

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Mr S Digby – Chairman, Mr J Day, Mr P Brown, Mr O May, Mr T Willet, Mr S Thomas, Mrs W Pitcher.

Buckinghamshire Councillor – Buckinghamshire Councillors Darren Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 3.

Public Questions

A parishioner raised concerns re parking opposite the junction at the bottom of Princes Street. Dangerous Parking should always be reported to the police.

Cllr Hayday reported he had a confidential conversation with a Parishioner regarding mediation. The Parish Council are completely impartial regarding this matter. Cllr Darren Hayday agreed to mediate between Parishioners in a forum outside of the PC meetings.

There is the possibility of funding for new benches. The Parish Council agreed to apply for two benches, one to be sited at Wheeler End Common, Cllr Willett would advise a location and the other bench near Ham Farm. Cllr Day would provide a location. Cllr Digby will complete the funding application.

267.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.

Cllr Orshi Hayday.

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

None.

267.3 To confirm the Minutes of the October Meeting

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

267.4 Clerk's report and Correspondence.

Correspondence Received

1. Call for Bucks residents to volunteer on charity boards
2. Slides from Planning and Enforcement Meeting
3. Minutes of WDALC AGM and third Quarterly WDALC meeting
4. Gambling Act Policy Consultation
5. Policy Consultation Briefing - Environmental Permitting Regulations. (DEFRA Consultation)
6. Buckinghamshire Council publishes their Bus Service Improvement Plan
7. Weekly planning list
8. An update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
9. Roadworks's update
10. Waste contractor Veolia takes on south Buckinghamshire
11. Sowing the seeds for a healthier community
12. The Buckinghamshire Family Support Service and Buckinghamshire Family Information Service
13. Trial traffic enforcement cameras to be piloted in Buckinghamshire
14. Latest news from the Chilterns AONB
15. Together for Buckinghamshire, together for our planet

Clerks Report

1. Confirmed Parish Council Meeting dates for 2022 are as follows :

11th January

8th February

8th March

12th April

10th May (Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and Normal Meeting).

14th June

12th July

No meeting in August

13th September

11th October
 8th November
 13th December (Precept will be set).

2. A new Piddington Fungi document has been uploaded to the website. This can be located in the archives folder.
3. Parishioners that submitted FOI requested have been responded to.
4. The broken dog waste bin does not belong to the Parish Council. This has been reported to the Environmental Health Department at Buckinghamshire Council.
5. I have responded to the consultation re the 20mph zone.
6. I have completed the historical pension data as requested by Buckinghamshire Council re the McCloud Judgement.
7. The adopted complaints policy has been uploaded to the Parish Councils website.
8. The on-line bacs payments have been completed.
9. A quotation has been received for works on Chipps Hill, this will be discussed at the December meeting.

267.5 Approval of the invoices submitted in September 2021

Clerks Salary	£560.05	
BCC Pension	£226.74	
HMRC	£140.75	
Expenses	£17.10	Fuel
Royal Mail	£360.00	Annual PO Box
TBS Hygiene	£81.00	Environmental Services
Parish Council Website	£15.00	Website upload
Buckland Landscapes	£439.00	Grass cutting – September

Total Expenditure £1,839.64

Income £165.00

Opening Balance – 04/10/21	£36,083.59
Less approved Expenditure	£1,839.64
Income	£165.00

Total as at 09/11/21 £34,803.75

267.6 Allotments

Cllrs Thomas and Day met with the allotment holders to review plot boundaries. Tenants asked about the possibility of installing water to the site. The Parish Council has looked at this a couple of times and a connection to the allotment site would be expensive and not all tenants agreed that they wanted this. Tenants should continue to use water containers. Tenants also asked about a rotavator. There are about 7 allotment tenants who jointly own a rotavator and may be happy to loan this. The Parish Council does not own a rotavator. Tenants of Plots 1a & 1b have agreed to manage the brambles behind their plots and also share the shed. Plot 4 is currently vacant but very overgrown. Council should consider joining this with plot 5. Cllrs Day and Thomas will present recommendations at the December meeting.

267.7 Grass Cutting

Cllr Thomas reported that Buckland Landscapes have given a quotation for the grass and hedge cutting for the next 2 years. There is a 3% inflation increase.

The Parish Council agreed that Buckland Landscapes do a good job, and the increase was a reasonable amount, they accepted this quotation. Cllrs Digby and Thomas will meet to mark out the daffodils and wildflowers to ensure these are preserved before future cuts. Cllr Thomas will contact Buckland Landscapes.

267.8 Queens Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Willett reported that he plans to organise an event on Wheeler End Common and residents of both Piddington and Wheeler End will be invited. There is an agreed budget of up to £3k, receipts must be provided to the Clerk.

267.9 Planning Applications – None.

267.10 Members Questions and Statements.

Cllr Day reported dumping of waste on Chipps Hill and the Old Dashwood Hill. This has been reported on fixmystreet,

Cllrs agreed to organise the volunteer litter picks.

The poppy wreath will be laid Sunday 14th December by Cllr Willett at Wheeler End Memorial.

Cllr Digby will look into if works on Chipps Hill can be funded via the community projects.

Cllr May will organise for the batteries for the Christmas lights to be charged.

Cllr Day asked Cllr Hayday to chase TFB re lowering the sign at the bottom of the Chipps Hill junction.

267.11 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 14th December 2021, Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at - 20.30.