

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

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

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 2.

Members questions

The new landlord of the Dashwood Arms Public House, Dom Barr gave an overview of future plans. Dom and his business partner Joolz Ivan hope to open the garden when the Government restrictions are lifted on 12th April 2021. Both Dom and Joolz have extensive experience in the industry and will be joined by Joolz's brother who will be a member of staff.

Dom & Joolz would like to build on what the Dashwood Arms was offering before it closed its doors. They intend on offering a food service, indoor bar (when restrictions allow), outdoor bar and festivals every fortnight in the summer months. It is intended that music will be played until 11pm. They also hope to cater for weddings and parties etc.

A lot of work has been done outside and inside, there is still much work to do and this will continue with the view to hopefully open the indoor bar in May, if restrictions allow.

A concern was raised regarding the field behind the car park and the historic waste that has been thrown into the field. Dom understood that it is lambing season in the next couple of weeks and would think about measures that can be put in place to deter/prevent waste being thrown into the field.

The Parish Council very much welcomed Dom, Joolz and the team to the village and wish them every success with the business.

261.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Councillor Fiona Curzon, Councillor Ian McEnnis and Councillor Darren Hayday.

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

None.

261.3 To confirm the Minutes of the February Meeting.

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

261.4 Clerk's report and Correspondence.

Correspondence Received

1. Chiltern Society Magazine
2. War memorial Magazine
3. Buckinghamshire Council traffic calming booklet
4. South West Chilterns Community Board focuses on supporting whole community
5. North West Chilterns Community Board, Thursday, 11th March, 2021, 6.30 pm
6. Buckinghamshire Council celebrates LGBT+ Adoption and Fostering Week
7. Environment is top of the agenda at Buckingham & Villages Community Board meeting
8. Update for Town and Parish Councils from Buckinghamshire Council
9. Information re Elections
10. Consultation period on the Town and Parish Charter to 31 March 2021
11. Update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
12. New guidance to enhance biological diversity
13. New web-based travel app aims to change the way we travel across the town
14. Council shares climate change vision
15. Cabinet agrees final budget recommendations in 'difficult and challenging' circumstances due to Covid

Clerks Report

- i. Unfortunately, no one has yet volunteered to rotate the books in the bus shelter. The Clerk will put another Facebook post up. Councillor Brown volunteered to take this on. All Councillors were asked to keep an eye on the bus shelter when passing.
- ii. I spoke to the LAT and emailed the Rights of Way department re a new footpath sign. Awaiting their response.

- iii. Callum Smith is the new PCSO for Marlow rural Local Police.
- iv. Planning comments were submitted.
- v. An email has been sent to allotment tenants re clearing the brambles.
- vi. I have sent an updated Councillor Directory. The noticeboards have also been updated.
- vii. The broken hinges on the salt bin have been reported to Transport for Bucks.
- viii. Due to the Elections on Thursday 6th May, I have changed the date of the May Parish Council Meeting to Tuesday 18th May.
- ix. This year's Town and Parish Elections will be combined with the Buckinghamshire Council and Police and Crime Commissioner Elections.
- x. The deadline for submitting the nomination papers is 4pm on Thursday 8th April. The earliest you can submit nomination papers is Monday 22nd March. Nomination papers should be hand delivered to a Deputy Returning Officer at Council Offices, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BB. Nomination papers must be submitted in person.
- xi. Appointment of Councillors will become effective from Monday 10th May.
- xii. Checks completed on the AED unit.
- xiii. Any member of the public can report a problem to TFB on the website fix my street – www.fixmystreet.com

261.5 Approval of the invoices submitted in February 2021

Clerks Salary	£560.05	
BCC Pension	£226.74	
HMRC	£141.44	
Expenses	£26.09	Fuel/zoom package
War memorial Trust	£30.00	Subscription
Buckland Landscapes	£439.00	Feb grass cutting
Buckland Landscapes	£439.00	March grass cutting
TBS Hygiene	£64.60	Environmental waste
Stillman Garden Services	£250.00	Bulbs for Autumn & Spring

Total Expenditure £2,177.12

Opening Balance 09/02/21 £27,829.47
 Less approved expenditure £2,551.06
 Total as of 04/03/21 £25,278.41

261.6 Proposal End of Covid Celebration Fund

Cllr Cloke proposed the Parish Council budgeted a fund which allowed applicants to submit a proposal for an event. He suggested that the community could come together and organise and celebrate the end of lockdowns. Any applicants will have to submit a proposal describing what type of celebration it will be, when and where it will take place, how and by whom it will be organised, who it will be aimed at and how much it will cost.

The PC will look particularly favourably on applications where the organisers have previous experience in organising similar events, where the celebration caters for the broadest demographics in the parish and where additional funding from another source can be secured i.e. match funding opportunities.

It was agreed that the Council would budget £2000 for an events fund.

The Clerk will post this information on Facebook.

261.7 Allotments

The Allotment Working Party met and discussed the waste on and around plots 1a and 4. The tenants have been asked to clear the waste on numerous occasions but to date very little has been removed. This breaks the terms of the tenancy agreement. The allotment working party recommended that the tenants were given 30 days' notice for both plots. If the rubbish is completely cleared within those 30 days, the notice will be revoked, and tenants may cultivate their allotments. It was also agreed that a refund for both plots may be issued after the 30 days' notice as long as the tenants remove all of the rubbish.

The Parish Council agreed these recommendations. The Clerk will issue the notice.

Councillor Day will contact a skip company to ascertain if he can secure a better price for a skip. The Clerk reported that it usually costs approx. £380 to hire a 10 yard skip.

There are restrictions on what can be put in a skip, for example no batteries, tyres etc.

261.8 Project Pretty Wild Parish

Cllr Day reported he will start the clearance works on Chipps Hill this coming weekend. He reported that the clearance works at Ham Farm would be in the next few weeks.

Cllr Day reported that the NFU have standard signs for dogs to be kept on leads. These can be secured to gates and fences with a steel tie. Cllr Day has contacted the West Wycombe Estate to ask if he can put these signs on their land or if they would prefer to use their own signs. Cllr Day will ascertain how many signs are required and order.

The Parish Council agreed that Cllr Day would be reimbursed for the expenditure of the signs and steel ties.

Cllr Day reported that sadly a lamb had already been lost due to a dog attack. The lambing season is due to start in the next couple of weeks and there are concerns about dogs not being kept on leads which could lead to more attacks.

Cllr Day will draft a note for The Clerk to put on the PC's Facebook account to raise awareness about private land, dogs being on leads and under control and the lambing season.

261.9 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Brown reported he is progressing details re the camera.

Council thanked Cllr Hayday for clearing the rubbish on Chipps Hill.

The Rubbish is an ongoing problem. Cllr Digby will send Councillors a list of their allocated areas for litter picks. When restrictions are lifted Councillors should actively seek volunteers to help with litter picks.

The Clerk will contact the Allotment Working Party re clearance of the brambles.

It was reported that the Clerk registered the Dashwood Arms Public House as a Community Asset.

It was reported and agreed that Buckland Landscapes should do the clearance of the deadwood, cost £160.

Cllr Digby reported he would mark the areas for the wild flowers.

If restrictions are lifted in June, Council will remove the signs from the play equipment at Piddington Rec.

261.10 No planning applications to consider.

261.11 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th April 2021 – scheduled via Zoom or venue (tbc).

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50.

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



