stamps prior to increase	50.00
Total	3145.11

Statement of Account

Opening balance – 1 st February	14882.43
Less February cheques	662.60
Sub Total	14219.83
Bank of Ireland	114.39
Total	14334.22

It was resolved to approve the accounts.
 The Clerk had issued, prior to the meeting, a spreadsheet showing the end of year expenditure against budget.

184.12 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Mrs Galliven reported that there are more horse riders on Wheeler End Common.
 Clerk will ask WDC for more signage. The amount of dog faeces on Wheeler End Common is also becoming a real hazard.
 Cllr Swainston will contact the Webmaster re Twitter.
 Cllr Swainston raised his concerns about the increased cost of Bucks CC home to school transport.
 Cllr Digby reported that there was flooding at Dashwood Cottages and the Clerk had arranged for 200 sandbags to be delivered. The water levels are still rising
 Cllr Digby and the Clerk were puzzled over the recent resurfacing of Chipps Hill junction.
 Cllr Digby has spoken the landlord of the Dashwood Arms asking him to tidy up the whole areas.
 Cllrs Mrs Storey and Digby are developing a list of vulnerable people of all ages who may need help and support in the event of an emergency.

184.13 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th April 2014 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

Cllr Swainston gave his apologies for the April meeting.

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