

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on
Wednesday 14th November 2012 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

**Present: Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mr A Hackett, Mrs S. Storey, Mrs W. Pitcher, Mrs J. Galliven
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk**

Members of the public: 0

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

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

171.2 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the October Parish Council Meeting
The Minutes of the 9th October meeting were agreed by those present and signed by the
Chairman.

171.3 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 basket swing has been installed and can be used as from 19th November.
All the parts on the swings which needed replacement have been fitted .
2. Cllrs Redfern and Swainston and the Clerk attended the Remembrance Day
Service.
3. Clerk has shown the new Local Area Technician our parish and listed works
required.
4. One allotment rent is outstanding. Two people on the waiting list.
5. A second letter and a telephone conversation has taken place with WDC and
the resident riding horses on Wheeler End Common.
6. Replacement football nets will be £66.
7. We have had a request via Lane End Parish Council for dog bins on Wheeler
End Common – raised this with the WDC Open Spaces Manager.
8. The Clerk has briefed a contractor in order to obtain a price for carrying out
work on the brambles on Chipps Hill. This will be available for the December
meeting

Correspondence Received from 11th October – 14th November 2012

1. WDALC Minutes – passed to Cllr Mrs Galliven
2. LAF Agenda for October meeting.
3. WDC Planning Enforcement response re building at Norths Estate. Affected residents have
been given a copy of the letter
4. NALC statement on Precept – issued – agenda item
5. Bucks CC Consultation on flood risk management – the Clerk has read this document and as
Parish Council we would have nothing to add as it is generic rather than specific.
6. Bucks CC statement of devolution to town and parish councils – enclosed
7. Bucks CC briefing note on 20mph speed limits and TROs – enclosed
8. Bucks CC budget and strategic plan consultation – issued
9. BALC AGM invitation on 9th November
10. WDC Revised Statement of Community Involvement
11. Matters Arising – issued
12. WDC notification of the development of the next Local Plan – enclosed
13. BCC notification of a consultation on a Permit Scheme for the management of road and street
works in the public highway and to minimise disruption.
14. BCC Hot Topics Newsletter – issued
15. Playing Field Magazine
16. WDC Community Safety Partnership Survey - [http://www.wycombe.gov.uk/council-
services/community-and-living/community-safety/news.aspx](http://www.wycombe.gov.uk/council-services/community-and-living/community-safety/news.aspx)
17. Request for financial help from the Sue Ryder Hospice
18. Request for financial help from the Thames Valley Air Ambulance – agenda item
19. HMRC notification re PAYE and Real Time Notification
20. Agenda for WDC Clerks meeting
21. HMRC Employer Bulletin
22. BCC Guidance on creating a Local Government Pension Scheme Discretionary Policy –
December agenda.

23. BCC Briefing note on potholes – enclosed
24. BCC Advance notice of a road closure of Bullocks Farm Lane by Denham Farm to Dell Garden 14th – 18th January.
25. WDALC Training session
26. War Memorials Trust Magazine
27. Chalk & Trees Magazine

171.4 PLANNING:

Nothing to report.

171.5 To amend the Standing orders to allow Parish Council meetings to take place on the second Tuesday of the month.

It was resolved to amend the Standing Orders.

171.6 To discuss a specification for the grass cutting contract

The specification submitted for consideration was agreed however if we can have the epicormic growth removed then the grass cutting can be closer to the trees. The Clerk will obtain a price from South Bucks Tree Surgeons to remove the epicormic growth at the bottom of the large trees. The Clerk will obtain a price for the grass cutting from Mr Gomme.

171.7 To discuss the order for two oak trees to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee

Having met with the Open Spaces Officer of WDC re the positioning of the oak tree on Wheeler End Common we will have to position the oak tree on Piddington Green near the old water tank due to canopy and root growth and not on the Recreation ground. We are going to have much sturdier protection for the trees. We have received a price to include the two trees and their protection and this amounts to £240 plus VAT.

It was resolved to place the order. The Clerk will contact a local wood craftsman for a price for the memorial plaques.

171.8 ACCOUNTS

1. Approval of invoices submitted for payment

Invoices to be paid in November

Mrs S Henson	222.46
BCC Pension payment	82.43
HMRC	55.80
Staples	33.52
West Wycombe Estate – Piddington recreation rent	250.00
Elizabeth Stillman – daffodil bulbs	1641.00
Royal British Legion – wreaths S137	50.00
Playground Services Ltd – basket swing	3279.60
Total	5614.81

Statement of Account:

Opening balance – 1 st October	19249.40
Less October cheques	375.67
Plus allotment rents	175.00
Sub Total	19048.73
Bank of Ireland	114.37
Total	19163.10

It was resolved to approve the accounts

171.9 To discuss the budget and precept for 2013/2014

The Clerk, prior to the meeting, issued a projected year end spreadsheet, suggested budget and detailed information on finance for the coming year.

NALC have issued a statement stating that Parishes should not consider setting the Precept until after the Chancellor's Autumn Budget Statement in early December. We believe this is in connection with the proposed 10% reduction in funding to District and County Council by the government and a change in Council Tax benefit and Council Tax base.

Items to be considered for next years budget

1. Chipps Hill to clear ragwort and brambles – waiting for price
2. Princes Street hedge - £30
3. Allotment paths plus grass cutting contract – waiting for price
4. War Memorial – fencing and re-carving of names on memorial

Items which as a Parish Council we need to consider in terms of maintenance in future years:
Bucks CC – Piddington Green.
Footway from Piddington to Wets Wycombe
Salt bins
Bus shelters

171.10 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Mrs Storey reported that the pavement at the top of Princes Street and Wellfield Road is very uneven. Clerk will follow up.

Cllr Mrs Storey reported on the NAG – no problem on Halloween night; lorry ban is working is working; building works on Norths Estate are being carefully monitored.

171.11 Date of Next Meeting and dates for 2013

Wednesday 12th December 2012 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall. Councillors were issued with dates for TUESDAY meetings in 2013. These are on the Notice boards and on the website

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

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Date.....