

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

Attendance - Cllrs Mr S Digby – Chairman, Mr P Brown, Mr J Day, Mrs W Pitcher, Mr J Smith, Mr T Willett.

Buckinghamshire Councillor – Cllr O Hayday, Cllr D Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 2.

277.1 Public Questions

Cllr D Hayday reported that he attended the Lane End Parish Council Meeting and presented his idea on the change to ward boundaries in 2025. Lane End Parish Council have not yet decided their preferred option.

Waste bins are getting emptied more frequently, although there does appear to still be problems.

Cllr Digby reported that the 2 drains on the A40 are still blocked. He will email the Local Area Technician.

Cllr D Hayday will chase Buckinghamshire Council re receiving a copy of the report on the tree survey.

Cllr D Hayday will also chase Buckinghamshire Council regarding funding for the wooded area near the allotment site. The 50mph sign by Dashwood Hill was supposed to be repositioned, this has not been done yet. Cllr Hayday will chase TFB.

277.2 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.

Apologies accepted from Cllr May.

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

None.

277.4 To confirm the Minutes of the September 2022 Meeting.

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

277.5 Co-option of a Parish Councillor

The Parish Council Unanimously agreed to co-opt Jason Smith as a new Parish Councillor.

277.6 Clerk's report and Correspondence.

- 1.The order for the new swing and replacement beam has been placed with Playdale as agreed. We have also paid a deposit for the works.
- 2.Had an onsite meeting with Playdale re the location etc.
- 3.Playdale have confirmed that additional costs have increased the quotation. The final cost is £5,884.31. The quotation for the equipment agreed at the previous meeting was £3,810.63. The new quotation includes the removal of the old rubber matting and new installed rubber matting, delivery and installation of the equipment and a skip. Council unanimously agreed to proceed.
- 4.Playdale has confirmed that the steel coverings will be placed on the bottom of the new swing set.
- 5.Completed and sent all allotment rent invoices to tenants.
- 6.Updated the History pages on the website with new articles.
- 7.The Remembrance Service will take place at Wheeler End Memorial from 10am on Sunday 13th November.
- 8.The Plaque unveiling will take place at Piddington Village Hall on Sunday 13th November at 2.30pm.
- 9.There is a framed Roll of Honour of the 53 men of Piddington who volunteered to serve in WW1. This is located in Piddington Village Hall.
- 10.I have received a request for a new basketball net to be installed at the multi-use games area, Piddington Rec. If Councillors agree to the replacement net, the hoop will need to be measured and the correct net ordered. I cannot find the original manufacturers details, this has been installed for quite a long time. Cllr Brown will measure the hoop. Council agreed to purchase a new net.

11. I have sent an introduction letter from Cllr Tom Willett to all allotment tenants.
12. The AED unit inspection has been updated on Circuit.
13. A volunteer is needed to take over the responsibility of grass cutting and liaise with the contractor. Cllr Jason Smith has volunteered to liaise with Buckland Landscapes.
14. Submitted the Parish Council's comments to the Boundary Commission re the ward boundaries.
15. I have requested that the fence around the war memorial is painted as agreed. Awaiting the paint.
16. I have asked our contractor to remove the safety boards that we put up on the climbing frame. This will be done before playdale arrive to install the new equipment.
17. AED checks complete
18. On-line bacs payments completed and confirmed by Cllrs.
19. Any member of the public can report a problem to TFB on the website fix my street – www.fixmystreet.com
20. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th December 2022.
21. Scheduled dates for the 2023 Parish Council Meetings :

10th January

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

(Precept will be set).

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

1. Police and Crime Bulletin
2. Open Spaces Magazine
3. Bucks Council – Be Bright Be Seen campaign
4. Bucks Council – Have your say on health and wellbeing
5. Bucks Council – News for Town and Parish Councils
6. Update from Martin Tett
7. Buckinghamshire Council - Have your say on the Home to School Transport Consultation
8. Chilterns Conservation Board
9. Become a Food Champion and help your local community
10. Money Matters – have your say on Buckinghamshire Council's spending priorities for 2023/24
11. Buckinghamshire Council agrees comprehensive Cost of Living package for residents

12. New home energy schemes for Bucks residents
 13. Household recycling centres switch to winter hours

277.7 Finances

Approval of the income and expenditure October 2022

Clerks Salary	£568.69
BC Pension	£230.18
HMRC	£142.20
Expenses	£11.70
TBS Hygiene	£81.00
Playdale Playgrounds	£598.38
Buckland Landscapes	£465.50
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West Wycombe Estate	£250.00

Income £12,493.77 Precept

Opening Balance – 06/09/22	£26,895.00
Less approved Expenditure	£2,274.77
Less Banking Charge	£5.00
Income	£12,493.77
Total as at 10/10/22	£37,109.00

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Clerks Salary	£568.69	
BC Pension	£230.18	
HMRC	£142.20	
Expenses	£11.70	Fuel
TBS Hygiene	£64.80	Environmental Waste
Parish Council Website	£30.00	Update history pages
Buckland Landscapes	£465.50	Grass cutting
BMKALC	£25.00	Cllr Training
Royal Mail	£378.00	Annual PO Box

Total Expenditure £1,916.07

Income £300.00

Opening Balance – 10/10/22	£37,109.00
Less approved Expenditure	£2,813.15
Less Banking Charge	£5.00
Income	£300.00
Total as at 03/11/22	£34,590.85

277.8 Parish Council Strategy

It was agreed that Cllr Brown would draft a Parish Council Strategy. Cllrs Digby, Brown and Willett will meet to discuss this before it is tabled for Council to consider.

277.9 To discuss adopting an Environmental Sustainability Policy.

It was agreed that Councillors would read through the document, and this would be considered at a future meeting.

277.10 Emergency Plan

It was agreed that The Clerk would ask for volunteers on the PC's Facebook page and Cllr Tom Willett would finalise the Emergency Plan.

This will be considered by Council at a future meeting.

277.11 To consider new planning applications

Planning Ref -22/07703/FUL. 26 Princes Street, Piddington.

Application for: Householder application for construction of two storey side extension and part single, part two storey rear extension following demolition of existing garage and conservatory and relocation of rear retaining wall of garden to form rear patio

No objections.

277.12 Members Questions and Statements

It was reported that the Chequers Public House in Wheeler End will close. There are a number of factors for this, the main one being the rise in energy prices.

It was reported that there are currently some overgrown trees on Chipps Hill. Earlier this year a Parishioner carried out a survey and identified 43 wildflowers and 10 insect species on Chipps Hill. The Parish Council will discuss this at a future meeting and decide on a management plan.

There has been Japanese Knotweed identified on Chipps Hill. This will need to be reported via the link on fixmystreet. Cllr Day will find the location of this.

Cllr Willett has emailed all allotment tenants to introduce himself and offered to discuss any concerns they might have. It was reported that Buckinghamshire Council will not install the 30 mph roundels on Bolter End Lane.

277.13 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th December 2022, Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at – 20.19.

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