

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on
Wednesday 9th November 2011 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

**Present: Cllrs Mr A Hackett – Vice Chairman, Mrs S. Storey, Mrs W. Pitcher, Mr F. Swainston.
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk**

**Apologies were accepted from: Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mrs J. Galliven, Ms J. Redfern,
Dist Cllr Mr I McEnnis, Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale, County Cllr F. Downes**

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

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

161.3 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.

1. The bulb planting has been completed.
2. Peter Gomme has provided prices to clear one allotment of brambles and another of 'everything' as well as the removal of a tree. Clear 2 allotments - £150. Fell the tree and burn on site - £250. It was agreed to go ahead with clearing the allotments at a cost of £150 but we will delay our decision on the tree. The large allotment will be divided into two. Letters will go out in spring telling all tenants that they must keep their weeds under control and clear their paths.
3. The Clerk has been chasing BCC re the TRO for HGV's – no satisfactory answer as yet as it is still waiting to be considered by the BCC cabinet.
4. The new street sign has been erected on the other side of the entrance to Piddington Lane.
5. The Clerk has written and spoken to a resident about parking on Piddington Green.
6. BCC have advised us to report what we consider to be dangerous trees on the A40 for work this year and a fuller inspection could only be undertaken in the next financial year.
7. Mr Andy Hawes who already cuts the hedges for West Wycombe Estate and Kensham Farm on either side of Chipps Hill will provide a price for removing the brambles on Chipps Hill.
8. The Clerk has made contact with two hedge laying contractors – they have advised that it would probably need 5 years growth to have enough to work with. The finished hedge height would be too low for ball games. Current cost is £11 - £15 per running meter. The general feeling was that this would look too untidy for such a long period of time and that perhaps we should have it cut. To be discussed at the December meeting.

Correspondence received from 13th October 2nd November 2011

1. M40 update, AGM Notice on 25th November at Lewknor Village Hall and request for financial support when planning the budget.
2. Allotment rents are in.
3. The Playing Field Magazine
4. Proposals and consultation from BCC re planned street light switch offs – 17th December
5. Insurance company Parish newsletter
6. Matters Arising Magazine
7. WDC Information on exhibition for the redevelopment of Handy Cross and related sports proposals - 31st October – 18th November
8. Air Ambulance request for a donation.
9. Posters asking local people to help others if we get more bad weather.
10. Copy of petition by Wheeler End residents sent to BCC re School catchment Areas
11. BCC asking if we would be 'agents' for the purchase of bunting for the parish.
12. WDALC training session on December 15th on the Localism Bill

161.4 PLANNING:
Applications
11/07525/FUL – 20 Princes Street, Piddington – Construction of two storey rear extension

Decisions

11/06893/FUL - Wheeler Cottage, Piddington Lane, Wheeler End - Householder application for erection of detached single storey garage/store with attic store at rear – permit

11/06479/LBC, Huckenden Farm Cadmore End Common Road Wheeler End -Listed
building application for internal alterations comprising revisions to stairs, formation of additional first floor area and new stud partitions - permit

- 161.5 Information re Remembrance Day Service – 10am, Sunday 13th November.
The British Legion will lead a service or Remembrance in front of the Wheeler End War Memorial starting at 10am. A young man will read the poem and lay a wreath on behalf of the youth of the Parish and another wreath will be placed on behalf of all residents of the parish. It was resolved that a donation of £50 would be made for our wreaths.
- 161.6 To discuss the BCC Consultation on Budget Priorities
Councillors went through the document and completed it.
- 161.7 To discuss the Queen's Diamond Jubilee
BCC will be providing each parish with approximately 60m of red white and blue bunting for; we can purchase more bunting at a cost of £ 1 per 10m of bunting. They would also like to know if we would act as 'Brokers' for other organisations within a parish to purchase bunting. It was agreed that we would be brokers. Ideas to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee were a possible bench for Wheeler End Common by the War Memorial and a piece of play equipment for the Piddington Recreation Ground.
- 161.8 To discuss future budget plans
The Clerk had issued a projected year end spreadsheet. Items to consider for next year: Allotments, Chilterns Conservation Board, Air Ambulance, Piddington Village Hall, War Memorial. Recreation Ground – roundabout/ slide/ sand pit. We will need to contribute a third of the cost of a new computer.
- 161.9 ACCOUNTS
1. Approval of invoices submitted for payment
Invoices to be paid in November
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| Mrs S Henson | 222.46 |
| BCC Pension payment | 82.43 |
| HMRC | 55.80 |
| Peter Gomme – grass cutting along allotment bank | 80.00 |
| Longwood Rural Contractors – balance | 516.00 |
| Elizabeth Stillman – bulb planting | 572.00 |
| Mrs S Henson – expenses – July – October | 37.33 |
| Staples – stationery and stamps | 53.54 |
| Piddington & District Village Hall – annual charge | 216.00 |
| Mrs M Slack – Bus shelter ground rent | 10.00 |
| Royal British Legion – poppy wreaths – S137 | 50.00 |
| Total | 1895.56 |
- Accounts
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| Current Account opening balance 1.10.2011 | 20576.61 |
| Plus allotment rents | 90.00 |
| Less Oct cheques | 1477.46 |
| Sub total | 19189.15 |
| Bank of Ireland balance | 114.34 |
| Total funds | 19303.49 |
- It was resolved to approve the accounts.
- 161.10 Members Questions and Statements
Cllr Swainston reported that the telephone box glass had been smashed. Concern about parking along the Old Oxford Road in connection with The Dashwood Arms on 5th November – almost too narrow for the bus and certainly the fire brigade.
- 161.11 Date of Next Meeting
Wednesday 14th December – 7.30pm, Piddington Village Hall.
- The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

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