

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 9.00pm in Piddington Village Hall**

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

**County Cllr Mr F. Downes**

**4 members of the public**

**Apologies were accepted from: Dist Cllrs Mrs J. Teesdale, Mr I. McEnnis**

1. Cllr Simon Digby as Chairman welcomed everyone present and thanked them for their support over the previous year.

**2. Chairman's Report**

The Piddington and Wheeler End Parish Council kept up great momentum in the last twelve months. The council acted as one truly united body and with the skilful assistance of the Parish Clerk managed to achieve many value enhancing local activities as well as raising the profile of the Council in the fabric of local Government. Piddington and Wheeler End Parish Council is enhancing the local environment and is also voicing opinions which are being heard and helping to create a better future for this part, and indeed the whole county, of Buckinghamshire.

Evidence of the Council's work is apparent across the Parish. Here are some of the improvements that have been made –

- The Piddington playground has had a new ball wall installed which was part funded by the Council
- The playing field has been spiked and rolled, as well as being regularly cut
- The area around the allotments has been further cleared of scrub, brambles and rubbish to allow more ground to be opened up for allotments
- A window has been installed in the bus shelter so that the bus can be seen coming
- The Piddington fingerpost sign has been relocated to a better position
- The Parish notice board has been erected on Wheeler End Common, giving local residents the latest on happenings in the area
- Dropped kerbs have been installed in King Street and the Old Oxford Road
- The control of management of Piddington Green is continuing
- Hedge cutting has been organised in several areas
- A fence has been ordered for the playground to improve the safety of children
- Fly tipping has been addressed with the positioning of secret cameras in hot spots to help identify and prosecute offenders
- Financial assistance given to the Piddington Village Hall Committee towards the cost of repairing the roof

The Parish Councillors continue to strive to operate more efficiently and to get greater value for money for the community. Included in the improvements made are –

- The Parish Council has adopted the revised Code of Conduct model
- Financial Regulations which ensure best practice have been operated throughout the year
- Guests have attended the Parish Council meetings, including Police Community Officers Penny Ling and Sam Khan, Mrs Carole Burslem GC2C Co-Ordinator, and the M40 Group
- Parish Councillors and Sharon Henson have attended many meetings through the year representing the Parish Council, including the BCC Accessibility Forum, the BCC Service

- Excellence meeting (the clerk commenting that there was too much talk and not enough action) the SLCC Training Course, Understanding the Planning White Paper , Thames Valley Police Forum, Standards Training session, two GC2C meetings, numerous NAGs, the Stokenchurch / Marlow Transport Group, and many more

It is with great satisfaction that I look over the past year as a result of the accomplishments that we have managed to achieve. This would have been impossible without the services of our clerk, Sharon Henson. She has single-handedly made molehills out of mountains and then moved them all to a place where they have all been dealt with. Her encyclopaedic knowledge and massive experience have been an enormous help to this Parish Council, and all carried out with great humour. Her formidable reputation ensures that our public servants are always on their toes when Sharon asks a question of them, and they are never in any doubt that she will ensure that promises and commitments are followed up adhered to. I thank her wholeheartedly for creating our team and pushing us to succeed on so many fronts.

It was somewhat of a surprise for me to voted back in as Chairman during the year. This was necessitated by the former Chairman moving out of the Village for personal reasons. There seems to be this pattern with former Chairmen, and one I don't intend to follow. Vice Chairman Alan Hackett willingly took up position mid-year and I thank him for his support. Councillor Jean Galliven is a stalwart of our Council. Councillor Wendy Pitcher has been very active member. Councillor Sylvia Storey continues to be the eyes and ears of the Parish Council and has added hugely to our achievements by her participation in many local meetings. I am delighted to welcome a new member on to the council. Laura Bowen is very welcome and I look forward to her input in the upcoming years.

I must also thank our local representatives for all of their support. County Councillor Frank Downes and District Councillor Ian McEnnis have been great supporters of our Parish Council, and a special acknowledgement to District Councillor Mrs Jean Teesdale who has always been unselfishly at hand to help out when needed.

The Piddington and Wheeler End Parish Council continues in great shape. I believe we are making real value added changes and with the support of our Parishioners, I look forward to even greater things in the future.

### **3. Annual Accounts**

The Responsible Financial Officer, Mrs Henson had issued sets of accounts and gave a report to everyone present and this will become part of the minutes of the meeting.

### **4. County Councillors Reports**

Cllr Downes reported on the launch of Pathfinder and the move towards greater savings and efficiencies at Bucks County Council through the creation of GC2C, Local Area Forums and Highways Maintenance Gangs.

It has been a pleasure to work with Piddington and Wheeler End PC over the past few years and he looked forward to continuing with this work into the future. He thanked everyone for their support and many congratulations to the Chairman and Councillors on their achievements over the past 12 months

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm and asked everyone to join the Councillors in light refreshments.

**Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Year ended 31.3.2008</b>	<b>31.3.2007</b>
Opening balance current account	1694.00	4154.89
Opening balance – Bank of Ireland 16841.24	12085.03	
Interest	1013.70	506.21
Precept	13000.00	14500.00
HM Customs	351.26	789.88
Stopped cheques		111.62
Insurance refund		38.69
Chiltern Society – War Memorial Grant	500.00	--
Football Foundation	198.00	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>33,598.20</b>	<b>32,186.32</b>

**Payments**

Clerks salary and allowances	3954.14	5161.56
Administration	1066.93	866.34
Insurance 580.68	570.87	
Photocopier lease	223.44	307.45
Audits (internal & external)	210.00	360.00
Recreation Grounds Maint/insp/wayleave/rent/equip	3087.44	1417.29
Bus shelter rent (Wheeler End)	-----	5.00
War Memorial Restoration( Sect 133 LGA 1948)	-----	1385.00
Maintenance of Piddington Green/Bus shelter	1010.00	1740.00
Maintenance of Wh/End bus shelter/War Mem/Poppy Wrth	100.17	---
Hire of village hall	162.00	144.00
Subscriptions	202.37	282.53
Donations: WERAG	200.00	325.00
Piddington Village Hall for boiler (Sect 87 PHA 1936)	-----	500.00
VAT on purchases	351.26	496.04
Reserve for Piddington Recreation Ground	3000.00	4000.00
Reserve for BCC works	4000.00	4000.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>18,148.43</b>	<b>21,651.08</b>

**Cumulative Fund**

Opening Balance	18535.24	16239.92
Income	15062.96	15946.40
	<b>33598.20</b>	<b>32186.32</b>
Expenditure/reserves	18148.43	21651.08
<b>Balance not allocated</b>	<b>15449.77</b>	<b>10535.24</b>
<b>Balance including reserves</b>	<b>22449.77</b>	<b>18535.24</b>

**Represented by:**

<b>Current account</b>	<b>2594.83</b>
<b>Bank of Ireland</b>	<b>19854.94</b>

**Signed:** **S. Digby, Chairman** **2.4.2008**

**Signed:** **S.L. Henson, Responsible Financial Officer** **2.4.2008**