

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 7.42pm

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

Buckinghamshire Councillor – Cllr D Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 7.

Public Questions

Cllr Darren Hayday reported he and Cllr Orshi Hayday have been busy working on several issues with a number of Parish Councils. The changing of the bin days has proved to be problematic. If residents have concerns relating to bins please email Cllr Hayday - darren.hayday@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Buckinghamshire Council recently announced that they would be introducing a £50 charge for green waste. Wycombe district hasn't had to pay this charge before, but the rest of the County has for some time. Cllr Hayday will email The Clerk details re paying for the green bin waste collection. The Clerk will advertise the information on the PC's Facebook page.

Cllr Hayday reported that he was happy to see the speed limit reduction on the A40 and he will be working with Buckinghamshire Council to try and achieve the installation of average speed cameras. The cameras have been proven to be effective in other areas.

Cllr Darren & Orshi Hayday have recently completed a litter pick on the A40.

Cllr Hayday thanked the PC and parishioners for working together over the last year and helping to resolve several issues.

A Parishioner asked if they had to pay for a replacement wheelie bin. Cllr Hayday explained that technically yes, but it may depend on individual circumstances.

Parishioners commented that there aren't enough 50 repeater signs on the A40. The repeater signs have been ordered and Buckinghamshire Council will also replace the national speed limit signs that have currently been covered.

A Parishioner thought that cars were possibly being abandoned on the Old Oxford Road. Abandoned vehicles should be reported to Buckinghamshire Council (this can be reported via www.fixmystreet.com) or DVLA.

A Parishioner asked if the hedge bordering the children's playground on Princes Street can be cut back right up to as far as the mirror. Cllr Thomas will contact Buckland Landscapes.

A Parishioner asked if a mirror can be installed at the bottom of Princes Street. The Clerk will look into this.

Cllr Thomas will contact Buckland Landscapes and request that the grass is mowed before the Queens Platinum Jubilee event.

273.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.

Cllr J Day. Buckinghamshire Council Orshi Hayday.

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

None.

273.3 To confirm the Minutes of the April Meeting

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

273.4 Clerk's report and Correspondence.

Correspondence Received

1. Star Council Awards
2. Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust
3. Buckinghamshire Council - Bin there, done that - Great Bucks Spring Clean over for another year
4. Equality, Diversity & Inclusion For Local Councils – September 5th at 7pm – Online
5. Buckinghamshire Council Planning Service are looking for volunteers who can give helpful and constructive advice in order to do better in the Planning Service
6. Police & Crime Bulletin April '22 - More Police. Safer Streets
7. Weekly road updates
8. Bucks residents offered discounted home composting equipment
9. Buckinghamshire nears top of the table in planning enforcements
10. Two more fly-tippers successfully prosecuted in court
11. Council Tax rebates being paid to Buckinghamshire residents
12. Buckinghamshire Council becomes the first local authority in the UK to support AWorld

13. Working together to combat fly-tipping
14. Update for Town and Parish Councils from Buckinghamshire Council.
15. North West Chilterns Community Board - Grow to Give Project.

Clerks Report

- 1.I have asked Mike Henson to add an article on the website re the sale of the history book by Simon Caines.
- 2.I have submitted the VAT return.
- 3.Completed the year end reports, including financial, HMRC, Bucks pension.
- 4.Completed the audit paperwork.
- 5.The internal audit has been completed.
- 6.I am still chasing the waste team re installing a new bin.
- 7.Updated the PWPC Facebook page with various information.
- 8.Buckland Landscapes have been asked to clear the tree branches. Cost £180.00.
- 9.Updated website / noticeboards
- 10.AED checks complete
- 11.On-line bacs payments completed and confirmed by Cllrs.
- 12.Shared information about the Jubilee events on the Facebook pages & noticeboards.
- 13.Submitted the article for Contact magazine
- 14.Any member of the public can report a problem to TFB on the website fix my street – www.fixmystreet.com

273.5 -- Finances

5.1) Approval of the invoices submitted in April 2022

Clerks Salary	£568.69	
BCC Pension	£230.18	
HMRC	£142.20	
Expenses	£11.70	Fuel
Parish Council Website	£15.00	Update history page
TBS Hygiene	£81.00	Environmental Waste
Piddington V H	£200.00	Hire of hall
JSG Handyman	£45.00	Washdown and clean war memorial fence
Autumn Cottage	£100.00	Internal Audit
BMKALC	£97.24	Annual Sub
Buckland Landscapes	£465.50	Grass cutting
Gallagher	£997.34	Insurance

Total Expenditure £2,953.85

Income £12,493.77 1st half of the precept

Opening Balance – 05/04/22	£24,409.64
Less approved Expenditure	£2,867.37
Less Banking Charge	£10.00
Income	£12,493.77
Total as at 11/05/22	£34,026.04

5.2) Renewal of the Parish Councils Insurance

The Parish Council approved the renewal of the insurance policy with Hiscox Insurance Company Limited for the period from the 1st June 2022 to the 31st May 2023.

The premium (including IPT and all fees) for the year will be: £997.34.

5.3) Quotation for tree/bramble works

Cllr May reported re the quotation received for the tree works, sited just past the allotments. Permission would need to be sourced from the Forestry Commission before any works commenced.

The trees are the responsibility of Buckinghamshire Council. Cllr Darren Hayday will liaise with Bucks Council to ascertain firstly if they would undertake the works at their cost.

Buckinghamshire Council recently carried out a tree survey. Cllr Darren Hayday will ask if this can be shared with the Parish Council.

273.6 Audit

6.1 To receive the Internal Audit report

It was noted that the Internal Auditor commented that the Parish Council kept its records and accounts to a very satisfactory standard.

6.2 Consider the Annual Governance Statement

The Parish Council unanimously approved The Annual Governance Statement. The Clerk and the Chairman signed the documents.

6.3 Sign off the accounts Year Ending 31st March 2022

The Parish Council unanimously approved the year end accounts.

6.4 To note the Risk Schedule

The Parish Council noted and approved the Risk Schedule.

273.7 Update on allotments

Cllr Willett volunteered to draw the allotment plans electronically.

It was noted that Cllr Day is due to produce bullet points from the recent meeting.

273.8 Update on speed survey – Bolter End Lane

The Parish Council would like improved signage along this stretch of road to help slow the speed of traffic. Cllr Hayday will liaise with Buckinghamshire Council.

273.9 Planning

Ref 22/05906/FUL – Sky View, 30 Wellfield Road, Piddington. Application for: Householder application for removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.

No objection.

273.10 Members Questions and Statements

The Clerk will contact Stillman Garden Services to ask if the wire fencing around the shrubs at Wheeler End and Piddington should be removed.

It was reported that the bin near the Dashwood pub is frequently overflowing. Cllr Hayday confirmed that the bin is emptied weekly and that it would be extremely difficult to have a bigger bin installed. It is thought that households and businesses could possibly be using the bin for their excess waste.

Cllr Willett has been working on finalising the details of the Emergency Plan. There are some outstanding contacts to be added. This will be shared with Cllr Digby for final amendments.

272.5 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 14th June 2022, Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at - 20.22.

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