

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Wednesday 7th May 2008 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall**

**Present:**

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

**County Cllr Mr F. Downes**

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

**4 members of the public**

124.1 Declaration of any personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the Agenda

None declared

124.2 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the April Parish Council Meeting

These were all agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

124.3 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. Clerk has had site visits with three companies supplying play equipment.
2. Clerk has set up an order with WDC for the bin in the Recreation Ground to be emptied.
3. Fence will be erected week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> May. Price will be £60 higher as Clerks has chosen a higher strength quality of fencing.
4. All the allotments have been cleared and re-allocated.
5. The BCC maintenance gang has carried out the works requested and a new list has been submitted.
6. Clerk and Councillors have attended between them the Rural Forum, WDALC, WDC Planning Training, Thames Valley Police NAG, the launch of the Pathfinder pilot trials, SLCC training.
7. Clerk has passed on to Cllr Mrs Galliven, all the relevant information for legal action being proposed for the illegal soil and fencing at Owena, Bullocks Farm Lane.
8. Clerk has asked Nick Broom Edwards for a firm to date for completion of the Ball Wall apron and to install the 5 a side goal posts. The fencing contractor is going to have to slightly move the old bags of solid concrete left on the field since last years work. Mr Broom Edwards is to remove it from the field – he has promised to carry out the work during the first week of June.
9. BCC Mobile Library – Councillors had checked on the number of people using the mobile library - approximately 12 people use it at Piddington, 6 at Green Pastures and 3 at Rickets Farm.

Correspondence received from 3rd – April – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008

1. BCC Draft legal document for Piddington Green – Clerk has asked about rates, insurance and sheds on the allotments.
2. BCC – booklet on The Harms caused by Alcohol in Buckinghamshire.
3. Chilterns Conservation Board – Newsletters, Planning Training for Parish Councillors and notice of the new grant scheme - £250 for a full grant and £500 if it represents 75% of the project cost. Suggested we investigate the cost of clearing the brambles on Chipp's Hill. Clerk will also speak to BCC about carrying out this work this autumn.
4. Chiltern Society leaflets, newsletter and information.
5. Submission by Playdale Playgrounds, Timberline and Sovereign for new equipment.
6. Price of £800 from Peter Gomme for the removal of the old play equipment and digging and removing concrete. The soil from the ball wall apron could be used to fill the areas where the concrete has been removed. Clerk will ask Mr Gomme to revise his price to include filling the areas with soil and turfing.
7. Allianz – revised insurance policy - £606.31
8. Matters Arising Newsletter – issued to all Councillors
9. BCC confirmation of approval for the dropped kerb at the bottom of Princes Street but no approval for Wellfield Road resurfacing

124.4 ACCOUNTSInvoices to be paid in May 08

Mrs S Henson (s/o)	278.95
Piddington & District Village Hall	18.00
WDC – emptying Rec Ground Bin	88.13
Peter Gomme – Pidd Green, Rec Ground and Allotments	840.00
Miss L.M. Hewitt - Internal Auditor honorarium	75.00
Allianz Insurance	606.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>1906.39</b>

Accounts

Current Account opening balance 1.4.2008	2594.83
Less April cheques & s/o	680.82
Plus Precept	7500.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>9414.01</b>
Bank of Ireland balance (incl £8000 reserved)	19854.94
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>29268.95</b>

**It was resolved to approve the accounts**124.5 To receive the internal auditors report and to sign off on the External Auditors document

The Internal Auditor was very pleased with the way the Parish Council had moved forward. The only criticism was the amount of money sitting in the reserve in relation to the precept. The Clerk has explained that this will be spent this year as new play equipment is to be purchased. Councillors accepted the Internal Auditors report. The Chairman read out the Statement of Accounts from the External Auditors – Councillors were able to reply in the affirmative to all questions and the Chairman signed the document off.

124.6 To consider the BCC legal Document for the handover of Piddington Green to the Parish Council

The first draft has been submitted. Clerk confirmed that there are no rates or taxes payable on the land, that £5million public liability is sufficient and that the existing sheds will not need permission. New sheds would need permission from BCC. The Clerk has spoken to Highways to ensure that the ground levels are acceptable before we sign any legal documents.

