

**Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom**

**Present: Cllrs Mr S Digby – Chairman, Mr P Brown, Mr J Day, Mr N Cloke, Mr O May, Mrs W Pitcher.**

**Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.**

**Members of the public: 3.**

**Members questions**

Several concerns were raised from members of the public regarding planning application reference 21/05026/FUL.

260.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.

Apologises received from Councillor Fiona Curzon, Councillor Ian McEnnis and Councillor Darren Hayday.

260.2 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on the Agenda.

None.

Due to public interest the Chairman moved Planning up the agenda.

260.3 Planning Applications -

Planning Reference 21/05026/FUL – 5 Princes Street, Piddington – Application for demolition of existing garage and outbuilding and construction of single storey detached garage/workshop with study and storage over.

The Parish Council strongly objects to this planning application. Concerns are as follows:

The Parish Council believes the planning application does not properly represent what is actually proposed.

The plans suggest that this is not a single storey application. The height of a double storey extension, heights of 5.452m.

The height will reduce light to neighbouring gardens and living areas.

The height will block views of the AONB, the Chilterns for several Parishioners in the village.

There are 5 Mature trees and hedges not shown on the plan and it is likely these will need to be removed.

The Parish Council is concerned if this application goes ahead it will set a precedence for future planning applications in the Parish and ultimately have an adverse effect on the quality of life of Parishioners.

Planning Reference 20/08498/FUL – Huckenden Farm, Cadmore End Common Road – Application for alterations and conversion of existing building to form one bedroom unit with parking and amenity space.

The Parish Council objects to this planning application due to concerns regarding overdevelopment of the site and pressure on local infrastructure.

260.4 To co-opt a new Parish Councillor

The Parish Council received three applicants, one applicant withdrew their application for personal reasons.

Councillors Digby and Brown interviewed both applicants. Both candidates were considered extremely strong and worthy of the position. It was recommended that Council co-opt James Day.. This gives Council two representatives from Wheeler End and 5 representatives from Piddington.

It was unanimously agreed that James Day should be co-opted onto Council.

James was welcomed to Council and will sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office book at a later date due to the Pandemic.

260.5 Minutes i) To confirm the Minutes of the January Meeting.

Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman will sign the minutes at a later date.

ii) To confirm the Minutes of the Closed Session January Meeting

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## 260.6 Clerks report and Correspondence.

Correspondence Received

- i. Think 'Home First' to care for and protect your loved ones – Bucks Council.
- ii. Show some love for key workers this Valentine's day.
- iii. Elections documents.
- iv. BC – Covid testing sites.
- v. Parish Charter – draft.
- vi. Parish Charter survey.
- vii. Buckinghamshire Council, proud to support Better Health.
- viii. NWC Community Board - Be Your Own Boss Programme.
- ix. Community boards join forces to encourage new businesses in Bucks.
- x. Helping Hand service continues to support families in Buckinghamshire.
- xi. Buckinghamshire Council is 'pulling out all the stops' to give Bucks businesses an extra boost.
- xii. Bucks Council – updates from Martin Tett.
- xiii. Leader of the Council calls out HS2 Limited's attempts to keep local residents informed.
- xiv. Email from Parishioner re Bus Shelter. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the person who initially wanted to install the shelves for the books and ask them if they would volunteer to rotate the books and ensure there are not too many at any one time. If this is not possible the Clerk will put a post on the Council's FB page asking for a volunteer.
- xv. Buckinghamshire Council shortlisted for the Keep Britain Tidy Network Awards.
- xvi. Scammers prey on the vulnerable charging for vaccines they do not have and stealing financial data.
- xvii. Bucks Council – Traffic Calming Booklet.
- xviii. North West Chilterns Board – Help during lockdown.
- xix. £15 million cash injection for High Wycombe – Bucks Council.
- xx. Email from the local Police.

Clerks Report

- I. Parish Council Website - The new history page has been built and you can find it here: <https://piddingtonandwheelerend.org.uk/history.php>
- II. All allotment rents have been paid. No plots currently available.
- III. The tenant of plot 17 has confirmed they will clear the rubbish once lockdown has ended. They do not deem a trip to the recycling centre as essential.
- IV. As agreed at the last meeting the Precept has been submitted to Buckinghamshire Council. The precept has been increased to £24,189.30. This will be a 4.06% increase to Parishioners due to the change in the tax base but only a 2% increase on last year's precept. This is a difference of £3.65, from £89.99 to £93.64 per annum based on a band D household (estimated).
- V. Bucks Council have installed some signs re flytipping.
- VI. We have been asked if we can amend the tenancy agreement to include that greenhouses should be 6ftx8ft not 8ftx8ft and should be Perspex not glass. This will be considered by the Allotment Working Party. They will advise Council of their recommendation.
- VII. Cllr Brown has been set up with access to online banking. Jane Roy's access has been removed.
- VIII. Cabinet Office minister Chloe Smith MP replied to NALC to confirm May's local elections will go ahead.
- IX. Information submitted to Bucks Council in relation to the A40 and recent accident.
- X. Buckland Landscapes confirmed the same cost will apply for the collection of debris and deadwood from the grass areas under the large trees with all brushwood being processed through a wood chipper and spread over the areas agreed with Cllr Cloke (£150.00 plus VAT)
- XI. The next North West Community Board Meeting will be on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
- XII. Checks completed on the AED unit.
- XIII. Any member of the public can report a problem to TFB on the website fix my street – [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com)

## 260.7 i) Approval of the invoices submitted in January 2021

Expenditure	Total	Description
Mrs H Glasgow - Clerks Salary Jan	£ 560.25	Clerks salary
BCC pension for Mrs Glasgow	£ 226.74	BCC Pension
HMRC	£ 141.24	HMRC
Mrs H Glasgow - Clerks expenses Jan	£ 27.89	Fuel/Zoom package
Mr Simon Digby	£ 38.34	Cherry Trees
Parish Council Website	£ 85.00	New tab & undercharge
Lane End Parish Council	£ 159.44	10% of total costs of broadband, phone and stationery
Chiltern Society	£ 307.16	Footpath clearance
Buckland Landscapes	£ 439.00	Grass cutting

John Morris Woodland Consultancy	£	210.00	Site visit to discuss open space management
Parish Council Website	£	15.00	Change to history tab
TBS Hygiene ltd	£	81.00	Environmental services
Stillman Garden Services	£	260.00	Landscape maintenance - Wheeler End memorial
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2,551.06</b>	
Allotment plot 01 4b	£	30.00	
Allotment plot 1b	£	15.00	
Allotment plot 19 15b	£	30.00	
Allotment plot 02	£	25.00	
Allotment plot 22	£	15.00	
Allotment plot 16	£	15.00	
Allotment plot	£	15.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>145.00</b>	
HSBC Account			Statement of Account
Opening balance - 06/01/2021			£ 29,411.39
Less approved expenditure	£	1,726.92	
Less direct debit ICO annual subscription	£	-	
Income	£	145.00	
<b>Total as at 09/02/21</b>		<b>£ 27,829.47</b>	
Unpresented cheques	£	-	
ii) New expenditure ideas 21/22.			
Councillor Digby reported that he had contacted James Day regarding footpath flail projects, the brambles/brush around the allotments and the copse.			
James provided a quotation to flail both sides of the footpath from Ham Farm yard to Old Dashwood Hill with a digger and flail attachment : £1350.			
The Parish Council approved this quotation.			
Note - the footpath would have to be closed for the duration of the works .			
James provided a quotation to thin the tree line on Chipps Hill and clear all brush and trees : £1650.			
Council approved this quotation.			
James provided a quotation to flail all bramble around the allotments and down to the end of the layby with a digger and flail attachment :£1490.			
The quotation is dependent on how much needs to be removed. Council asked for this to be considered again at the March meeting.			
Councillor Cloke suggested that the Parish Council could donate money to an 'after covid party' for the Parish.			
Councillor Day suggested this could be held in the grounds of the West Wycombe Estate, subject to permission, Councillor Cloke will draft a brief for the March meeting for consideration.			
Councillor Digby suggested that TFB should install a new footpath sign directing people to Stokenchurch. The Clerk will contact the LAT.			
Cllr Digby lost web connection. Cllr Brown took over as Acting Chair.			
260.8 Project Pretty Wild Parish			
Agenda item postponed until the March Meeting.			
260.9 Allotments			
The Parish Council had received correspondence relating to plots 1a and 4.			
It was noted that this particular agenda item has now been discussed for 6 months without resolution. There was much debate about the next course of action.			
Five members of Council voted in favour to the following actions :			
- The Allotment Working Party should meet (via a virtual platform) within 2 weeks.			
- All 6 members of the Allotment Working Party should be given the opportunity to attend.			

- Recommendations should be considered and agreed.
- Recommendations from the meeting should be made to the Parish Clerk in writing (preferably by email).

The recommendation will be considered at the Parish Council Meeting and Council will be asked to decide based on the recommendation of the full Allotment Working Party.

Cllr Digby re-joined the meeting for part of the discussion re allotments.

#### 260.10 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Brown reported that there will be a Neighbourhood Watch meeting on 10/021/21 at 7.30pm.

The salt bin hinges that attach the lid are broken. The Clerk will contact TFB.

No further updates have been received re the Dashwood Arms. It was noted that bankruptcy proceedings have started with the ex-lease holder.

Cllr Cloke reported that the Christmas tree lights have been dismantled.

Buckland Landscapes have agreed to continue the grass cutting contract for a further year with no inflation price increase.

Cllr May reported that there is lots of litter on Chipps Hill. Council will arrange a litter pick at some point when regulations allow. It was also noted that there is lots of litter on the track to Ham Farm.

Cllr Day suggested that the Parish Council should install signs on gates with footpaths/rights of ways. Sadly, last year 15 lambs were lost due to dog attacks. Cllr Day will provide the clerk with a suggested sign and how many are required.

260.11 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – scheduled via Zoom or venue (tbc).

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.51

Signature..... Date.....

