

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 10th August 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Mr S Digby – Chairman, Mr P Brown, Mrs W Pitcher, Mr T Willet, Mr S Thomas.

Buckinghamshire Councillor – None.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public:

A number of Parishioners raised concerns regarding the lack of planning enforcement at 10 Queens Street. The Parish Council have written to Councillor Darren Hayday and this was passed to Mr Gary Hall Deputy Cabinet Member for Planning Enforcement. Residents are concerned that Planning Officers haven't visited the site for some time (if at all) and concerns were also raised re Health and Safety. Recently a gate has blown across the road on two occasions.

The Parish Council agreed to write a letter of complaint to Planning Enforcement, copy to Environmental Health, Chief Executive Rachael Shimmin and the 3 Buckinghamshire Councillors for the ward.

A Parishioner requested an update on the request for a new finger post to be install on the slip road opposite the factories. The Clerk will chase this up with TFB.

Residents asked about the possibility of a flashing speed awareness sign/vehicle activated sign on the A40. Buckinghamshire Council are currently working on a scheme to reduce the speed from 60 to 50mph. The Parish Council would like to see the speed reduced and this is a project we can look at in the future.

A Parishioner raised concerns about vehicles from the industrial estate parking on the Old Oxford Road. The resident has stated that as part of the permission for the industrial estate vehicles had to park within the allocated parking spaces and not on the road. This is not the case with cars parking on the road and parking spaces within the estate appear to be not in use. The resident will try and find the original planning information.

A Parishioner raised concerns about the grass not being cut on Wheeler End Common opposite the Chequers Public House. Wheeler End Common is owned by the West Wycombe Estate and the grass cutting is done by Buckinghamshire Council. The PC agreed to contact the person who organised the cut and bale of the Common to arrange for the remaining grass to be cut.

A Parishioner raised concerns about the land just past the last allotment. The PC worked with Nigel Adams and John Morris, the clearance is the first stage of a strategic plan.

It was reported that there had been some Flytipping near the allotments, this has been reported on fixmystreet.

264.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.

Councillor James Day. Buckinghamshire Councillors Darren Hayday & Orshi Hayday

264.2 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda.

Cllr Brown declared a personal interest in the public conversation regarding no 10 Queen Street.

264.3 To confirm the Minutes of the June Meeting

Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

264.4 To agree to co-opt new Parish Councillors.

Cllrs Digby, Brown and the Clerk met with Mr Tom Willet and recommended that he is co-opted onto the Parish Council.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to co-opt Tom Willet and he duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office book.

Cllrs Brown, Pitcher and the Clerk met with Mr Simon Thomas and recommended that he is co-opted onto the Parish Council.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to co-opt Simon Thomas and he duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office book.

Cllrs Digby, Brown and the Clerk met with Mr Ollie May and recommended that he is co-opted onto the Parish Council.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to co-opt him and Ollie will be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

264.5 Clerk's report and Correspondence.

Correspondence Received

1. Buckinghamshire Council – Weekly Road Updates
2. Buckinghamshire Council – electric vehicle charging points
3. Invitation to participate in DCMS survey about rural network coverage (mobile)
4. Buckinghamshire Council - Fly-tipper caught on camera is prosecuted in court
5. Chilterns Conservation Board – e-news
6. Buckinghamshire Council – Parish Council involvement in planning applications
7. Buckinghamshire Council - New grant to boost Chilterns Lifestyle Centre's green credentials
8. Buckinghamshire Council - Buckinghamshire's public spaces are being transformed as part of 'The Big Bucks Tidy Up'
9. Covid Vaccine Passport Scam
10. Rural Farm Tour – cancelled
11. Police – e-news
12. Buckinghamshire Council - Open Weekend – a wealth of opportunities!
13. E-news - Police & Crime Bulletin July 2021 | More police officers, supporting victims, and more..
14. Buckinghamshire Council - Disruptions to household bin collections in the Chiltern and Wycombe areas

