

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th January at 7.30pm via Zoom

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

Councillor Ian McEnnis. Councillor Darren Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 0.

Members questions

Councillor McEnnis reported that the covid-19 vaccinations are being rolled out across the county.

259.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Councillor Wendy Pitcher.

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

None.

259.3 Minutes - To confirm the Minutes of the December Meeting.

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

259.4 To Elect a new Vice-Chair.

Councillor Roy has resigned from Council. The Chairman thanked Councillor Roy for her time on the Parish Council. Jane will be sorely missed, the Parish Council wished her all the best for the future.

Councillors Digby and Curzon nominated Councillor Peter Brown as the new Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Brown accepted this position.

It was agreed that Councillor Brown would be set up for the on-line banking to check the monthly bank payments.

259.5 Clerks report and Correspondence.

Correspondence Received

1. BC - Update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
2. BC - Changes to Buckinghamshire Council services due to new national lockdown
3. BC - The new lockdown and support available for residents
4. BC - Cabinet announces 'incredibly difficult' budget proposals
5. BC - Major Incident declared in Buckinghamshire – virus cases
6. BC - High Wycombe Community Board grant funding to Chiltern Samaritans
7. BC - Hot meal deliveries in High Wycombe for vulnerable families
8. BC - £12 million boost for local businesses through Bucks Business Grants
9. Info concerning post Brexit
10. BC - Council protects ancient woodlands
11. BC - Live Life Well - free online healthy lifestyle workshops to get 2021 off to the right start
12. Email from a Parishioner re the bus shelter.
13. Email from Allotment Tenant.

Clerks Report

- i. Council thanked Cllrs Cloke and May for putting up the Christmas lights on Piddington Green and in Wheeler End Common.
- ii. The footpath clearance carried out by The Chiltern Society in Piddington and Wheeler End Parish in 2020 was as follows: PWE 17/1 29th June, PWE 17/3 8th July, PWE 23/1 6th July, PWE 26/1 16th July Although paths 17/1 and 17/3 are scheduled for 2 annual cuts, the Chilterns Society judged it unnecessary to carry out the second cut and have charged accordingly. The total charge is £307.16, awaiting invoice.
- iii. I asked TFB if a deer crossing sign can be installed in Wheeler End. TFB have recently refused another request for a deer crossing sign from a local PC because there was no evidence of collision history along the 9km length and no reports of injury collisions involving wild animals. As a result, Transport for Bucks are unable to provide funds for signs to be erected.
However, if there is evidence of a high number of deer collisions and is considered to be a local priority then we may wish to progress an application via the LAF system.

- iv. I have not hired a skip for the allotments yet, awaiting clarification from the allotment working party.
- v. I have confirmed accessibility statement A for the website.
- vi. The next North West Community Board Meeting will be on 11th March 2021. Venue to be confirmed.
- vii. Checks completed on the AED unit.
- viii. No allotments are currently vacant.
- ix. Any member of the public can report a problem to TFB on the website www.fixmystreet.com

259.6 Finance i) Approval of the invoices submitted in December 2020.

Clerks Salary	- £560.25	Salary payment
BCC Pension	- £226.74	Pension Payment
HMRC	- £141.24	HMRC Payment
Clerks expenses	- £27.89	Fuel & Zoom package
West Wycombe Estate	- £250.00	Rent for Piddington Rec
Buckland Landscapes	- £439.00	Grass cutting
TBS Hygiene LTD	- £64.80	Environmental Services

Council approved the Income and Expenditure Report.

Bank account balance on 06/01/21 was £29,411.39.

ii) To note the expenditure against budget report.

Councillors received a copy of the financial report prior to the meeting. The report outlined the income and expenditure to date. Council noted the report.

iii) To agree the 2021/2022 Budget and Precept.

