

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.30pm

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

Buckinghamshire Councillor – Cllr D Hayday, Mrs O Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 0

279.1 Public Questions

Cllr D Hayday reported that From Monday 16 January 2023 the Bledlow Ridge Household Recycling Centre will be open five days a week, closing every Wednesday and Thursday. It will open 9am-4pm in the winter (Oct-Mar) and 9am-6pm in the summer (Apr-Sep). The site will look and feel very similar to other household recycling centres in the county. Buckinghamshire residents can visit free of charge, but there will be costs for disposing of any non-household waste.

Cllr D Hayday stated that there are a lot of pot holes because of the wet weather, please report these on www.fixmystreet.com.

Nominations for the Proud of Bucks Award is now open. The closing date for entries is 12th February 2023.

The Wycombe Wanderers Football Ground are opening a warm hub. This is for anyone aged over 65 years old. Open every Tuesday and Thursday in January and February 2023, 5 – 8pm. Warm Space, social hub, free meal. To Book contact 01494 455736.

Buckinghamshire Council have now changed the speed limit signs on the A40.

Cllr Digby thanked Cllrs Hayday for his help re the leaning tree on the A40.

Cllr Hayday will chase TFB re gully cleaning.

279.2 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.

Apologies accepted from Cllr P Brown.

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

None.

279.4 To confirm the Minutes of the December 2022 Meeting.

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

279.5 Clerk's report and Correspondence.

1. Council agreed to ask Elizabeth Stillman for a quotation for a small maintenance plan the shrubs in Piddington and Wheeler End.
2. Playdale Playgrounds confirmed the inclusive swing had been set at the incorrect height and will make a site visit to re-adjust the height.
 1. The remaining invoice for Playdale has now been settled. Works to be completed shortly.
 2. The Parish Council Strategy document has been put on the website.
 3. I have arranged for the Community Speed Watch Office to attend the PC meeting on 14th February 2023.
 4. Updated the website on various topics.
 5. Checked the AED unit and updated on circuit.
 6. Piddington Village Hall has been booked for all meeting dates in 2023.
 7. Reminder of the 2023 meeting dates :

14th February

14th March

11th April

9th May

(Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and Normal Meeting).

13th June

11th July

No meeting in August

12th September

10th October

14th November

12th December

Correspondence Received - If Councillors would like a copy of any of the documents listed below please advise the clerk

1. Enews - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust.
2. Buckinghamshire residents receive awards in the New Year's Honours list.
3. News for Town and Parish Councils from Buckinghamshire Council.
4. December update from the Police & Crime Commissioner.
5. Local Plan for Buckinghamshire Evidence Base - Settlement Review.
6. Update from the Chiltern Conservation Board.
7. Buckinghamshire Council shortlisted for Keep Britain Tidy's Network Awards 2023.
8. Clerks and Councils Direct.

279.6 Finances

Approval of the income and expenditure January 23

Clerks Salary	£602.68	
BC Pension	£243.97	
HMRC	£156.23	
Expenses	£4.50	Fuel
TBS Hygiene	£81.00	Environmental Waste
Parish Council Website	£35.00	Website update
Parish Council Website	£15.00	Website update
Stillman Garden Services	£310.00	Landscape – war memorial

Income £0.00

Opening Balance – 07/12/22	£29,500.58
Less approved Expenditure	£6,5723.38
Less Banking Charge	£5.80
Total as at 04/01/23	£22,922.50

279.7 Season 2023. Regular maintenance of War Memorial garden

The Parish Council approved the maintenance plan for the war memorial garden from Elizabeth Stillman.

279.8 Expenditure against budget

Council noted the expenditure against budget report.

279.9 23/24 budget

Council approved the 23/24 budget.

279.10 23/24 precept

Council agreed an increase in the precept to £26,236.17. This will be an increase of £4.73 per household, per year.

279.11 To discuss adopting an Environmental Sustainability Policy
Council approved the policy. The Clerk will upload the policy to the Parish Councils website.

279.12 Emergency Plan
The Parish Council approved the Emergency Plan.

279.13 Chipps Hill – Management Plan
Cllr Digby stated that the current Chipps Hill Management Plan brief needs to be revamped and updated. Cllr Digby will work on this.
Cllr Willett will do some research into the Bucks Council Local Wildlife Sites Project and liaise with Cllr Digby.

279.14 Local Plan for Buckinghamshire Evidence Base -Settlement review
The Clerk has updated the document. The Clerk will send this to Buckinghamshire Council along with a copy of the PCs Strategic Policy.

279.15 To consider new planning applications
None.

279.16 Members Questions and Statements
Cllr Willett raised the issue of the lack of grit bin near the north track on Bullocks Farm Lane. Cllr Willett will email Cllr Hayday regarding this.
Cllr Digby has the litter picking equipment in storage should anyone want to borrow it.
The Clerk will promote the Bucks Heritage list on the PCs Facebook page.
Cllr Day reported there was someone picking litter on Chipps Hill. The Parish Council thanked them.
Cllr Day raised concerns re the ex Chequers Public House in Wheeler End, it has been boarded up. The building looks awful, all the windows and door frames have been removed so that shutters could be installed. Cllr Day has emailed Fullers but has not received a response. Cllr Day. The Clerk will raise this with Buckinghamshire Councillor, Dominic Barnes.

279.17 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 14th February 2023, Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at – 20.20.

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