

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th November 2008 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

Present:

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

Apologies were accepted from: Cllr Mrs S. Storey , Mrs W. Pitcher, Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale, Dist Cllr Mr I. McEnnis, County Cllr Mr. F. Downes

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

None declared.

129.2 To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the October Parish Council Meeting

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

129.3 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.

1. The 5 a side pitch has been marked and is being well used. The inside hedge and bank have been cut back and the Notice Boards have been stained.
2. The War Memorial garden has been planted up and the poppy wreaths have been ordered.
3. The Clerk has modified the front page of the web site.
4. BCC Rights of Way have had a site visit and written to West Wycombe Estate re footpath PE16.
5. All the cork tiles have been removed on Piddington's Notice Board and it has just had the wood stained

Correspondence received from 2nd – 29th October 2008

1. Revised Freedom of Information Act
2. Thank you letter from Piddington and District Village Hall for the donation for the roof.
3. South West Chilterns and Marlow Area Newsletter (GC2C BCC)
4. Invitation to BALC AGM on 14th November in the Judges Lodgings at 7.30pm
5. Clerks Interim Pay rise and mileage rates
6. WERAG letter requesting financial help to plant shrubs and small trees on Wheeler End Common- agenda item for December
7. The Chilterns Conservation Board have agreed to contribute £500 towards the total projected cost of £1000 for clearing brambles on Chipps Hill, it was agreed to proceed with the work.
8. Local Council Review magazine
9. Communities and Local Government – A consultation document – Codes of Conduct for local Authority members and employees.
10. Invitation to attend the first meeting of the pilot Pathfinder Group – 25th Nov, Stokenchurch.
11. Letter from Mrs Bristow re the 'footpath' and stile opposite King Street. It is not an official footpath but we will ask West Wycombe Estate if they can do anything about it.

129.4 ACCOUNTS

Invoices to be paid in November 08

Mrs S Henson (s/o)	278.95
Mrs S. Henson – expenses	49.24
Piddington & District Village Hall (October)	18.00
Staples (postage stamps)	24.48
Jean Galliven plants and photocopying	26.00
West Wycombe Estate rent for Piddington Recreation Ground	250.00
Peter Gomme (2 cuts of Rec, 1 roll of Pidd rec, 1cut Piddington Green)	330.00
Peter Gomme (5 a side, hedges, bank)	620.00
Total	1596.67

Accounts

Current Account opening balance 1.10.2008	6642.37
Less October cheques & s/o	1479.36
Sub Total	5163.01
Bank of Ireland balance	2106.06
Total funds	7269.07

It was resolved to approve the accounts

To consider the budget prior to setting the precept for 2009/10

The Clerk issued year to date and projected year end spread sheets and recommendations for the budget/precept for next year. It was felt that the Precept should not be increased this year due to the economic situation. Peter Gomme supplied a price of £1500 for 15 cuts per year for Piddington Green and £1250 for 15 cuts of the Recreation Ground, on top of that we would have to roll and spike once (£90) and cut the boundary bank once (£90) as well as having the hedge cut. We have allowed for further work and equipment in the Recreation Ground, but we will monitor our budget carefully before final decisions are made. It was also resolved that we would expand our website to be more informative and more readily supply information to the residents of our parish, in particular Wheeler End who currently does not receive Contact. It would cost £500 to design and create and a £120 pa more than we pay now for monthly updating on agendas, minutes and news items plus £15 per time for planning applications.

129.5 To discuss the requirements of the revised model Freedom of Information Act and to formerly adopt the scheme.

We hold the information required and it was resolved that we would formerly adopt the Revised Model Freedom of Information Act. We will as part of this work develop our website.

129.6 To consider maintenance works on the Recreation Ground

It was considered that we have carried out all necessary work.

129.7 To consider planting daffodil bulbs in part of the verge in Piddington

We have received a price of £315 for planting a mix of early and late flowering daffodil bulbs between the bus stop and the first 30mph roundel.

Clerk has asked BCC if they will cut the tree growth from the bottom of the large trees on Piddington Green and to trim the overhanging trees to make it easier for grass cutting. It was resolved to place an order for the bulb planting.

129.8 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Mrs Galliven will send a photo and article about the Wheeler End War Memorial to the War Memorials Trust.

Cllr Hackett asked if we could do anything about the lorries damaging the verge by the Recreation Ground. Clerk will discuss with BCC.

Cllr Digby asked if we could monitor the state of the footpath from Ham Farm up to the Old Dashwood Hill.

Clerk will contact the Mayor's office to see if she would be able to attend our official opening of the Recreation Ground on 19th April.

129.9 Date of next meeting – Wednesday 3rd December 2008 at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

There being no other matters, Cllr Digby closed the meeting at 8.40pm

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