

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on
Tuesday 10th September 2013 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

**Present: Cllrs Mr S. Digby, Mrs S. Storey, Mr A Hackett, Mrs J. Galliven, Mrs W. Pitcher,
Mr F. Swainston Mrs S. Henson, Clerk Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale**

Members of the public: 3

Apologies: Cllr Ms J. Redfern; County Cllr Mr D Hayday, Dist Cllr Mr I McEnnis

The Chairman welcomed Mr Clive Setter and Sarah Dunstan from AED Locator who gave a talk and demonstration on defibrillators.

179.1 Declaration of any personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the Agenda
None

179.2 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the June Parish Council Meeting.
The Minutes of the June meeting were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

179.3 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. PC Danny O'Driscoll has agreed to undertake some speeding checks in Wheeler End.
2. The Clerk has gone through the parish with the Bucks CC Local Area Technician – the height of the trees at the Chipps Hill junction were once again discussed as well as potholes, kerb stones and pavement clearance. The white marks on the Old Oxford Road are for future resurfacing.
3. The Clerk has asked Peter Gomme to cut the hedge in Princes Street and to remove all the epicormic growth from the bottom of the trees on Piddington Green and to tidy up the bases of the walnut tree and another tree near the allotments which are making grass cutting difficult.

Correspondence Received from 12th June – 9th July 2013

1. WDC Weekly Planning report – information about the Site Delivery and Allocation document – comments made by inspector and main modifications.
2. ROSPA Report on the Recreation Ground.
3. Letter from a volunteer for Plantlife about Chipps Hill
4. Local Council review.

Correspondence Received from 10th July – 3rd September 2013

1. Bucks CC information about possible devolved services will be issued to Parish Councils in April 2014
2. Mazars External Audit return
3. WDC Information about the Community Infrastructure Levy.
4. Best Kept Village results. We received a Certificate of Merit.
5. Bucks CC consultation on a filming policy for highways.
6. Bucks CC booklet on Traffic Calming Measures
7. WDC Policy Statement Review on the Licensing Act 2003.
8. WDC Local Plan – Sustainability Appraisal Draft Scoping report – shows the method on how everything will be considered. Parish Councils will be consulted during January 2014.
9. Notification from SLCC those Clerks can have a pay rise and move up a Spinal Column point as from April 2013. March 2014 agenda item.
10. New copy of Charles Arnold Baker
11. War Memorials Trust magazine
12. Copy of BCC Order for change of speed limit on Old Dashwood Hill.
13. Price from Oxley Conservation for carrying out a survey on the War Memorial.
14. Press release from the M40 Group re progress on the noise barriers for the M40
15. Chiltern Society Magazine
16. Email from Bucks CC LAF about a questionnaire on Community Transport. Councillors will support, promote and where possible help with distribution
17. WDC Adopted Delivery and Site Allocations plan
18. WDALC agenda for meeting on 3rd October and notice of training course on Data Protection
19. Chilterns Conference – 9th October
20. Request from Piddington & District Village Hall for financial help to repair the wooden fascias at a cost of £816. October agenda.
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179.4 PLANNING

This plan came in on the day of the July meeting. The Parish Council was not quorate however we felt a comment should be submitted.

13/06351/FUL – The Brickmakers Arms, Wheeler End – change of use from Class 4A (public house) to 1 x 4 bed dwellinghouse with associated parking – no objection and permit.

179.5 To consider a proposed order by Bucks CC for the implementation of a 40mph speed limit on Old Dashwood Hill

This Parish Council has no objection to the proposal.

179.6 Piddington and Wheeler End questionnaire

The Clerk will incorporate the recommended changes into the online system which will give us hard copy, online facility and analysis of results. It will be circulated to Councillors for comment and once approved will be printed, which will cost about £100.

A piece about the questionnaire will go into October Contact in order that we can explain it to all residents. Our website company has produced it at a cost of £265.

179.7 To discuss planting wildflower areas and the maintenance of Chipps Hill

The Clerk has met with the Chilterns Conservation Board (CCB) and Plantlife to discuss the possibility of developing wildflower areas. It is not as straightforward as we had imagined. The bank in the play area could be planted with groups of shrubs to encourage butterflies with the grass between being cut in phases. The area on Piddington Green needs some areas of grass killed off as the presence of white clover indicates that the soil is too nutrient rich; then plant with yellow rattle and safeguard the few wildflowers which are already there and then plant wildflower plugs in groups.

The Clerk has been working hard to get guidance about the management of the banks on both sides of Chipps Hill. Bucks CC denoted it as a Roadside Nature Reserve many years ago but there is no money for anything to happen so the Clerk is now talking to new the tenant farmer as he has purchased a new long arm flail and he may be able to cut the banks. CCB were impressed by the variety and number of wild flowers growing on the bank. We will investigate further by contacting a High Wycombe based wild flower company. It was resolved to purchase a replacement tree for Wheeler End Common at a cost of £65.