Council approved the following budget :

Budget for 2021/22

Clerks Salary and pension	£ 12000
Admin –telephone, post, insurance, website, audit, broadband, & working from home allowance	£ 3150
Village Hall-hire	£ 500
Recreation Ground – maintenance of equipment	£ 1000
Chipps Hill verge	£ 3000
Grass cutting and hedge cutting	£ 5000
Allotments	£ 500
Wheeler End - War Memorial & fence/wreaths	£ 800
Environmental services	£ 702
Subscriptions	£ 350
Donations	£ 500
Projects	£ 500
Elections	£ 2000
Reserve	£ 5000
Total	£ 35,002.00

Precept for 21/22

Council agreed a small 2% increase to the precept. The precept was agreed at £24,189.30. Council tax Band D cost (estimated) £93.64.

258.7 To agree to co-opt a new Parish Councillor.

Council agreed to co-opt a new Parish Councillor. This will be advertised on the noticeboards and facebook page.

258.8 Project Pretty Wild Parish

Councillor Digby has made contact with the individual planting in different locations around the parish. He is going to work with the Parish Council for future shrub/tree planting.

There are 4 areas marked with bamboo canes on Piddington Green. These areas are marked to plant cherry trees.

The Parish Council has been quoted £720.00 to plant the cherry trees. We have been advised that they can be sourced much cheaper from the Woodland Trust. Councillor Cloke asked if Council has source more mature cherry trees.

It was agreed that Councillor Digby would source and purchase the cherry trees to be planted on Piddington Green.

Councillor Digby reported that Simon Cains had written several reports on the history of Piddington, including guided walks for children. It was agreed that Council would add a new history tab to the website and upload these documents.

The Parish Council discussed the possibility of installing an information board near the Dashwood Arms pub, including information about the Roman settlement.

258.9 Allotments i) Resolving excessive rubbish adjacent to the allotments.

The Parish Council and Allotment Working party has received a letter from an allotment tenant regarding rubbish adjacent to their plot. The Chair of the allotment working party has drafted a response to the letter. It was agreed that the Clerk would send the response to the tenant and that the tenant and the Chair of the allotment working party would meet to discuss the issues further.

The allotment working party will liaise with the Clerk re dates to hire a skip.

ii) General

The Allotment Working party will liaise with Councillor May regarding a date to cut back the brambles. Councillor Curzon will draft a letter to allotment tenants. The Clerk will communicate the dates of the works to allotment tenants adjacent to the hedge.

There are 3 allotment plots with unpaid rents. The Clerk will chase these.

259.9 Discussion on the Parish Councils remit re covid-19 pandemic.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will put Parishioners in touch with the relevant organisations should they require assistance.

Councillors and volunteers continue to support Parishioners in their assigned roads.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would deal with issues as and when they arise.

259.10 Tackling Fly tipping.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would discuss this issue in Closed Session in accordance with the LGA 1972, ss 100 and Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960.

259.11 Grass Cutting

Buckland Landscapes have one year left of a three-year agreed contract.

Council is happy with the grass cutting regime.

It was asked if Buckland Landscapes can not cut so close to the willow tree and avoid cutting the wild flowers.

When the contractor spreads the deadwood can they spread this near the hedge by the A40.

Councillor Cloke will liaise with Buckland Landscapes.

259.12 Seating / Social area – Piddington Green

Councillor Cloke reported he had received a quotation for a seating area on Piddington Green. Council felt this was a nice idea, but this could potentially cause issues with litter and anti-social behaviour.

Council decided not to go ahead with purchasing the benches.

Councillors will think of other ideas and projects for the Parish.

259.13 Members Questions and Statements

Councillor Brown reported he had not received any further updates re the Dashwood Arms.

Councillor Brown reported that he attended a Buckinghamshire Planning Meeting. There was a lot of discussion regarding the lack of planning enforcement across Buckinghamshire.

259.14 Planning Applications

Ref: 20/08473/CLE - Pitchers Barn Bullocks Farm Lane Wheeler End Buckinghamshire HP14 3NQ.

APPLICATION FOR: Certificate of lawfulness for existing residential use of detached outbuilding and garden area as indicated on the submitted plans.

No comments.

259.15 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 9th February 2021 – scheduled via Zoom or venue (tbc).

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.07.

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

