

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 7.30pm

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

Buckinghamshire Councillor – Cllrs D Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 2.

293.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.
Apologies received from Cllr T Gray & Cllr P Brown. Buckinghamshire Cllr O Hayday.

293.2 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on the Agenda.
Cllr W Pitcher declared an interest in planning application 24/05679/FUL.
Cllr A Pitcher declared an interest in planning application 24/05679/FUL.
Cllr Willett declared an interest in the Wheeler End Funding Application.

293.3 Public and Buckinghamshire Councillors Question Time.
Residents spoke regarding the Huckenden Farm planning application.

Due to public interest the Chairman moved planning up the agenda.

293.14 Planning Applications –

292.14.1 Planning Application Consultation for case reference 24/05679/FUL
Chilterns Chippys Hill Wheeler End Buckinghamshire HP14 3NF
Householder application for demolition of existing garaging and outbuildings and construction of single storey side extension including garage.
No comment.

292.14.2 Planning Application Consultation for case reference 24/05655/FUL
Huckenden Farm Bolter End Lane Wheeler End Buckinghamshire
Piddington and Wheeler End Parish Council object to this planning application.

This site, Huckenden Farm, has been developed over the last 10 years or so – probably over developed – and subject to over 40 planning applications in this period.

The last application for this particular development (Ref 20/08498/FUL) was finally rejected on appeal in November 2023 – this latest application is broadly speaking the same and we can see nothing significant that has materially changed and should allow this new application to be approved.

Our objections are as follows:

- The site lies within both the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and The Cadmore End Conservation Area and further is very close to two Grade II listed buildings. The area has already had considerable development.
- There is already pressure on the services to the location – specifically water and sewage provision – and another residential development would make the situation even worse.
- The development is next to a pond with a wide range of plant and animal life and this work would significantly impact on the biodiversity of the area. Even if a fence were to be built as suggested, it is still far too close to the pond. The site covers an area of likely habitat for protected species and this development will cause harm to these species and their habitat.
- This building was originally built as a car port and we can see no good reason to allow it to be changed to a residential property.

In conclusion, the Parish Council feel this is a completely inappropriate development and that the application should be rejected.

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

293.5 Clerks Report and Correspondence.

1. I have booked a ROSPA play area inspection, this will take place in May/June. The charge is £78.00 plus VAT per play area to inspect up to five items of play equipment on the play area. There is an extra fee of £4.00 plus VAT to inspect each play item over five. Please note we would be charged for two areas, the Play Area and Playing Field (to include the basketball post).
2. Completed update form for the AED unit on the circuit website.
3. Completed the VAT return.
4. Completed the online banking payments.
5. Submitted Year End Pension figures.
6. Completed Year End HMRC figures.
7. Started preparation for the Audit. Piddington and Wheeler End has been selected for an intermediate audit review. A selection of 5% of Parish Councils are picked at random each year.
8. Downley Dynamos confirmed that it is no problem cutting up to the play equipment, they will do this.
9. The allotment site is currently fully occupied and there is one person on the waiting list.
10. Attended several training courses / events.
11. A Parishioner raised concerns about the state of Piddington Lane.
12. The Clerk has completed six hours overtime.
13. Updated the website and facebook page.
14. All online banking payments have been completed.
15. Checked the AED unit.
16. Issues can be reported at www.fixmystreet.com or using the app FixMyStreet.

