

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Council held one minutes silence to mark of the death of HRH Duke of Edinburgh.

Present: Cllrs Mr S Digby – Chairman, Mr P Brown, Mrs F Curzon, Mr J Day, Mr N Cloke, Mrs W Pitcher.

Councillor Ian McEnnis

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 0.

Members questions

Councillor Ian McEnnis reported that he was not standing again to represent this area. He thanked the Parish Council, The Clerk and The Horticultural Society. He said it has been an honour and a privilege to represent Piddington and Wheeler End Parish Council.

Cllr Digby thanked Cllr McEnnis and his wife Sarah for all the support they have offered the Parish Council and wished them all the best for the future.

262.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.
Apologies received from Councillor May and Councillor Darren Hayday.

262.2 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on the Agenda.
None.

262.3 To confirm the Minutes of the March Meeting.
Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman will sign the minutes at a later date.

262.4 Clerk's report and Correspondence.

Correspondence Received

1. Buckinghamshire Council – weekly road updates
2. Buckinghamshire Council – businesses can now apply for new grants
3. Minutes for North West Chilterns Community Board, Thursday, 11th March, 2021
4. Helping Hand service continues to support families in Buckinghamshire during the Easter break
5. Community Board Reflection Meetings
6. It's time to engage your communities in the Great British Spring Clean
7. New vehicle removal policy approved
8. Police and Crime Commissioner update (March 2021)
9. Buckinghamshire Council's first year sees many notable achievements

Clerks Report

1. I have received an email from a Parishioner asking when the PC are going to take the closed signs down at the playground. The Parish Council agreed to remove the signs on 21st June 2021.
2. I have completed the PC's VAT return.
3. I have completed the year end submission to HMRC.
4. Cllr Digby has submitted a request form for the new footpath sign.
5. Key Dates for Electoral Process
 - Monday 19 April Deadline for registering to vote
 - Tuesday 20 April, 5pm Postal Vote application deadline (including postal proxy)
 - Tuesday 27 April, 5pm Proxy vote application deadline
 - Tuesday 27 April Notice of Poll
 - Thursday 6 May Polling Day 7am – 10pm
 - Thursday 6 May Verification, 10.15pm *

- Friday 7 May Principal Election Count, 10am *
- Friday 7 May/ Town & Parish Council Counts. Will take place at the
- Saturday 8 May (10am) conclusion of the principal election count.
- Thursday 3 June Delivery of return as to election expenses.

6. Cllr Digby has written a piece for Contact Magazine re Project pretty wild parish.
7. I have started working on the year end accounts.
8. I have booked the Internal Audit to be completed in May.
9. I have added more history links to the website.
10. Muddasar Iqbal has volunteered to rotate the books in the bus shelter.
11. The skip was delivered to the allotments on 01/04/21.
12. It was noted that the tenants of plots 1a & 4 have cleared vast amount of rubbish. Cllr Digby will ask them to clear the remaining non-allotment items.
13. I have put posts on Facebook and on the noticeboards re the celebration fund. Cllr Cloke is collating the feedback.

262.5 Approval of the invoices submitted in March 2021

ICO	£35.00	Information Commissioners Office Annual Subscription
Clerks Salary	£560.25	
BCC Pension	£226.74	
HMRC	£140.55	
Expenses	£35.99	Fuel/zoom package
Parish Council Website	£30.00	Website updates
Parish Council Website	£500.00	Website Annual Package
James Day	£1700.00	Works on Chipps Hill
James Day	£1350.00	Works on Dashwood Hill
James Day	£1450.00	Works on brambles at Piddington Allotments
TBS Hygiene	£64.80	Environmental waste
Hawes Skips	£402.00	Skip Hire

Total Expenditure £6,460.33

Opening Balance 04/03/21	£25,278.41
Less approved expenditure	£2,177.12
Less ICO dd	£35.00
Total as of 31/03/21	£23,066.29

ii) To note the Expenditure against Budget report

Council noted the expenditure for financial year 20/21 was £25,247.31. The total income was £24,200.00 including the Precept. Council's bank balance as of 31st March 2021 was £23,066.29.

iii) To note the VAT return – year ending 31/03/21

Council noted The Clerk has completed the VAT return and reported the total to be claimed was £1427.33.

262.6 To note the Asset Register – year ending 31/03/21

Council noted and agreed the Asset Register.

262.7 Registering the Dashwood Arms as a Community Asset

The Clerk had contacted Buckinghamshire Council regarding the vast amount of information they had requested to register The Dashwood Arms Pub as a Community Asset. Given that the pub has new landlords and there isn't a clear history of Community led events the Parish Council decided to not continue with the application at this time.

262.8 Proposal End of Covid Celebration Fund

Cllr Cloke has received an application for £300 for a family fun day on Wheeler End Common. Council agreed to re-advertise the fund stating the amount of up to £2000. Cllr Brown will speak to the landlord at the Dashwood Arms about a Queens Jubilee event.

262.9 Upcoming meeting dates and venues

The legislation to allow virtual meetings ends on 7th May, therefore any meeting after this date should be held in person in a covid safe environment. Therefore, the meeting on 18th May will take place in Piddington Village Hall. Councillors and the public will be expected to wear and face masks until seated and all equipment will be sanitized before and after the meeting.

262.10 Proposed works on the bus shelter

Council agreed not to carry out any works or painting on the bus shelter at the moment.

262.11 Project Pretty Wild Parish

Cllr Digby reported that the area for wild flowers has been roped off. Council agreed not to cut the hedge back at the recreational ground opposite the A40, although the height may need cutting in future years. The hedge on Princes Street does need cutting back. Cllr Cloke will liaise with Buckland Landscapes. Cllr Day reported that the northern track on Wheeler End Common needed some attention and he will speak to the West Wycombe Estate.

262.12 Planning – No planning applications to consider.

262.13 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Pitcher reported that Parishioners had concerns about cyclists on Chipps Hill and may install a caution sign. Cllr Digby asked Councillors to start organising their six-monthly litter picks in the parish. Cllr Digby reported that Henry Sinclair in the Parish has been collecting food donations for the One Can Trust and his mum has been delivering them for the past year. Cllr Digby will send a letter from the Parish Council.

262.14 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 18th May 2021 – Piddington Village Hall.

262.15 National Protocols.

The Parish Council were saddened by the death of HRH Duke of Edinburgh. A message of condolence can be left on the website www.royal.uk/condolence The Parish Council agreed to donate £50 to The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award and £50 WWF UK.

Further discussion re National Protocols has been postponed until a later date.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.18.

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