

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30pm**

**Attendance - Chairman - Mr S Digby, Mr O May, Cllrs Mr J Smith, Mr T Willett.**

**Buckinghamshire Councillor – None.**

**Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.**

**Members of the public: 4**

280.1 Presentation from the Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator regarding taking part in the Community Speed Watch Scheme.

PC Lee Turnham, Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator attended the Parish Council Meeting and reported on how the community can become involved in helping to tackle speeding.

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices.

Registered keepers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit are contacted, initially with a letter explaining the potential risks and consequences of their dangerous behaviour. Repeat offenders will receive a visit from the local police, irrespective of where they live. Prosecution may follow based on collated evidence.

New groups can be established with a minimum of 3 community members. All training and equipment are provided. Locations must be approved, and the team may operate between dawn and dusk.

If you would like to become involved there is lots of information available on the website <https://communityspeedwatch.org/> or alternately you can email PC Lee Turham directly regarding setting up a Community Speedwatch team [lee.turnham@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:lee.turnham@thamesvalley.police.uk)

280.2 Public Questions

A Parishioner raised concerns regarding the lack of hedge cutting on Piddington Lane. The Parishioner will report this via fixmystreet. The Clerk will also contact the West Wycombe Estate.

280.3 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Brown, Day & Pitcher. Cllrs D Hayday & O Hayday.

280.4 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda.  
None.

280.5 To confirm the Minutes of the January 2023 Meeting.

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

280.6 Clerk's report and Correspondence.

1. As agreed I have asked Elizabeth Stillman for a quotation for a small maintenance plan for the shrubs in Piddington and Wheeler End. Awaiting quotation.
2. As agreed I have accepted the quotation from Elizabeth Stillman for the maintenance plan at Wheeler End War Memorial.
3. Playdale Playgrounds have adjusted the height of the swing.
4. Completed the precept calculation forms.
5. I have submitted the Precept request to Buckinghamshire Council. Council agreed a precept of £26,236.17.
6. As agreed the approved Environmental Sustainability Policy has been uploaded to the website.
7. I contacted the owner of the Chequers Pub site for an update, their reply was.

"We appreciate your concern, I'm sure you are well aware of the ever increasing costs to businesses and the impact of the cost of living crisis we are facing which is also affecting trade across hospitality.

Energy costs to businesses are currently crippling making taking on a new business a huge risk for any potential operator and has to be well thought out but it's also incredibly difficult to plan financially.

As a business we are more than willing to support during this turbulent time and I hope to have the pub open soon but nothing can be confirmed right now I'm afraid".

8. Updated the website and facebook page.
9. Completed the previous online payments.
10. Checked the AED unit.
11. Contacted Trooli re the black boxes that have been installed on several posts around the village. A resident has raised concerns.

### Correspondence Received

1. Nominations are now open for the Proud of Bucks Awards
2. Impact on Buckinghamshire roads after recent weather
3. Help protect local nature for less in 2023.
4. An update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
5. Buckinghamshire Council secures £397k in government funding to support active travel in the county.
6. Will you help us stand up for nature? Bucks, Berks and Oxford.
7. £100,000 available to help prevent crime across Thames Valley
8. Council clears unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller site on green belt land.
9. Police & Crime Bulletin Jan '23 - 582 more police officers and more...
10. Digital tools help speed up the planning process in Buckinghamshire.
11. Latest news on Community Safety in Buckinghamshire
12. Half term fun for families in Bucks
13. Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party
14. Council calls for ULEZ expansion to be scrapped
15. Council offers 12-month Council Tax payment option for residents.

### 280.7 Finances

#### i. Approval of the income and expenditure January 23

Clerks Salary	£602.88	
BC Pension	£243.97	
HMRC	£156.03	
Expenses	£7.20	Fuel
TBS Hygiene	£64.80	Environmental Waste
Buckland Landscapes	£465.50	Grass Cutting
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Horticultural Society	£210.00	Donation
Income	£0.00	
Opening Balance –	£22,922.50	
Less approved Expenditure	£1,448.38	
Less Banking Charge	£10.00	
Total as at 11/02/2023	£21,464.02	

#### ii. Horticultural trip to Wisley, part funding request

A member of the Horticultural Society asked if the Parish Council would consider a donation towards a trip to Wisley on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The trip is open to the community and there are currently 17 seats available. The cost of the coach hire is £420. Each person will only be charged £8 for the day trip.

The Parish Council agreed a donation of £210. Cllr Willett will co-ordinate with residents of Wheeler End.

### 280.8 Chipps Hill Management Plan

Cllr Digby drafted a management plan. Council unanimously agreed the report.

280.9 Coronation Celebration – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Piddington Village Hall will be holding an event, details to be confirmed. Wheeler End may do something in the hall next to the Chequers or outside on the Common, details to follow.

280.10 To consider new planning applications

Case Ref: 22/08272/FUL Date Validated: 13/01/2023 Expiry Date: 10/03/2023 Address: Land Adjacent 7 Orchard Row Bolter End Lane Wheeler End Buckinghamshire HP14 3ND Proposal: Demolition of existing storage, workshop and garage buildings and construction of commercial building, including new access and parking, new bin storage, new boundary wall and landscaping.

No objection.

280.11 Members Questions and Statements

Councillors will each arrange their litter picks and advise the Clerk of the date. The Clerk will advertise this on the Parish Councils Facebooks Page.

Cllr Digby will chase Buckinghamshire Council re the wooded area next to the allotment, more flytipping has been reported.

It was agreed that Cllr Digby will nominate a young lad in the Parish for the Pride of Bucks award.

Cllr Smith will mark the areas of grass on Piddington Green before the grass cutting.

**280.12** Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Piddington Village Hall.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at – 20.38.

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