

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.30pm

Cllrs Mr S Digby – Chairman, Mr P Brown, Mr O May, Mr T Willet, Mrs W Pitcher.

Buckinghamshire Councillor – Buckinghamshire Councillors Orshi Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 1.

Public Questions

269.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.

Cllr James Day, Cllr Simon Thomas, Cllr Darren Hayday, Cllr Orshi Hayday.

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

None.

269.3 To confirm the Minutes of the December Meeting

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

269.4 Clerk's report and Correspondence.

1. Buckinghamshire Council – Local Heritage info
2. Free event for Bucks volunteer managers (paid/unpaid) on safeguarding/ DBS checks
3. Invite to Parish and town council forum
4. PCC seeking your views on Thames Valley Police budget
5. Buckinghamshire residents receive awards in the Queen's New Year's Honours list
6. Weekly roadworks update
7. Parish Liaison Meeting
8. Update for Town and Parish Councils from Buckinghamshire Council
9. 20mph Speed limits
10. North West Chilterns Community Board - Budget for 2021/22
11. News from the Chiltern Conservation Board
12. Buckinghamshire Council wins national award for 'Best Promotion of Two-Year-Old Funding'
13. 70 Trees for 70 Years

Clerks Report

1. Due to website accessibility the PC must remove tables, borders & underlining of words from future minutes.
2. All allotment rents have now been paid.
3. I have put an article in the February Contact magazine.
4. We have received information relating to the Charitable Business Banking Account with HSBC. HSBC will be implementing monthly charges for maintaining the bank account. The amount will be around £5 - £10 per month. The first payment will be debited in January 2022. I have made a provision for this in the budget. Most banks now charge for business banking.
5. Checks on the AED unit completed.
6. The location of the speed tubes are to be confirmed.
7. James Day has been informed that the quotation for works on Chippys Hill has been accepted. Start date to be confirmed.
8. The on-line bacs payments have been completed.
9. Any member of the public can report a problem to TFB on the website fix my street – www.fixmystreet.com
10. Allotments are due to be discussed at the February meeting (Councillors Day & Thomas).

Meeting Dates for 2022

8th February
 8th March
 12th April
 10th May
 14th June
 12th July
 No meeting in August
 13th September
 11th October
 8th November
 13th December

269.5 i. Approval of the invoices submitted in November 2021

Clerks Salary	£560.25	
BCC Pension	£226.74	
HMRC	£140.55	
Expenses	£8.10	Fuel
Stillman Garden Services	£260.00	War Memorial Garden and Maintenance
Buckland Landscapes	£439.00	Grass cutting
TBS Hygiene	£81.00	Environmental Services
Total Expenditure	£1,715.64	

Income £15.00

Opening Balance – 08/12/21	£33,044.11
Less approved Expenditure	£1,970.04
Income	£15.00

Total as at 06/01/22 £31,089.07

ii. Expenditure against Budget

Expenditure is currently on track and the Parish Council will end the year with an expenditure of approx. £28,000. It is expected that the closing bank balance will be approx. £25,000, this includes the works to be carried out on Chipps Hill.

iii. Proposed Budget and Precept

Budget for 2022/23

Clerks Salary and pension	£ 12000
Admin –telephone, post, insurance, website, audit, broadband, working from home allowance & banking.	£ 3350
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	£ 900
Subscriptions	£ 350
Donations	£ 500
Projects	£ 500
Elections	£ 0
Reserve	£ 5000
Total	£ 33,400

The bank account balance as of 06/01/2022 is £31,089.07

The Parish Council should end the year with approximately £25,000 in the bank. This includes the works agreed for Chipps Hill.

In setting the budget, the PC have looked at the figures budgeted in 21/22. They have increased Environmental Services by £200. They have allowed an extra £200 under admin for business banking. There are no election costs, therefore this figure has reduced by £2000.

The reserve figure has been kept at £5000.

Precept 22/23

Council Tax is made up of charges from Buckinghamshire Council, Police, Fire Authority and Parish Councils.

The Band D estimated equivalent properties within the Parish for 2022/23 has reduced. There are a number of reasons for this, there could be more single occupant households, less number of properties on the electoral register (second homes do not have to be listed) or more Band D properties empty.

The Parish Council agreed a 3.3% increase to the precept (£24,987.54) the estimated Band D tax would increase to £94.55 (0.97%). Parishioners would pay an estimated £1.82 per week towards the Parish Council within their Council tax bill.

269.8 Planning Applications – None.

269.10 Members Questions and Statements.

Cllr May will contact a contractor re a quotation for clearance works in the wooded area near the allotments. It is expected that the speed limit on the A40 will be reduced to 50pmh soon.

269.11 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 8th February 2022, Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at - 20.59

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