124.7 To consider the scheme submitted for play equipment for the Recreation Ground

The Clerk briefed 3 companies for play schemes up to a value of £12,000 with space allowed for expansion when more money is available. Playdale came in at £12,440 but they have included a price for removal of the old equipment in their budget, however this is too expensive and takes up too much of our budget. On inspection of the schemes, the Clerk recommended that we used the ‘removal’ money in the Playdale scheme to add a single child springer and a 2/4 child springer, and to expand the tower unit. This would bring it in on budget. The Timberline quote has come in at £13,680 and includes a tower unit, swings and springers. Sovereign came in with a price of over £28,000 and therefore has been excluded from the process. Clerk will ask for a revised price from Playdale and ask more information on delivery and industry standards on Timberline.

124.8 To consider the problems of unusable pavements due to parked vehicles within the village of Piddington

As cars are completely parked on the pavement with the dropped kerb and nearly all the properties on this side of the road have the facility to park on their own property, the Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of double yellow lines. We will also ask the Police to enforce the law re parking on pavements. Cars are also parked over the pavement in front of the car wash company and the bus stop. With the introduction of the Special Parking Areas in Wycombe District we will be able to ask for Parking Wardens to visit our parish and issue tickets. Prior to this we will create a leaflet for householders. There may be inadequate parking on properties however pedestrians have a right to use a pavement safely.

124.9 To resolve to place an order for new fencing for the Wheeler End War Memorial  
We have three prices for work on the fence. T. Michell - £890 to repair and paint existing or £2132 for new fence and installation. Castle House - £1522 to supply new fencing and Raymond Good £1203 for new fencing. It was resolved to place the order with T. Michell for new fencing and installation as long as the cost of fence is included in that price.

124.10 Planning  
AEF/08/05775/FUL - 6 Queen Street – const of single storey rear extension, new pitched roof to rear and insertion of one side dormer window – no objection.  
08/05193/FUI – Laurel Farm – change of use of land to facilitate the creation of a manege with surrounding fencing and gate – refused  
AEF/08/05393/FUL & LBC – Huckenden Farm – construction of ancillary outbuilding comprising car port, garage, office, equipment store and games room – refused.  
AEF/08/05392/FUL & LBC – Huckenden Farm - erection of conservatory – refused.

124.11 Members Questions & Statements  
Cllr Mrs Storey reported that one of the 30 mph sign at the bottom of Chipps Hill has been removed but there are still issues with the signs in this area – we will raise this when we make our comments on the speed review.  
Cllr Mrs Storey raised concerns over possible development of one of the original Piddington properties.  
Cllr Mrs Galliven reported that there was a need for a repeater sign for 30mph or paint the speed on the road on Bolter End Lane just before Wheeler End – this will also be reported in Area 8 Speed Review.

124.12 Date of Next Meeting  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

There being no other matters, Cllr Digby closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Signed..... Date.....

Public Question Time

Mr Galliven representing WERAG asked if the Parish Council could help with the cost of purchasing plants (£300 – £500) for plants for Wheeler End Common in the autumn. The Chairman asked him to submit his request in writing but Councillors generally felt that this would be approved.

MINUTES OF THE PIDDINGTON AND WHEELER END  
ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 7th MAY 2008  
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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. CO-OPTION OF MISS LAURA BOWEN AS A COUNCILLOR AND TO  
SIGN THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN Cllr Mr Digby  
Proposed by Cllr Mrs Storey  
Seconded by Cllr Mr Hackett  
Duly elected. Declaration of  
Acceptance signed

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN Cllr Mr Hackett  
Proposed by Cllr Mrs Storey  
Seconded by Cllr Mrs Pitcher  
Duly elected.

4. RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER Mrs S. Henson  
Proposed by Cllr Mr Digby  
Seconded by Cllr Mrs Galliven  
Duly elected.

5. REPRESENTATIVES TO:  
THE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE Cllr Mrs Storey  
WDALC Cllr Mrs Galliven  
THAMES VALLEY NAG Cllr Mrs Storey

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN