

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 7.30pm

Cllrs Mr S Digby – Chairman, Mr J Day, Mr O May, Mr T Willet, Mrs W Pitcher.

Buckinghamshire Councillor – Buckinghamshire Councillor Darren Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 3.

Public Questions

Cllr Hayday reported the A40 speed reduction has been approved and the speed limit will reduce from 60mph to 50mph. Council thanked Cllr Hayday for his help and support.

Cllr Hayday will chase TFB for the request for signage at the bottom of Chipps Hill.

A parishioner asked for an update on cutting back the hedges/brambles on the Ham Farm track. Cllr Day reported that the Dashwood Estate has confirmed they cannot undertake these works. In order to keep the brambles pushed back the Parish Council could consider employing a contractor to carry out the works on an annual basis. Cllr Day will provide a quotation for this.

It was reported that the grass cutting will resume soon. The PC will contact Buckland Landscapes and ask them to avoid the bulbs/wild flowers. Cllrs Digby and Thomas will mark the areas with string.

Cllr Day reported that the works on Chipps Hill will be undertaken shortly.

A Parishioner asked if the Council were doing anything for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. The PC did put a post on social media re Parishioners being able to apply for funds towards organising events. The PC haven't had any uptake for the money. However, Cllr Willett is currently looking at organising an event on Wheeler End Common for both residents of Wheeler End and Piddington.

A Parishioner asked if it were possible to change the name of Queen Street to Queen Elizabeth Street either temporary or permanent. This would be to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee, Cllr Hayday will look into this.

A Parishioner attended the meeting and gave some background information regarding planning application 22/05036/FUL.

270.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.

Cllrs Simon Thomas and Peter Brown. Buckinghamshire Councillor Orshi Hayday.

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

Cllr Willett declared an interest in planning ref 21/080151/LBC.

270.3 To confirm the Minutes of the January Meeting

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

270.4 Clerk's report and Correspondence.

1. Training - Section 106 and CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) training March 15th at 10am
2. Pop-up Repair Café comes to Amersham
3. Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust
4. Police & Crime Bulletin - Jan '22 - police budget, protest arrests
5. Buckinghamshire's first parallel crossing boosts safety for cyclists
6. Chilterns Conservation Board - Our thoughts on the Government's response to the Landscapes review, amazing volunteers, snow drop walks
7. Buckinghamshire Council successfully prosecutes company for false grant application
8. Buckingham Palace Garden Party - 18 May 2022
9. Update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
10. Proud of Bucks winners to be revealed soon
11. Questionnaire Survey Reminder– The Discovery & Exploration Phase for the new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire
12. Next North West Chilterns Local Board Community Meeting – 10th February
13. Buckinghamshire Council announces fresh support for local businesses
14. Buckinghamshire Council is the first in the UK to accept BRITA water filters at recycling centres!
15. More Bucks homes to benefit from funding to improve energy efficiency
16. The first-ever Buckinghamshire Council Jobs and Apprenticeships Fair will take place on Saturday 5 March
17. £100k funding available to address health inequalities in Bucks

270.5 Approval of the invoices submitted in January 2022

Clerks Salary	£560.25	
BCC Pension	£226.74	
HMRC	£140.55	
Expenses	£11.70	Fuel
Lane End Parish Council	£166.46	Phone / broadband exp
Parish Council Website	£15.00	Upload history documents
Chiltern Society	£438.80	Footpath clearance
Buckland Landscapes	£439.00	Grass cutting
TBS Hygiene	£64.80	Environmental Services

Total Expenditure £2,063.30

Income £25.00

Opening Balance – 06/01/22 £31,089.07

Less approved Expenditure £1,715.64

Income £25.00

Total as at 02/02/22 £29,393.43

270.6 Memorial to the fallen

The Parish Council agreed to purchase a plaque naming those fallen in WW1 and WW2 from Piddington. The quotation for the plaque is £317.82. The plaque will be installed at the Village Hall.

270.7 Allotments

Cllr Day reported that he has arrange for all the allotment plots to be put onto CAD, this should be completed by the end February. The Parish Council may wish to consider clearing the brambles on allotment plot 3. Cllrs Day and Thomas will look into this.

270.8 To consider tree works

Buckland Landscapes carried out an inspection of the trees on the Village Green and provided a quote for remedial works. The trees are owned by Buckinghamshire Council and the Parish Council does not take any responsibility for them. Buckinghamshire Council have done a survey of the trees recently. Cllr Hayday will find out if we can obtain a copy of the survey.

270.9 Planning Applications –

Planning Ref: 22/05036/FUL - 5 Princes Street Piddington Buckinghamshire HP14 3BN. Application for: Householder application for construction of replacement outbuilding.

Comment, the roof line levels need to be shown on the plans as stated on the application. No objection.

Planning Ref: 21/080151/LBC – Denham Farm, Bullocks Farm Lane, Wheeler End, Bucks, HP14 3NQ. Application for: Listed building consent for internal and external repair works following subsidence peril.

No objection.

269.10 Members Questions and Statements.

Cllr Day asked if the PC were planting a tree for the jubilee. The PC might wish to consider planting a new lime tree in place of the one that was removed.

Cllr May gave an update on the copse, a contractor is currently reviewing what works are required and will provide a quotation.

The broken dog waste bin has been removed. The Clerk will ask Buckinghamshire Council if they can install a new one.

Councillors were reminded to organise the litter picking.

Buckinghamshire Council is one of many Councils that has declared a climate emergency. The PC agreed with this and will consider drafting a Sustainable Environmental Policy.
It was reported that the ex West Wycombe Garden Centre had been broken into and various equipment has been stolen.

269.11 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 8th March 2022, Piddington Village Hall.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at - 20.26

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