

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 7.30pm

Attendance - Chairman – Mr T Willett, Mr S Digby, Mr P Brown, Mrs T Gray, Mrs W Pitcher.

Buckinghamshire Councillor – Cllrs D Hayday & O Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 1.

291.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.
Apologies received from Cllr J Smith.

291.2 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on the Agenda.
None.

291.3 Public and Buckinghamshire Councillors Question Time.
Cllr Hayday reported that he has requested via TFB that Piddington Lane is swept and cleared.
Cllr Hayday reported that there is a consultation for High Wycombe residents regarding the possibility of a Town Council. Residents have the opportunity to complete a questionnaire re their opinions. The Clerk will put a post on Facebook and forward the email to Councillors for information.
Councillor Hayday reported that TFB have resurfaced Bullocks Farm Lane and repaired the potholes.

291.4 Minutes - To confirm the Minutes of the January 2024 Meeting.
Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

291.5 Clerks Report and Correspondence.

Clerks Report

1. The Parish Councillor vacancy was advertised on the facebook page, website and noticeboards. Council received two applications.
2. The new noticeboard for Wheeler End has been delivered and installed.
3. The old noticeboard has been removed and disposed.
4. The news signs re dogs not being allowed in Piddington Rec will be installed shortly.
5. The football pitch has been marked out at Piddington Rec.
6. Update from Downley Dynamos Football Club - they are trialling matches on Sunday which is going really well. Not sure when they will start training, but hopefully when the weather is better.
7. All allotment plot rents have now been paid apart from one plot, I will continue to chase this.
8. Cllr Willett is currently arranging for Councillors to have separate email addresses.
9. The new Parish Council Website is up and running. There is a section for the Village Hall to make bookings. www.piddingtonandwheelerend.org.uk
10. Updated the website and facebook page.
11. All online banking payments have been completed.
12. Checked the AED unit.
13. Issues can be reported at www.fixmystreet.com or using the app FixMyStreet.

14. Meeting Dates for 2024

Meetings are at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

12th March

9th April

14th May (Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and Normal Meeting).

11th June

9th July

No meeting in August

10th September

8th October

12th November

10th December

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

1. Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity's Forever Flowers event. This is an event held at **Waddesdon Manor** from Monday 15th April – Sunday 28th April. It is an event for people in the local community who have lost a loved one to celebrate and remember them, and after the display has been removed, a forever keepsake for their home or garden.
2. Thames Valley Police – Protect your work tools/equipment
3. First Buckinghamshire £1,000 fly-tipping fixed penalty notice issued
4. Buckinghamshire Council – Free planting
5. Planning Forum scheduled for 27th February 2024
6. Affordable fun for families this half term
7. Free Business Networking Event on 29th February 2024
8. Berks, Bucks and Oxon Newsletter

291.6 Finance – Approval of the invoices submitted.

Clerks Salary	£635.84	
BC Pension	£245.60	
HMRC	£170.47	
Expenses	£10.80	Fuel
Fiona Curzon	£15.00	Refund – duplicate payment
TBS Hygiene	£74.40	Environmental Services
Buckland Landscapes	£465.50	Grass Cutting
JSG Handyman and Plumbing	£45.00	Noticeboard lock repair
Greenbarnes	£2258.85	Noticeboard – Wheelerend Common
Buckland Landscapes	£5700.00	Chipps Hill
HSBC (dd)	£5.00	Banking charge
Income	£25.00	Allotment rents
Opening Balance 03/01/24	£27,845.50	
Less approved Expenditure	£2,060.01	
Income	£25.00	
Total as at 07/02/24	£25,805.49	

291.7 Chipps Hill Maintenance – Retrospective

Cllr Digby reported that Council has agreed retrospectively to carry out cutting back the hedges/flailing on Chipps Hill. The works has been completed and Councillors agreed it looked very good. We have asked a resident to carry out a survey in the summer of the wildflowers.

Council unanimously agreed the quotation of £4750.00 for the works retrospectively completed on Chipps Hill.

Cllr Pitcher commented that a section at the top hasn't been done, Cllr Digby will discuss this with Buckland Landscapes.

Council will update the website and Facebook page re the recent works and the Chipps Hill project. Cllr Digby will write a report re what Council has done, a report re the survey and then a report at the end of the summer.

291.8 Bus Shelter – quotations

Council has received one quotation. The Clerk will look at pre-made bus shelters. To be discussed at the next meeting.

291.9 To discuss the co-option of a Parish Councillor

Council has advertised and interviewed a couple of people. Cllr Willet proposed Alison Pitcher and Cllr Digby Seconded. Council unanimously agreed to co-opt Alison Pitcher.

291.10 Planning Applications – none.

291.11 Members Questions and Statements.

A Parishioner contacted Cllr Hayday re an accident on the footpath, this has been resolved.

Cllr Digby has continued to chase TFB re the gullies. Cllr Willett will draw up a list with all the current reports on fixmystreet.

Councillors asked if they could accompany the Chiltern Society the next time they cut back the footpaths.

A Parishioner had reported overgrown branches on the hedge at Princes Street. Cllr Digby will cut these back.

There will be a Litter pick in Wheeler End on 2nd March.

Cllr Willett will order new batteries for the Christmas lights.

291.12 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 12th March, Piddington Village Hall.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at – 20.13.

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