

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.30pm

Attendance - Chairman - Mr T Willett, Cllrs Mr S Digby, Mrs T Gray, Mr J Smith, Mrs W Pitcher.

Buckinghamshire Councillor – Cllr O Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 2.

288.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.
Cllrs O May & P Brown. Buckinghamshire Councillor D Hayday.

288.2 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda.
None.

288.3 Public and Buckinghamshire Councillors Question Time.

The Clerk will try to find out the ownership of the section of land off of the Old Oxford Road.

A parishioner asked if the Parish Council were aware of the sign displayed near the field relating to a declaration. The land owner has made a declaration that they will not permit any new rights of ways or footpaths across the land, this does not affect the current right of way.

A Parishioner asked if the Parish Council can do anything about the frequent fly-tipping on the Old Oxford Road. It was suggested that the trees could be cut back as these currently screen the area. A parishioner offered to install some prevention measures. It is the responsibility of Buckinghamshire Council to remove the fly-tipping.

The Parishioner also requested that the issue with pot holes should be resolved. He will contact Cllr D Hayday.

We encourage all Parishioners to report any such issues either on the FixMyStreet App or on the website at www.fixmystreet.com.

It was reported that the abandoned caravan has finally been removed.

Cllr O Hayday reported that the pathway between Ham Farm and West Wycombe is scheduled to be re-surfaced. This is part of a programme of works to take place within the next couple of years. Cllr O Hayday will find out if the cycle path is still planned to go ahead.

288.4 To confirm the Minutes of the October 2023 Meeting.

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

288.5 Co-option of a Parish Councillor

The Parish Council unanimously resolved to co-opt Tracey Gray onto the Parish Council. Cllr Gray joined the meeting.

288.6 Feasibility studies for A40/Old Dashwood Hill works

Council agreed to defer this agenda item until the next meeting. It was requested that Cllr D Hayday clarify some points.

288.7 Update re Chipps Hill.

Cllr Digby reported that a lot of research has been carried out on this area to date and Council took advice from a consultant. The chalk on the site is brilliant for wild flowers. Council has spent money on flailing Chipps Hill over the years. We have commissioned two surveys to be carried out. Project Wild Pretty Parish took place in 2020. A working group was set up to better manage Chipps Hill. Council had received two quotations to flail both sides. Buckland Landscapes had provided a quotation, and we are awaiting another.

It was reported that the North West Chiltern Community Board may part fund 50% of a major project.

Council would need to get permission from Buckinghamshire Council for works.

If the Parish Council doesn't look after the area, Buckinghamshire Council will only do basic maintenance.

Cllrs Digby and Smith will continue to work on this project.

288.8 Parish Council noticeboard.

The Clerk reported that the noticeboard at Wheeler End Common has been damaged. The perspex and the wooden frame on the door is damaged and the posts are leaning. The Clerk contacted the insurance company, and they advised that the noticeboard would be covered on the Parish Councils insurance if we were minded to submit a claim.

The Parish Council unanimously resolved to submit a claim through the insurance company and install a like for like oak noticeboard.

The Clerk will contact the insurance company and then place an order for a new noticeboard. Any claim would be subject to the insurance excess.

288.9 Clerk's report and Correspondence.

Clerks Report

1. As discussed for those allotment tenants that had to pay postage to collect their invoice, I have removed £2.50 from their rent.
2. There are currently some allotment rents outstanding, I am chasing these.
3. Cllr Tom Willett attended the service and laid the poppy wreath at Piddington Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.
4. The Dashwood Estate has given permission for Downley Dynamos to use Piddington Rec for football training on Saturday mornings.
5. There were two applicants for the Parish Councillor position. Cllrs Digby and Smith met with both.
6. It was agreed that Councillors would switch on the christmas lights on the trees at Piddington and Wheeler End in the first week of December.
7. There have been many reports about the dumped caravan on the Old Oxford Road. It has now been removed.
8. Work to commence on the new website in December and to go live in the New Year.
9. Updated the website and facebook page.
10. All online banking payments have been completed.
11. Checked the AED unit.
12. Issues can be reported at www.fixmystreet.com or using the app FixMyStreet.

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

1. Bucks, Berks and Oxford Newsletter
2. Buckinghamshire - Keeping Buckinghamshire moving with micro-surfacing
3. Buckinghamshire Council outlines winter support offer for residents
4. Community Matters Newsletter
5. Focusing the spotlight on adoption this National Adoption Week
6. Libraries celebrate another successful Summer Reading Challenge
7. Latest News from the Chilterns AONB
8. Regenerating Bucks: a framework for growth and a bright future
9. Championing positive mental health for all in Bucks
10. Book your free NHS Health Check
11. Ready, steady, grit! Bucks gritters prep for coming winter
12. Last chance to have your say on Buckinghamshire Council's spending priorities
13. Access All Areas events hailed a success by all
14. Updates on funding re the Community Board
15. News for Town and Parish Councils from Buckinghamshire Council
16. War memorial magazine
17. An update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
18. Crimewave Ltd – October edition

Finances

Approval of the income and expenditure

Clerks Salary	£669.44
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BC Pension	£258.57	
HMRC	£185.00	
Expenses	£10.80	Fuel
TBS Hygiene	£74.40	Environmental Waste
Buckland Landscapes	£465.50	Grass Cutting
Royal Mail	£396.00	PO Box
HSBC (dd)	£5.00	Banking charge
Income	£117.50	Allotment rents
Opening Balance 04/10/23	£33,464.68	
Less approved Expenditure	£1,853.02	
Income	£117.50	
Total as at 09/11/23	£31,729.16	

287.10 Planning Applications – None.

287.11 Members Questions and statements.

Cllr Digby reported to BC that there were some black bags on the Old Dashwood Hill that needed to be removed. These haven't yet been removed, he will continue to chase this.

Martin Tett sent out an update to say that Buckinghamshire Council have cleared 8000 gullies. Cllr Digby wrote to Mr Tett and asked that BC clear the gullies in Piddington, these were reported months ago. Cllr Digby will continue to chase this.

Cllr Digby has updated the litter picking areas. The Clerk will send this to Councillors.

Re the hedge at the allotments, Buckland have tidied it up. However, the hedge needs more attention, Cllr Digby will look at this.

287.13 Date of next meeting

To confirm, the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th December 2023 in Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at – 20.22.

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