

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 7.30pm

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

Buckinghamshire Councillor – Cllrs D Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 0.

292.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.
Apologies received from Cllr P Brown. Cllr O Hayday.

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

292.3 Cllr A Pitcher to sign the Declaration of Acceptance.
Cllr Pitcher signed the Declaration of Acceptance book. Councillors welcomed Alison to the Parish Council.

292.4 Public and Buckinghamshire Councillors Question Time.
Cllr D Hayday reported that Buckinghamshire Council are trying to rectify the drainage issue at West Wycombe.

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

292.6 Clerks Report and Correspondence.

1. The new signs have been installed at Piddington Rec re no dogs.
2. Update for the Chipps Hill project on the website and facebook page - <https://piddingtonandwheelerend.org.uk/chipps-hill-project-update/>
3. Attended a training course re website domains.
4. Attended a training course re events Risk Assessments.
5. Cllr Willett has been added to the Business Banking Account.
6. Working on the VAT return.
7. Completed a Pre Newal Questionnaire re PC insurance.
8. Contacted the West Wycombe Estate to ask them to remove the fallen tree on Chipps Hill.
9. The Consultation re High Wycombe Town Council has been put on the facebook page and website.
10. Arranged for waste to be collected from litter pick.
11. All allotment rents have been paid.
12. Updated the website and facebook page.
13. All online banking payments have been completed.
14. Checked the AED unit.
15. Issues can be reported at www.fixmystreet.com or using the app FixMyStreet.
16. Meeting Dates for 2024

Meetings are at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

9th April

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

11th June

9th July

No meeting in August10th September8th October12th November10th December**Correspondence -**

1. BMKALC – Training and events
2. A new vision for parking across Buckinghamshire
3. Royal Garden Party
4. E-scooter trials in Buckinghamshire extended for a further 2 years
5. Martyn's Law - Draft Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill
6. Find out what's been happening with CCC this winter!
7. Buckinghamshire Council sets budget for next three years
8. North West Chilterns Community Board - Business Networking Evening
9. DA awareness raising/Promotion of DA Services
10. Community Board Boundary Review Survey
11. An update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
12. War Memorial Magazine
13. An update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
14. Planning Forum slides
15. Berks, Bucks and Oxfordshire Newsletter
16. Bucks Council - Pupils step from the classroom into the conference room at Model United Nations event
17. Town & Parish Councils from Buckinghamshire Council
18. Chiltern Conservation Board enews
19. Free, fun and flavourful – support available for eligible families this Easter half term
20. Police and Crime Bulletin
21. 'Respect Me' say Buckinghamshire's School Crossing Patrollers
22. Information re Stokenchurch Library
23. Council pledges an extra £5 million investment in fixing roads
24. Chiltern Society Magazine
25. TVP – Social Media Summary
26. Join the Bucks Great British Spring Clean
27. Kop Hill Climb 2024 - Soapbox Challenge
28. Rise in number plate thefts
29. New library collections will provide invaluable resource for families with children
30. Money down the drain for company prosecuted for fly-tipping in Bucks
31. Email received from a Parishioner – “Thank you and well done - in any order you want.

Chippis Hill has been given a haircut, and a 'tough' one, too. I think a superb job has been done. Within a couple of months it will not be possible to see any bare earth and, hopefully, those verges will be covered in flowers by the summer.

A friend of mine, who for a couple of years did a plant survey of Chippis Hill for Plantlife (before being assigned a different area to survey), intends to do some surveys of Chippis Hill this year. He is a very good botanist, with a decent knowledge of most wildlife, including invertebrates. I'm sure he would be happy to share his survey results with you.

I don't know what your long-term plan for those verges is. I don't know if it is best to cut them every year, or to cut only a proportion of the verges each year. The latter strategy might be best for invertebrates, which can then survive on the uncut portion each year, and subsequently repopulate the area that was cut once that regrew. I will try to find out if Plantlife, or any other organisation, has any advice.

But to finish where I began, I think you have done a superb job at getting those roadside verges cut. Thank you”.