179.8 To agree to place an order for hedge laying at Piddington Recreation Ground and discuss the ROSPA report

We have a price of £2000 - £225 from a local craftsman for laying the hedge on the roadside and on the side nearest The Dashwood Arms. They will want to burn brushwood on site and the work would be carried out in December. The price is variable as they will make a final decision about the side by The Dashwood Arms after leaf drop.

It was resolved to place the order for hedge laying with Richard Belgrove of Longwick.

No issues were raised by ROSPA other than the fact that one set of goal posts were missing due to us trying to reseed the goal mouth and stop activity until the grass has grown and to fill in the small area of worn grass on the side of the chick rocker.

179.9 To agree to commission a report on the Wheeler End War Memorial

The Conservation Officer at WDC has recommended that we get a report on the state of the Wheeler End War Memorial.

It was resolved to commission Oxley Conservation to carry out the report at a cost of £265.

179.10 To comment on the proposed policy by Bucks County Council for Filming on the Highway

This Parish Council are fully supportive of the policy.

179.11 To consider organising a celebration in relation to the Diamond Jubilee Trees

It was resolved to organise something for the spring. Cllr Swainston will present some ideas and costs for the October meeting.

179.12 To discuss spending monies received through the Community Infrastructure Levy

It was agreed that we could use any money towards the Village Hall, defibrillator, planting wildflower areas and improving parking.

179.13 Accounts -Approval of invoices submitted for paymentInvoices paid in July 13

Mrs S Henson	222.46
BCC Pension payment	82.43
HMRC	55.80
Peter Gomme –grass cutting 14 th June, 24 th June	340.00
Staples – stationery	3.00
WDC ROSPA report	76.80

War Memorial Trust Subs	20.00
E &R Meakes – tree spikes	52.06
Total	852.55
<u>Accounts paid in August 2013</u>	
Mrs S Henson – salary	222.66
BCC - pension	82.43
HMRC	55.60
BALC – Charles Arnold Baker	60.00
Mazars – Audit fee	120.00
Peter Gomme	480.00
Total	1020.69
<u>Accounts to be paid in September 2013</u>	
Mrs S Henson – salary	222.66
BCC - pension	82.43
HMRC	55.60
Mrs S Henson – expenses – April - August	63.65
West Wycombe Estate – recreation ground rent	250.00
West Wycombe PC – 15% of telephone	44.74
Peter Gomme	240.00
Total	959.08
Statement of Account	
Opening balance – 1 st July	16628.57
Less July & August cheques	1873.24
Sub Total	14755.33
Bank of Ireland	114.39
Total	14640.94

Prior to the July meeting, the Clerk/RFO issued a spreadsheet showing the first quarter's expenditure against budget. It was resolved to approve the accounts.

To receive the external auditors report

No issues were raised by the external auditor and the document has been put on the website and the opinion has been publicised on the notice boards.

179.14 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Mrs Pitcher asked if the 'Wheeler End village sign' could be cleared of vegetation.
 Cllr Mrs Pitcher raised concerns about a broken tree branch at the junction of Chipps Hill.
 Cllr Mrs Pitcher reported that the hedges on left hand side of Chipps Hill need cutting back as large vehicles are being forced into the middle of the road. Clerk will get Bucks CC to write to landowner.
 Clerk reported that a Wheeler End resident has asked if dog bins could be installed on Wheeler End Common – WDC has been asked about this.
 Cllr Hackett reported a significant amount of weeds along the Old Oxford Road. Clerk will ask Bucks CC to treat.
 Cllr Swainston asked if the pavement in front of the allotments could be sided out as we have lost over half the pavement. Clerk will ask Bucks CC to do this.
 Cllr Mrs Storey reported that the Coronation Bench on Wheeler End Common is in need of repair and refurbishment.
 Cllr Mrs Storey reported that the seat in play area needs repairing.
 Cllr Mrs Storey reported that the Aviva 40 buses are often very late or not running at all.
 All Councillors raised concerns about the state of the large trees on the A40. The Clerk has already reported one as dangerous to Bucks CC on advice from the tree surgeons.
 Cllr Mrs Galliven asked if the 'Double Ditches' footpath on Wheeler End Common could be cut back.
 Cllr Digby praised Luke Boddington for his quick thinking and using his first aid training by putting an injured motorcyclist into the recovery position at a recent road traffic accident.
 A local resident has asked if we could have a footway created on the bend from The Dashwood Arms to opposite the 'track'. Clerk will contact Bucks CC.

179.15 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th October 2013 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 22.00hrs.

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