

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th October 2015 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

**Present: Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mrs A Hackett, Mrs W Pitcher, Ms J. Redfern, Mrs S Storey.
County Cllr Mr D Hayday, District Cllr Mr I McEnnis.
Clerk – Mrs H. Glasgow.**

Apologies were accepted from: Mrs J Galliven, District Cllr Mrs Jean Teesdale.

Members of the public: 4.

Councillor Hayday thanked residents for their patience with BCC during the patching of the roads. This is the first phase, BCC will resurface the roads fully during the second phase. Unfortunately Piddington Lane will not be resurfaced but pot holes will be patched.

It was reported that the parking at George Lee Court was complete. Council and residents thanked Cllr Hayday for all his help with this issue.

201.1 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests by Members relating to items on the agenda and to sign the Application for Dispensation under S33 of Localism Act.

None declared.

Councillors resolved to sign the application for Dispensation under S33 of Localism Act.

201.2 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the September Parish Council Meeting

The Minutes of the above meeting were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

201.3 Update re Superfast Broadband

The Parish Council has been working with Connected Counties and WDC regarding getting Superfast Broadband to Piddington. The Parish Council has also been in contact with MP Steve Baker who has promised his support, Cllr Hayday and Cllr McEnnis will also support the Parish Council on this issue.

Cllr McEnnis will send the Clerk some information about expected levels of service in 2016.

Our closest link is cabinet 3 in Lane End, the Parish Council will continue to pursue this.

201.4 To discuss the Peacock Public House – Bolter End

As part of the 'Right to Bid' legislation that Wycombe District Council administers, The Peacock, Bolter End was listed as an 'Asset of Community Value'. The owner has now informed Wycombe District Council that the premises is up for sale on the open market. This enacts a moratorium period in which local interest groups are able to express an interest in bidding for The Peacock.

Expressions for interest must be received to WDC by 4th November, further information can be found on the Parish Noticeboards.

201.5 To discuss parking – Kings Street

There continues to be an issue with parking in the Village, Kings Street is an ongoing problem with cars parking on both sides of the road. An emergency vehicle would struggle to access Kings Street. Council noted that the problem was not isolated to Kings Street, other streets have similar issues.

It was noted that the Police have recently issued tickets to inappropriately parked cars in the Village.

Cllr Hayday stated he would look into some parking schemes to help residents with the parking issues.

Council resolved to put an article in Contact and on the Councils website.

Cllr Digby will draft a letter which should be distributed to all poorly parked vehicles.

201.6 Dashwood Arms – Enforcement order

Council noted that the timeframe of the WDC enforcement order has now ended. The tenant had 6 months from 5th March 2015 by which to remove the porta cabin from the Land, remove the timber framework around the existing garage building & remove all resulting materials from the Land

The Clerk will ask WDC for an update on this.

201.7 To discuss Piddington Allotments

The Clerk has submitted an application to Thames Water in order to obtain costs for a water supply at Piddington Allotments. The Clerk will meet a site engineer and advise Council at a future meeting of actual costs.

Council resolved to issue the allotment rents at £10 per plot. The Clerk will issue the allotment rents.

201.8 Planning Application : Botany House, Bolter End Lane, Wheeler End – Application for: Take down declining Monkey Puzzle and replace.
No objections.

201.9 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.

Newsletter from Came & Co Insurance.

Rural Policing Matters Campaign.

Elections Expenses – lists are being finalised.

RABI charity dinner at St Katherine's – Friday 6th November.

Chiltern e-news.

Dog Watch Alerts – Combating Rural Crime.

Rural Services Network – Weekly News.

Rural Services Network – Fuel Poverty.

WDALC – Interacting with the Media Briefing event (details emailed).

George Case, Turville Parish Councillor, has been elected as a Buckinghamshire Parish Council Member to the Chilterns Conservation Board.

Invitation to Cllr Ian McEnnis's Civic Service to be held in Princes Risborough on 11 October 2015.