17. Meeting Dates for 2024

Meetings are at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

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. Thames Valley Police - Social media summary
2. Police & Crime Bulletin Mar '24 - crime prevention, knife crime & more
3. An update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
4. Buckinghamshire Community Safety News
5. Help for Buckinghamshire's village halls to #GoGreen
6. NWC Community Board - "Walk with us Bucks" Project
7. Red Kite Annual Community Morning 2024
8. New Draft Street Trading Policy
9. Learn how to be a Better Biker
10. Buckinghamshire Council seeks nominations on new EV charging point locations

11. Volunteer Matching Service has matched its 2000th volunteer/ call for more volunteers
12. Council's Energy Doctors making a difference: 400+ Bucks homes get green upgrades
13. Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition 2024 entry information
14. Get involved in 2024: Bucks Culture - Open Weekend
15. Show your heart some love, women of Bucks!
16. Young people speak up at the Bucks Youth Summit
17. The BIG Walk & Superhero Mile
18. His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire The Countess Howe announces new Deputy Lieutenant
19. Chiltern Spring magazine.
20. BMKALC: Street Licence Consultation
21. BBOWT Nature Notes, April 2024
22. Weekly road updates
23. Chiltern National Landscape

293.6	Finance –	Approval of the invoices submitted.	
	Clerks Salary	£724.10	
	BC Pension	£279.60	
	HMRC	£208.34	
	Expenses	£51.75	Fuel / Webroot
	Buckland Landscapes	£465.50	Grass cutting
	BMKALC	£97.02	Subscription
	HSBC (dd)	£5.00	Banking charge
	ICO (dd)	£35.00	
	Income	£0.00	Allotment rents
	Opening Balance 04/03/24	£15,741.05	
	Less approved Expenditure	£2,496.61	
	Income	£0.00	
	Debit	£40.00	
	Total as at 02/04/24	£13,204.44	

293.6.2 Expenditure against Budget Report

The Clerk produced the Expenditure against Budget Report for Year End 23/24. The total expenditure for the year was £35,223.08. The budgeted amount £33,400.00. Council did go over budget; this was due to extra expenditure on Chipps Hill.

Total income received including the precept was £31,265.39.

Council approved the Expenditure against Budget Report.

293.6.3 To note the VAT return

Council noted the VAT return of £2,947.15.

The Clerk will submit the VAT return.

293.7 To agree the Risk Assessment

Council agreed the Risk Assessment.

293.8 To agree the Asset Register

Council agreed the Asset Register.

293.9 Bus Shelter – Quotations

Cllr Willett contacted the Community Board regarding potential funds towards a new bus shelter and they suggested this project was suitable for a funding application.

It was noted that a popular use for the roof of the new bus shelter would be a living roof. However, this would be more expensive.

The Parish Council has received two quotations and Cllr Willett will try to obtain other quotations.

293.10 To review the Emergency Plan

Cllrs Willett and Digby will draw up an executive emergency plan. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

293.11 To review the Fix My Street issues

Cllr Willett circulated a list of the outstanding issues listed on Fix My Street. Cllr Hayday will chase up the issue of the loose shingle on Piddington Lane.

293.12 Wheeler End Funding Application – Summer Event

Wheeler End residents have discussed holding an event in the summer on Wheeler End Common. The Parish Council agreed funding of up to £300.00 to support the event.

293.13 To discuss entering the Best Kept Village Competition

There was some debate as to whether the Parish Council should enter the 2024 Best Kept Village Competition. Cllr Diby stated that if the Council enters someone should take responsibility for the project and asked for volunteers. Cllr Digby volunteered to take the lead on this project. He will mark the points of interest on a map and email this to the Clerk for submission of the application.

Cllr Digby will write a list of things to do for the competition. The judging will take place between 1st June and 14th July.

The Parish Council are going to enter for the Gurney Cup.

Council will advertise this in Contact, Facebook and the noticeboards.

292.15 Members Questions and Statements.

Cllr W Pitcher asked about the hedge on Bolter End Lane. The Clerk will look into this, the hedge falls within the Lane End Parish Council boundary.

Cllr Smith will deliver the cones to The Dashwood Arms. These will be used to assist with parking when they hold events in the summer.

The new website address is www.pddingtonandwheelerend-pc.gov.uk

292.16 Date of next meeting – 14th May 2024 – Piddington Village Hall – 7pm

(Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and Normal Meeting).

Alison & Tom will supply refreshments.

The Chairman closed the meeting at – 20.32.

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