

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Mr S Digby – Chairman, Mr P Brown, Mr O May, Mr T Willet, Mr S Thomas.

Buckinghamshire Councillor – None.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 5.

Public Questions

Parishioners raised concerns re the lack of planning enforcement from Buckinghamshire Council. The Parish Council has received a response to their letter. Residents urged the Parish Council to escalate the issue with Buckinghamshire Council.

266.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.
Councillors James Day and Wendy Pitcher.
Buckinghamshire Councillors Darren Hayday & Orshi Hayday

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

266.3 To confirm the Minutes of the September Meeting
Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

266.4 Clerk's report and Correspondence.

Correspondence Received

1. Buckinghamshire Council - The Queen's Green Canopy - getting involved.
2. North West Chilterns Community Board - Tree Planting.
3. Guidelines for Organising Street Parties.
4. Buckinghamshire Council - Change in cardboard recycling collections in South Bucks area.
5. Bucks Strategic Vision.
6. Big Bucks Tidy Up.
7. Buckinghamshire Council – weekly road updates.
8. Update for Town and Parish Councils from Buckinghamshire Council.
9. Buckinghamshire Council - Crime concerns - Community Safety survey launched.
10. Buckinghamshire Council - Household recycling centres switch to winter hours.
11. Buckinghamshire Council - Innovative wireless electric vehicle charging comes to Bucks.
12. Community Board - Funding for local community projects up for grabs.
13. September update from the Police & Crime Commissioner.
14. North West Chilterns Community Board - Crime and Antisocial Behaviour.
15. Buckinghamshire's e-scooter trials extended.

Clerks Report

1. Allotment plot 4 is vacant. The 2 allotments either side are very overgrown.
2. All allotment rents have been issued.
3. All tenants have been asked to meet with Cllrs Day and Thomas on 17th October re plot boundaries.
4. The letter received requesting information has been responded to.
5. Buckinghamshire Council Pensions Department has emailed Parish Councils to gather historic data from the period of 1 April 2014 – current. They require several forms to be completed.
6. Cllr Darren Hayday has asked if the sign opposite the Dashwood Pub can be raised.
7. Response from TFB re the request for a sign opposite the factories :

"When we provide anything on the public highway, we must ensure that it is 'fit for purpose' and doesn't introduce / create hazards. I note that the 'slip' road requested for signing isn't very long and that opposite it are 'industrial units'. Presumably, these units will generate HGV traffic (HGV traffic must be posing an issue in Piddington as I note that a 5t waiting limit has recently been introduced).

I have concerns that if we 'positively' sign this slip road as a viable route into Piddington, it is possible that HGVs – following the signs – could be longer in length than the available length of slip road. If they had to stop at the 'give way' before proceeding ahead / left or right into Old Oxford Road, their rear end could be protruding onto the A40 causing a safety issue. If we were to sign this route, we are indicating / implying that it is a viable / 'fit for purpose' route – this would not be the case if the scenario I've outlined above were to occur. My stance is therefore now much stronger on 'doing nothing' here".

8. I am looking into if the dog waste bin on the A40 can be repaired or if a new one needs to be ordered.

266.5 I) Approval of the invoices submitted in September 2021

Clerks Salary	£560.25	
BCC Pension	£226.74	
HMRC	£140.55	
Expenses	£13.50	Fuel
TBS Hygiene	£64.80	Environmental Services
Buckland Landscapes	£439.00	Grass cutting – September

Total Expenditure £1,444.84

Income £160.00

Opening Balance – 16/09/21 £38,090.03

Less approved Expenditure £2,166.44

Income £160.00

Total as at 06/10/21 £36,083.59

266.6 Consultation on 20mph Zones for residential areas in Buckinghamshire
The Parish Council agreed that 20mph zones would not be feasible in the Parish.

266.7 Complaints Policy

The Parish Council agreed to adopt a complaints policy. The Clerk will add this to the Parish Councils Website.

266.8 Planning Applications – None.

266.9 Members Questions and Statements.

Cllr Thomas will review the current contract with Buckland Landscapes. Clerk to add Grass Cutting to the next agenda.

Cllr Willett will continue to work on digital maps for the Parish.

Councillors were encouraged to carry out community litter picks in November/December.

Cllr Willett volunteered to look at ideas for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Cllr Digby reported on the Bigs Bucks Tidy Up and agreed to send an email asking if they would like to assist with litter picks along the A40.

Clerk to contact James Day and ask for a quotation for the works on Chipps Hill.

266.10 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 9th November 2021, Piddington Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at - 20.32.

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