Clerks Report

1. As agreed, the 'do not use the play equipment due to covid' signs have been removed from the Piddington Rec play equipment.
2. I have received a complaint that the books in the bus shelter are not being rotated, the shelves were empty and it looked untidy. I put out a couple of pleas for volunteers on the Facebook page but no one has come forward yet.
3. I received a complaint that Bucklands had left the village green in a mess and had not mowed all of the areas. I asked them to go back and finish off some parts of the green that hadn't been mowed but unfortunately they mowed through the wild flowers. They have apologised and offered to re-plant where and when we want them to.
4. The letter re 10 Queens Street has been sent to Councillor Darren Hayday and this has been forwarded to his colleague in the planning department.
5. A request has been sent to TFB for a new finger post to be installed on the slip road opposite the factory.
6. I contacted TFB regarding the overgrown vegetation. They did cut back a small sight line section for vehicles turning out of the junction. A few weeks later they cut back most of the verges.
7. I received an email from a Parishioner asking if they could purchase flowers for the bus stop and be reimbursed. The Chairman felt it wasn't appropriate to spend Council funds on non-essential items. I invited the parishioner to attend the meeting to put forward their case. The parishioner didn't attend the PC meeting.
8. Attended meetings to interview potential Parish Councillors.
9. There has been some flytipping on the Old Oxford Road, this has been reported and removed.
10. Simon has arranged for a volunteer to carry out an audit of the flora on Chipps Hill. A risk assessment has been completed and approved by the Parish Council's Insurance Company.
11. There is a charity event at Lane End Playing Fields which may be of interest to you. The event will take place on Sunday 22nd August from 2pm – 8pm. All money raised will go towards 'Friends of the Theatre on The Row' and will contribute towards an outdoor stage area. Tickets for the event can be booked online www.theatreontherow.com
12. We have received a request from a Parishioner to ask if the Parish Council would consider installing a covered area at Piddington Rec, e.g a timber pergola / permanent heavy-duty parasol over the picnic

13. table. The West Wycombe Estate has given permission in principle. The Parish Council should consider if this is something they would like to install and then look at various options and costings.
14. I put several Facebook posts on the local community pages re supporting reducing the speed on the A40.
15. There is a public footpath running up from Chorley Farm in Bottom Road, which is completely overgrown and practically impassable in places. It falls within our boundary PWE17. Currently working on getting this cut back.

264.6 I) Approval of the invoices submitted in June 2021 (Retrospective)

Clerks Salary	£560.05	
BCC Pension	£226.74	
HMRC	£140.75	
Expenses	£25.20	Fuel
TBS Hygiene	£64.80	Environmental Services
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Buckland Landscapes	£439.00	Grass cutting – June

Total Expenditure £1,521.34

Income £0.00

Opening Balance 02/06/21 £30,812.07

Less approved expenditure £1,696.43

Income £0.00

Total as of 12/07/21 £29,115.64

ii) Approval of the invoices submitted in July 2021.

Clerks Salary	£560.25	
BCC Pension	£226.74	
HMRC	£140.55	
Expenses	£20.70	Fuel
TBS Hygiene	£81.00	Environmental Services
Buckland Landscapes	£439.00	Grass cutting – July

Total Expenditure £1,468.24

Income £0.00

Opening Balance 02/06/21 £29,115.64

Less approved expenditure £1,521.34

Income £0.00

Total as of 12/07/21 £27,594.30

264.7 Piddington Recreational Ground

The Parish Council received a request from a Parishioner for a covered area to be installed at Piddington Rec. Canopy's can be quite expensive and need maintenance and/or replacement over time.

Council agreed to speak to the West Wycombe Estate regarding planting trees on the bank to provide shade.

264.8 Parish Council Representatives:

Council agreed the following reps :

i) Allotments - Cllrs Simon Thomas & James Day.

ii) Grass Cutting - Cllr Simon Thomas.

iii) Planning - Cllrs Pete Brown & Tom Willet.

iv) Queens Platinum Jubilee - Cllr Tom Willet & Ollie May.

264.9 Planning Applications

i) Planning Ref – 21/06940-FUL – : Woodmans Nap Piddington Lane Wheeler End HP14 3NG

APPLICATION FOR: Householder application for construction of two storey rear extension, conversion of garage and store to granny annexe and fenestration alterations

No objection.

ii) Planning Ref – 21/06941-LBC –Woodmans Nap Piddington Lane Wheeler End HP14 3NG

APPLICATION FOR: Listed building application for construction of two storey rear extension, conversion of garage and store to granny annexe and fenestration alterations

No objection.

iii) Planning Ref: 21/06813/FUL 5 Princes Street Piddington Buckinghamshire HP14 3BN

APPLICATION FOR: Householder application for demolition of existing garage and outbuildings and construction of single storey detached garage to rear with storage and new entrance gates to front

Objection, the Parish Council does not object to a garage but based on previous applications the Parish Council would strongly object to this being used for residential use in the future.

We also note that there are trees and hedgerows which are very close to the development.

264.10 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Digby will send the list of areas to all Councillors for the community litter picks.

Simon Caines has offered to do a history tour.

The Village Hall is having broadband installed

Cllr Digby will cut back the foliage in front of the Wheeler End and Piddington signs.

264.11 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 14th September 2021, Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at - 20.47.

Signed..... Dated.....