32. Email from a Parishioner –

“I am extremely impressed with both your efforts and your motivation. Extremely commendable. Please pass on my thanks to all those on the Parish Council who have supported you and the initiative.

I have, as you suggested, passed on your contact details to the friend likely to do some plant surveys along Chippis Hill this year. His name is Phillip Pratt. He does a lot of voluntary conservation work for BBOWT”.

292.7	Finance –	Approval of the invoices submitted.
	Clerks Salary	£635.84
	BC Pension	£245.60
	HMRC	£170.47
	Expenses	£10.80
	TBS Hygiene	£74.40
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	Netwise	£12.00
	JSG Handyman and Plumbing	£75.00
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	War Memorial Trust	£30.00
	Buckland Landscapes	£465.50
		Fuel
		Environmental Services
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		Domain setup
		Make backing and install signs x 2
		Noticeboard removal/disposal and install new
		Subscription
		Grass cutting
	HSBC (dd)	£6.20
		Banking charge
	Income	£15.00
		Allotment rents
	Opening Balance 03/01/24	£25,805.49
	Less approved Expenditure	£10,073.24
	Income	£15.00
	Debit	£6.20
	Total as at 04/03/24	£15,741.05

292.8 Bus Shelter quotations

Cllr Willet reported that he had received two quotations and is awaiting one further quotation for a replacement bus shelter. There are several grant options that he will continue to pursue, the Community Asset Fund and the Lottery Community Fund. Cllr Digby will also contact the Community Board regarding funding. To be discussed at a future meeting.

292.9 To discuss the Parish Council website Domain

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to change the website domain and emails from .org.uk to .gov.uk, it is thought that this will be a requirement within the next two years.

The Cabinet Office is currently offering a grant of £100.00, and this has been applied for. Therefore, the cost for the first year is £12.00.

292.10 Parking – Old Oxford Road

It is believed that the majority of the parking issues on the Old Oxford Road are customers visiting Badgers Auctions. Badgers Auctions have put signs up re parking and are actively asking customers to park with consideration.

292.11 To review the Emergency Plan

Cllr Willet will review the names and services in the Emergency Plan.

The Council also discussed producing an emergency chart.

The Village Hall to possibly act as a hub in case of an emergency. The Village Hall will look into purchasing a generator.

The Parish Council agreed that they would be minded to assist in co-funding a generator to run the village hall with heating facilities and the electrical costs in case of an emergency.

292.12 To review the Fix My Street issues

Cllr Willet produced a list of reports shown on fixmystreet. Some of the reports have been completed.

The Parish Council will monitor the reports on fixmystreet on an ongoing basis. It has been noted that some of the reports are being closed and not completed.

The Parish Council encourages people to keep reporting issues on www.fixmystreet.com.

Cllr Digby will email Cllr Hayday regarding escalating the drains.

292.13 Planning Applications – Our Ref: 24/05325/LBC - Ham Farmhouse Wycombe Road Piddington Buckinghamshire HP14 3BJ

Listed building application for replacement of all windows, an external door and porch.

No objections.

292.13 Members Questions and Statements.

Cllr Digby reported on the plan for Chipps Hill. He had a site visit with Buckland Landscapes regarding cutting back the brambles. A quotation has been received; however, it is quite high and Council decided not to go ahead

There will be a strategic plan for Chipps Hill regarding the wildflowers. A Parishioner will carry out an audit in the summer. A biologist will monitor the hedge near the Dashwood Arms for nests.

The Village Hall will be holding an event for D Day in June.

Cllr Digby reported that he cut back the hedge on Princes Street.

The Clerk will chase Downley Dynamos regarding the grass cutting.

Councillors to review the litter pick areas.

Cllr Pitcher reported that the hedge near Dean Farm up to the ex Peacock pub is very overgrown on the left hand side and needs cutting back. Clerk to report this to Lane End Parish Council.

Cllr Willet reported that the website is getting 50/60 views per day. The village hall booking system is working well.

There will be an easter egg hunt on Wheeler End Common, more details to follow.

292.14 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 9th April 2024 in Piddington Village Hall.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at – 20.30.

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