

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 27th September 2022 at 7.30pm

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

Buckinghamshire Councillor – Cllr O Hayday, Cllr D Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 1.

The Parish Council held one minute's silence in remembrance of Her Majesty The Queen and Simon Thomas.

Public Questions

Cllr O Hayday and Cllr D Hayday reported that they attended and enjoyed the Horticultural Society show. Cllr D Hayday reported on the Buckinghamshire Council Ward Boundaries Consultation. Buckinghamshire Council are carrying out a consultation with regards to the amount of Ward Councillors representing areas within Buckinghamshire. The number of Ward Councillors will be reduced. Cllr D Hayday has recommended that Piddington and Wheeler End Parish Council joins with both West Wycombe Parish Council and Lane End Parish Council to become one Ward. These areas would be covered by one Ward Councillor. The number of Parish Councillors and Clerks within each Parish Council would remain the same.

276.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.
None.

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

276.3 To confirm the Minutes of the July 2022 Meeting.
Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

276.4 Clerk's report and Correspondence.

Correspondence Received

1. Buckinghamshire Council gains new powers to improve road safety
2. An update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
3. Planning enforcement success for Buckinghamshire Council
4. Buckinghamshire Council launches 'Online Safe Spaces' portal
5. Chiltern Conservation Board - Summer walks, family days, experiences & events PLUS a new coalition for chalk streams and farmers working for nature
6. Buckinghamshire Council - Council employs green technology to repair damaged roads
7. Cost of Living Support
8. Council develops new reporting tool in the fight against anti-social behaviour
9. Police & Crime Bulletin July '22 - tackling knife possession and more
10. Have your say on a new political map for Buckinghamshire Council
11. Buckinghamshire Council Planning & Environment service update
12. Council announces new partner to continue programme of highways improvements
13. Buckinghamshire Council is upgrading its revenue and benefits systems
14. Over 10,000 new subscribers to Buckinghamshire Council's garden waste collection service
15. Help reduce fly-tipping – don't pay cash to get rid of your trash
16. FoodCycle now offering free weekly meals to local residents
17. Council tax refunds completed for all eligible households in Bucks
18. Council announces plans to reopen Bledlow Household Recycling Centre

Clerks Report

1. The Internal and External audits have been completed. No issues have been raised and the books are kept to a very satisfactory standard.
2. The completed audit documents have been uploaded to the website.
3. The dog waste bin has now been replaced.
4. Flytipping on the Old Oxford Road reported to BC.

- 5.I have put the Buckinghamshire Council notice of a Parish Councillor vacancy on the noticeboards.
- 6.All Councillors should review their DPI's as per the email and advise if there are any updates.
- 7.Play equipment removed as per the inspection report. The climbing frame equipment has been made safe.
- 8.AED checks complete
- 9.On-line bacs payments completed and confirmed by Cllrs.
- 10.Any member of the public can report a problem to TFB on the website fix my street – www.fixmystreet.com
- 11.The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th November 2022. Please note the meeting on 11th October has been cancelled.

276.5 Finances

5.1) Approval of the income and expenditure August 2022

Clerks Salary	£568.69	
BCC Pension	£230.18	
HMRC	£142.20	
Expenses	£8.10	Fuel
TBS Hygiene	£81.00	Environmental Waste
Chiltern Society	£30.00	Subscription
PFK Littlejohn LLP	£240.00	External Audit
Buckinghamshire Council	£58.20	Annual Play Inspection

Total Expenditure £1,358.37

Income £0.00

Opening Balance – 04/07/22	£30,183.54
Less approved Expenditure	£1,919.37
Less Banking Charge	£10.80
Income	£0.00
Total as at 17/08/22	£28,253.37

5.2) Approval of the income and expenditure September 2022

Clerks Salary	£568.69	
BCC Pension	£230.18	
HMRC	£142.20	
Expenses	£9.00	Fuel
TBS Hygiene	£64.80	Environmental Waste
Buckinghamshire Council	£494.40	Traffic data survey
Buckland Landscapes	£465.50	Grass cutting
James Glasgow	£300.00	Removal/disposal and make safe play equipment

Total Expenditure £2,274.77

Income £0.00

Opening Balance – 17/08/22	£28,253.37
Less approved Expenditure	£1,358.37
Less Banking Charge	£0.00
Income	£0.00
Total as at 06/09/22	£26,895.00

276.6 Children's Play Equipment – Piddington Recreational Ground

6.1 Inspection Report

Councillors examined the safety inspection report. It was noted in the report that the 2 seat swing frame was deemed high risk. The horizontal pole with the green climbing net attached was also deemed high risk. Therefore, both of these pieces of equipment have been removed. The side of the climbing frame remaining has been made safe by closing off the end to prevent injury.

6.2 Quotations for replacement equipment

The Clerk received three quotations. Council agreed to proceed with the quotation from Playdale Playgrounds of £3,810.63. The quotation includes a replacement 2 swing seat, frame and includes a replacement horizontal pole.

The Clerk will request that steel coverings are placed on the bottom of the swing set to prevent damage to the posts from the mowers.

276.7 Discussion re ward boundaries – Boundary Commission

It was agreed that the Parish Council would submit comments to the consultation reflecting that it would be beneficial for Piddington and Wheeler End Parish to be joined with West Wycombe Parish and also Lane End Parish. All three Parish Councils would be designated one Buckinghamshire Council Ward Councillor. Parish Councillors were urged to log their own comments on the consultation portal.

276.8 Recruitment of a Parish Councillor

Due to the extremely sad passing of Simon Thomas it was agreed to promote an advert to recruit a new Parish Councillor.

276.9 To discuss adopting an Environmental Sustainability Policy

The Clerk will circulate the draft policy to Councillors. Decision deferred.

276.10 Allotments

10.1 To discuss allotment rents

The Parish Council agreed that given the current situation with rising inflation that they would hold the allotment rents for the year 2022/2023, The allotment rents are £15 for a small plot and £25 for a large plot.

10.2 Update on allotments

Cllr Willett agreed to help with managing the allotment site.

276.11 Quotation to paint war memorial fence

Councillor May stated he had some paint that could be used to paint the fence. This would save on the cost of paint. The Clerk will ask the contractor to rub down and repaint the fence.

276.12 To consider new planning applications

None.

276.13 Members Questions and Statements

Cllr Pitcher raised concerns about the overgrown hedge on Bullocks Farm Lane. Cllr Day will ask the West Wycombe Estate if they can carry out these works.

Cllr D Hayday will speak to TFB regarding the proposed painted roundels on the road at Bullocks Farm Lane.

Cllr Day raised concerns about raising energy costs on behalf of the Dashwood Public House and Chequers Public House. Cllr D Hayday will write to Buckinghamshire Council to ask what support can be given to businesses.

Cllr D Hayday reported that he continues to engage with the owner of 10 Queens Street.

Cllr Willett will issue the draft Emergency Plan to Councillors.

Cllr D Hayday will chase TFB regarding the blocked drains on the stretch of A40 from Piddington (starting at the Chippis Hill junction), leading up Dashwood Hill through the woods.

Cllr Digby will liaise with a member of the RBL regarding the new plaque to be placed at the Village Hall to commemorate the fallen.

It was reported that Council is continuing to work on funding for the small woodland near the allotment site.

276.14 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 8th November 2022, Piddington Village Hall.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at – 20.38

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