

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 8th June 2021 at 7.30pm

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

Buckinghamshire Councillor – Mrs O Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 6.

Members questions

Cllr Peter Brown declared a personal interest (as an immediate neighbour) regarding the below conversation. At least 5 residents attended the meeting and raised significant concerns about the building site at 10 Queens Street. Residents were aggravated by the lack of works at the site over the past 7 years and felt Buckinghamshire Council (before WDC) planning department had failed in their duties regarding planning enforcement. Cllr Darren Hayday on the instruction of the Parish Council has asked Buckinghamshire Council Planning Officers to visit the site. It would appear that only a conversation took place with the owner and no site visit was made. At the last Parish Council Meeting Council agreed to look into the Buckinghamshire Council complaints procedure. The Parish Council would need to formally complain in writing and give Buckinghamshire Council reasonable time to respond. If a satisfactory response is not received this can be escalated to the ombudsman. The Parish Council agreed to draft a letter detailing the concerns, this would be shared with Parishioners. The letter of complaint would be sent to Buckinghamshire Council and Parishioners can also do the same. It was agreed that Parishioners would liaise with Council regarding documented evidence. It was agreed the Parish Council would have a letter drafted within 2 weeks.

A Parishioner asked if a finger post sign for 'Piddington' could be installed on the slip road opposite the factory to advise people of the up-coming turning point. The Clerk will contact TFB

It was reported that signs, grass cutting, flytipping, waste etc can be reported directly to Buckinghamshire Council via the website www.fixmystreet.com

Cllr Digby reported as a result of the two very tragic deaths on the A40, a petition has been started to reduce the speed limit on this very dangerous stretch of road. Cllr Digby attended a community board traffic sub group meeting.

The Transport for Bucks safety project will consider the reduction in speed from 60mph to 50mph. Previously, the Parish Council did ask for AMPR cameras but this project is very expensive and way beyond the budget of the Parish Council. Although this is not something that is currently being considered, the Parish Council will keep in contacted with TFB regarding this.

Cllr Orshi Hayday reported that on Sunday 18th July there will be some road closures due to a Handy Cross runners event.

263.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.
Councillor James Day. Buckinghamshire Councillor Darren Hayday.

263.2 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.

263.3 To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

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263.5 To confirm the Minutes of the May Meeting
Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

263.6 To discuss the list of preferred contractors
The Clerk produced a list of preferred contractors. The list is an on-going working document and is designed to be updated as and when required.

Next year the grass cutting contract is due to be renewed. It was mentioned that Polaris Groundcare should be included in the list of companies invited to tender.

If a Parish Councillor is quoting for works, they are advised to declare a pecuniary interest, should not be party to the discussion and should leave the room whilst the discussion takes place.

Council approved the preferred contractor's document.

263.7 Clerk's report and Correspondence.

Correspondence Received

1. Buckinghamshire Council – Weekly Road Updates
2. Buckinghamshire Council – opening up restrictions
3. Community Board Meeting – Simon to attend
4. Buckinghamshire Council – Waste wizard
5. Buckinghamshire Council – Great British Community Clean
6. Buckinghamshire Council – Be smart and make a swap – it's good for you and the environment
7. Heart of Bucks Family Angels appeal
8. Buckinghamshire Council – Helping Hand service continues to support families in Buckinghamshire
9. Buckinghamshire patients asked to treat GP practice staff with kindness & respect
10. Update for Town and Parish Councils from Buckinghamshire Council

Clerks Report

1. I have displayed the Buckinghamshire Council Notices of Parish Council Vacancies. Once the notice period has ended I will advertise to co-opt.
2. I have advised the outside bodies who their nominated rep is from the PC.
3. I have sent of all the Register of Members interests to the Monitoring Officer and also uploaded copies for the website.
4. Lucy Stupples has confirmed she will carry out the 21/22 Internal Audit.
5. I have sent all the audit paperwork to the external auditors.
6. I have updated the website to include all of the documents relating to the 20/21 audit.
7. I have made the payments for both the donations as requested - £50 to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and £50 to the WWF UK.
8. I have completed the insurance paperwork and the PCs insurance is now renewed.
9. The new fly tipping policy has been uploaded onto the website.
10. We have received the 21/22 VAT return payment of £1427.33.

263.8 Approval of the invoices submitted in May 2021.

Clerks Salary	£560.25	
BCC Pension	£226.74	
HMRC	£140.55	
Expenses	£198.89	Fuel/Microsoft Annual Subs/Donations x 2
TBS Hygiene	£81.00	Environmental Services
Parish Council Website	£50.00	Additional Website uploads
Buckland Landscapes	£439.00	Grass cutting – May
BALC	£112.65	Annual Subs

Total Expenditure £1,696.43

Income

HMRC Vat 20/21 £1427.33

Total Income	£15,107.82
Opening Balance 05/05/21	£31,713.78
Less approved expenditure	£2,329.04
Income	£1,427.33
Total as of 02/06/21	£30,812.07

ii) Expenditure against Budget

The Clerk produced an expenditure against budget report for the first quarter. Council noted the report.

263.9 Planning Applications – 21/06499/FUL – Piddington Telephone Exchange – Householder application for raising of roof to increase the pitch of roof.

No objections.

263.10 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Brown raised concerns about the vegetation on the verges as you pull out of the junction(s) at Piddington, heading towards West Wycombe. This area is so overgrown it is blocking the view of on-coming vehicles, the clerk will raise this with TFB.

Cllr Digby reported that tetra pak can be recycled in the blue recycling household bins.

The Parish Council has invited Henry Sinclair and his family for an ice cream at Piddington Rec on 26th June at 3pm as a thank you for his dedication in helping families in need via the One Can Trust.

Parish Councillors were encouraged to continue to organise the community litter picks.

Council asked JSG Handyman and Plumbing Services to remove the 'not in use' signs at Piddington Rec on 21st June unless the Government guidelines are changed.

263.11 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th July 2021, Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at - 20.15.

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