

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.30pm**

**Attendance - Chairman - Mr T Willett, Cllrs Mr S Digby, Mr J Smith, Mrs W Pitcher.**

**Buckinghamshire Councillor – Cllr O Hayday, Cllr D Hayday.**

**Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.**

**Members of the public: 1.**

287.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.  
Cllrs O May & P Brown.

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

287.3 A Report from Downley Dynamos re possible training at Piddington Recreational Ground.  
The Vice-Chairman of Downley Dynamos gave a short report on the history of Downley Dynamos, the club has grown in size and facilitates football for children of all abilities.  
The club are proposing to use Piddington Rec for training on Saturday mornings on a trial period. Training would be between 9am – 10.30am and the Dashwood Public House has agreed to allow parents to park in the car park. In return the club would cut the grass and mark the pitches.  
The club understand that there is a children's play area on the site and coaches will try to avoid footballs being kicked over to that area.  
The access gate must remain clear at all times.  
Cllr Digby would need to liaise with Buckland Landscapes re the grass cutting. The grass would need to be cut mid-June to August.

287.4 Public and Buckinghamshire Councillors Question Time.  
None.

287.5 To confirm the Minutes of the September 2023 Meeting.  
Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

287.6 To discuss Piddington Recreational Ground  
It was unanimously agreed to allow Downley Dynamos to use Piddington Recreational ground on a trial period, starting 4<sup>th</sup> November until May 2024.  
Initially there will only be Saturday morning training and after the New Year if the Parish Council are happy the club will begin matches on Sunday mornings.  
The club will cut the grass and mark the pitches.  
It was agreed that the Dashwood car park must be cleared by 11.30am for the pubs customers unless parents stay to use the pub. It is hoped that parents will use the pub and support a local business.  
The Vice Chairman will discuss the proposal with the Downley Dynamos Committee.  
The Parish Council will advise the Parish on the Facebook page before training starts.

287.7 Update re the Parish Councillor Vacancy.  
The Clerk has advertised the Parish Councillor vacancy and the closing date for applications is 23<sup>rd</sup> October. There have been two expressions of interest. After the closing date, two Parish Councillors will interview candidates.

287.8 To discuss the website.  
Council discussed aspirations for the new website. It was agreed that Council would keep the same website address. It was agreed that the website supplier will be Netwise. The quotation has been received: £600 setup fee and £330 p/a thereafter.  
Council agreed that Piddington Village Hall would have a tab to include an automated booking system. The Village Hall are currently considering contributing towards the set-up fee and paying for the ongoing booking system, to be confirmed.

## 287.9 Clerk's report and Correspondence.

**Clerks Report**

1. The noticeboard in Wheeler End has been damaged, the door and Perspex was broken, and the noticeboard is leaning. The Clerk organised a temporary repair. The Clerk will contact the insurance company re purchasing a new noticeboard.
2. All of the allotment rent invoices have been sent out to tenants.
3. Received the audit back from the External Auditors. No issues raised, all paperwork has been kept in good order.
4. The Parish Councillor vacancy has been advertised.
5. Councils' decision to upgrade the website has been communicated with the current provider.
6. Updated the website and Facebook page.
7. Completed the previous online payments.
8. The AED unit has been updated on the circuit website.
9. All online banking payments have been completed.
10. Checked the AED unit.
11. Issues can be reported at [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com) or using the app FixMyStreet.

**Correspondence Received**

1. News for Town and Parish Councils from Buckinghamshire Council
2. Winners announced for this year's Buckinghamshire Design Awards
3. Conference 2023 - Communities: Enrichment & Resilience October 17<sup>th</sup> – Aylesbury
4. Shining a spotlight on Buckinghamshire's fabulous foster carers
5. Buckinghamshire Council announces 'zero tolerance' approach to utility works
6. An update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
7. Berks, Bucks and Oxon newsletter
8. Police and crime bulletin
9. Household recycling centres change to regular winter opening hours
10. North West Community Board Newsletter
11. Become one of Buckinghamshire's Ukraine Rematching Sponsors – we're with you every step of the way!
12. Planning Update from Buckinghamshire Council and How To Review Your Neighbourhood Plan October 5<sup>th</sup>
13. Official Invitation to the Chairman of Buckinghamshire Council's Civic Service
14. More Bucks schools show star quality with their travel plans
15. Buckinghamshire Council Climate Change newsletter
16. Storming ahead with gully cleansing programme
17. Taking action against anti-social behaviour in your local community
18. How can we make Buckinghamshire safer?

## 287.10 Finances

## Approval of the income and expenditure

Clerks Salary	£602.68	
BC Pension	£232.81	
HMRC	£156.23	
Expenses	£10.80	Fuel
TBS Hygiene	£93.00	Environmental Waste
Buckland Landscapes	£465.50	Grass Cutting
PKF Littlejohn LLP	£252.00	External Audit
Parish Council Website	£30.00	Website update
Parish Council Website	£15.00	Website update

JSG Handyman and Plumbing	£35.00	Temporary noticeboard repair
HSBC (dd)	£5.00	Banking charge
Income	£13,303.46	Precept & allotment rent
Opening Balance 06/09/23	£22,543.54	
Less approved Expenditure	£2,332.32	
Income	£13,303.46	
Total as at 04/10/23	£33,464.68	

Budget Report – Councillors received and noted the expenditure against Budget report prior to the meeting.

287.11 Planning Applications – None.

287.12 Members Questions and statements.

Cllr Digby reported there has been a notice and maps displayed at Lower Farm re notice of landowner deposits etc.

Cllr Digby will contact Cllr Hayday re more information.

Cllr Digby will contact Buckland Landscapes re cutting the wildflowers.

The Chequers pub in Wheeler End is currently closed.

287.13 Date of next meeting

To confirm, the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at – 20.22.

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