

**Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on
Tuesday 14th July 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom**

Present: Cllrs Mr S Digby – Chairman, Mr P Brown, Mr N Cloke, Mr O May, Mrs J Roy.

Councillor Darren Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 1.

Members questions

Councillor Hayday reported that he will be attending the first Buckinghamshire Council virtual meeting. He also reported that he had recently attended the first Community Board Meeting.

Transport for Bucks and Thames Valley Police have received a petition to reduce the speed limit on the A40.

Cllr Simon Digby reported blocked drains and was advised these would be done as part of a maintenance cycle and the report has been removed from fix my street.

Cllr Hayday advised that blocked drains do not take priority, but road safety does. As the blocked drains are causing a safety issue, Cllr Hayday will raise this with the LAT.

254.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Councillor Fiona Curzon and Councillor Wendy Pitcher.

Apologies received from Councillor Ian McEnnis.

254.2 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on the Agenda.

None.

254.3 Minutes - To confirm the Minutes of the June Meeting.

Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman will sign the minutes at a later date.

254.4 To confirm that Councillor Peter Brown signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Council noted that Peter Brown signed the book on 12th June 2020.

254.5 To review the allotment rent.

The allotment rent has not been increased for over 6 years. The Allotments Management Team proposed new rent prices of £15 for a small plot and £25 for a large plot. Council agreed to increase the allotment rent to these levels as of October 2020.

254.6 Dashwood Arms Public House

The Parish Council has been made aware that the current landlord intends not to renew the lease on 12th September 2020.

If the lease is not renewed there is a chance it could be sold and used as a residential property.

Cllrs May and Brown have done and will continue to do some research on Community Pubs. This will be discussed again at the September meeting.

254.7 Piddington Bus Stop

A Parishioner has purchased some plants for Piddington Bus Stop. Council agreed to reimburse them £15 to cover the expenditure.

The Parishioner also asked if they could purchase some solar lights for the bus stop. Council agreed a budget of £20.

254.8 Piddington and Wheeler End Management Plan

Nigel Adams Countryside Management has completed a Piddington Parish Land Management Survey, this includes both Piddington and Wheeler End. Councillors were circulated a copy of the survey prior to the meeting. A group of Councillors also met with Nigel Adams and walked the Parish to discuss the survey in more detail.

Council agreed to set up a land management working party to be headed by Cllr Roy, also including Cllrs Digby, Cloke and May. Cllr Pitcher would also be invited.

The working party would report back to the Full Parish Council at a future meeting.

441/20

254.9 To discuss the children's play equipment at Piddington Recreational Ground
Council has reviewed the Government guidelines to re-open children's play equipment. Council discussed the facilities that should be put in place to ensure safe use of the equipment. Council agreed that the guidelines were too onerous for a small Parish Council with a very small precept and therefore were disappointed that they felt the only option was for the play area to remain closed.

Council are aware that the tape and signage has been removed.

Council asked the Clerk to arrange for more signage to be installed and for a post to be put on the Parish Councils Facebook page with a link to the guidelines.

This was a difficult decision, with some play areas opening and some remaining closed. Ultimately the Parish Council wants to keep the Parishioners and other users safe and covid free.

Council will review this again at a future meeting.

254.10 Clerks Report and Correspondence.

Correspondence Received

1. War Memorial Magazine
2. BC – Face coverings to be worn on transport
3. BC – weekly updates from Martin Tett
4. BC – household recycling updates
5. BC – recycling centres
6. BC – Survey
7. BC – Keep Buckinghamshire safe as lockdown relaxes
8. BC - Emergency active travel proposals provide route to 'new normal'
9. BC - Outdoor play areas and gyms reopening in Buckinghamshire
10. Wycombe Area Rural Forum - Time for a food partnership for Buckinghamshire
11. BC - Queen appoints new Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire
12. BC – information re mobile testing units
13. TFB – weekly road updates

Clerks Report

1. A Parishioner has volunteered to cut back the hedges blocking the paths around the village. The hedge at the recreational ground has now been cut back by Bucklands Landscape.
2. One kissing gate has been installed at the entrance to the field off of Piddington Lane. The other kissing gate has been agreed to be installed at Pitchers Barn, Wheeler End.
3. I contacted the LAT about the hedges being cut back on A40. These works are programmed on a schedule. No date has been confirmed.
4. I uploaded a facebook post asking for feedback regarding making the A40 safer. Comments were emailed to the clerk.
5. I have collated responses from Parishioners re making the A40 safer for cyclists. I have sent the responses to TFB.
6. No allotment plots vacant. We now have a waiting list.
7. The audit and supporting documents have been submitted to the external auditor.
8. Any member of the public can report a problem to TFB on the website fix my street – www.fixmystreet.com

254.11 Finance – i) To agree to purchase two new football nets

Council agreed to purchase 2 new football nets as the previous nets were cut. The cost is £72.00 plus VAT.

ii) Approval of the invoices submitted in June 2020.

Payment	Expenditure	Subtotal	VAT	Total
bacs	Mrs H Glasgow - Clerks Salary June	£ 534.29	£ -	£ 534.29
bacs	BCC pension for Mrs Glasgow May	£ 216.26	£ -	£ 216.26
bacs	HMRC June	£ 133.60	£ -	£ 133.60
bacs	Mrs H Glasgow - Clerks expenses June	£ 29.16	£ 5.84	£ 35.00
bacs	JSG Handyman & Plumbing Services	£ 135.00	£ -	£ 135.00

bacs	JSG Handyman & Plumbing Services	£	220.00	£	-	£	220.00
bacs	Buckland Landscapes	£	365.83	£	73.17	£	439.00
bacs	TBS Hygiene LTD	£	54.00	£	10.80	£	64.80
	Total Expenditure	£	1,688.14	£	89.81	£	1,777.95

Income	Precept	£	11,857.50	£	-	£	11,857.50
	Allotment rent plot 12	£	5.00	£	-	£	5.00
	Allotment rent plot 9	£	5.00	£	-	£	5.00
	Total	£	11,867.50	£	-	£	11,867.50

HSBC Account	Statement of Account
Opening balance - 01/06/2020	£ 21,176.43
Less approved expenditure	£ 2,122.58
Less direct debit ICO annual subscription	£ -
Income	£ 11,867.50
Total as at 06/07/2020	£ 30,921.35
Unpresented cheques	£ -

254.12 Members Questions and Statements.

Cllr Roy asked if the final emergency plan can be uploaded onto the Parish Councils website and emailed to West Wycombe and Lane End Parish Councils.

It was noted that a couple of allotments are not being cultivated, this will be reviewed before allotment rents are issued.

254.13 Planning Applications:

20/06441/CTREE | Reduce back to previous points to avoid failure from old pollarding head 2.5 – 3.0 metres x 1 Sycamore (T1) and 1.5 – 2.0 metres x 1 Ash (T2) | Old Stables, Bolter End Lane, Wheeler End, Buckinghamshire, HP14 3NF

No comments.

20/06588/CTREE | Crown thinning by 25% and reduction by 3 metres x 1 silver birch (T1) | Meadow House, Bolter End Lane, Wheeler End, Buckinghamshire, HP14 3NE

No comments.

254.14 There will be no meeting in August. Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 8th September, scheduled via Zoom (tbc).**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.46.

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