Clerks Report

- a. Council declared by resolution to issue a casual vacancy notice. This will be issued to WDC and will go on Councils noticeboards, the website and in Contact.
- b. Red Kite informed Council that the application through the Environmental Improvements Budget for a new piece of play equipment has been turned down by the panel. The Clerk has submitted an application through the Red Kite Community Fund for a different piece of play equipment suitable for toddlers. The application was made using a known supplier to Red Kite. The application was made on the basis that it will be suitable for young children and will improve the well-being of the community. Applications of this nature are given higher priority.
- c. The Clerk received an initial estimate from Thames Water to put a new water supply to the allotments. Approximate costs were over £5000. The Clerk has completed all relevant paperwork and the application form for Thames Water.
- d. BCC contacted The Clerk regarding the Right of Way payment. BCC advised they had paid the payment to the Parish Council twice. This was not the case, they had paid the Village Hall the same payment. BCC will pursue the village hall to reclaim the money.
- e. The Clerk wrote to both tenants with uncultivated allotments. One tenant has given up his allotment. The other tenant has since done some work on this allotment and this is now improved.
- f. The Clerk met on site with the tenants who requested a greenhouse. They wanted the greenhouse to be located to the side of their plot, however an adjoining tenant disputed this for a number of reasons. The tenants have decided to keep their current allotment and also have taken over a vacant allotment (P12).
- g. The Clerk met the tenants again on-site and have agreed a location for the greenhouse on the new allotment, P12. As this allotment was very overgrown The Clerk asked Pete Gomme to clear it first.
- h. Council has one vacant allotment plot – P14.
- i. The Clerk has contacted MP Steve Baker regarding the issue of Superfast Broadband.
- j. The Clerk has contacted WDC regarding the conker tree on Wheeler End Common that has died.
- k. The Clerk has contacted our Local Area Technician regarding the digging out of Dashwood Hill. He did state in April that this work could be done in October / November. I am awaiting his reply.
- l. The Clerk has provided Councillors with notes from the recent Tranch 2 Devolved Services Meeting.
- m. WDC have informed me that the Asset Management Team are currently looking at the Parish Councils enquiry to purchase the green next to the Allotments.
- n. Council has been contacted by a resident of Wheeler End to ask if a defibrillator (AED unit) can be installed in Wheeler End. Council understand that there may be an AED unit put at Lane End Village Hall. There is also another at Piddington Village Hall

201.10 ACCOUNTS : Approval of invoices submitted for payment in October 2015

Cheque no	Expenditure	Subtotal	VAT	Total
1536	Mrs H Glasgow – September Salary	£199.86	£0.00	£199.86
1537	HMRC - September	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
1538	BCC Pensions	£78.67	£0.00	£78.67
1539	TBS Hygiene LTD - August	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00
1540	Cancelled	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1541	Playdale	£11.84	£2.37	£14.21
1542	James Glasgow - drains	£170.00	£0.00	£170.00
1543	TBS Hygiene LTD - July	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00
	Total Expenditure	£555.37	£11.37	£566.74
	Income			
	Total Income	£0.00		

Statement of Account	
Opening balance – 1st September 2015	£11,758.93
Less Approved Expenditure	-£987.84
Total at the 11th September 2015	£10,771.09

201.10 Expenditure against Budget
Council noted the report.

201.11 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Pitcher raised concerns about the overgrown hedges on Huckington Lane. The Clerk will look into this.
Cllr Storey reported that unfortunately there has been some dealing of illegal substances near the playing fields. Parishioners should report any suspicious activity to the Police.
Cllr Digby reported that the BT wires coming into the village are still low. The Clerk will contact BT.
The Clerk will look at contractors to cut back the hedges on Chipps Hill.
The Clerk will contact the Brownies regarding the planting of the wild flowers at the playing fields.

Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 10th November 2015 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.51.

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