

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 7.30pm

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

Buckinghamshire Councillor – Cllrs D Hayday, O Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 1.

294.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.
None.

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

294.3 Public and Buckinghamshire Councillors Question Time.
Cllrs Hayday thanked the Parish Council for making them feel welcome.
It was reported that the Elections will take place in 2025.
It was reported that the Community Board are extremely helpful and may be able to assist with funding towards projects.

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

294.5 Clerks Report and Correspondence.

1. Under a government funded voluntary scheme Council were able to apply to receive a free framed portrait of HRH. The Parish Council were only able to apply for one portrait. Council agreed to donate this to Piddington Village Hall.
2. The playground inspection has been completed and we are awaiting the full report. They have flagged the basket swing as 'High Risk' due to some deterioration around the bolt on the top beam. As this has been sanctioned 'High Risk' this was removed and has been stored. The Clerk will obtain a quotation for a new basket swing. Cllr Smith will look into possible funding options with the Community Board.
3. The Clerk reported that the inclusive swing lap belt is missing. The Clerk has asked for a quotation.
4. Completed the Audit return form/figures.
5. Completed the 23/24-year end bank rec.
6. Completed the variances of differences form.
7. Completed the additional forms for the intermediate audit review.
8. Submitted the VAT form online, awaiting payment.
9. The entry forms for the Best Kept Village Competition have been submitted.
10. The allotment site is currently fully occupied and there is one person on the waiting list.
11. Updated the website and Facebook page.
12. All online banking payments have been completed.
13. Checked the AED unit.
14. Issues can be reported at www.fixmystreet.com or using the app FixMyStreet.
15. Meeting Dates for 2024

Meetings are at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

11th June9th JulyNo meeting in August10th September8th October12th November10th December

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

1. Thames Valley Police - TV Simulators - Battery Operated
2. Buckinghamshire Council - Could you join our fostering community in Buckinghamshire?
3. BMKALC: Criminal Prosecution of Parish Councillors for disregarding laws around Disclosable Interests (another County).
4. Thames Valley Police - Neighbourhood policing newsletter
5. Buckinghamshire Council - Council partners with local wildlife charities and farmer
6. CPRE - Summer Newsletter 2024
7. CPRE Bucks is Calling all Parish Councils!
8. A big thankyou from CPRE
9. Thames Valley Police statistics released
10. NWC Community Board Meeting – 27th June
11. Consultation into barriers to community energy projects
12. Recycled tyres help in mission to tackle road repairs in Bucks
13. Fly-tipper receives suspended prison sentence for dumping asbestos roofing waste in Bucks
14. Bucks Tree Mission flourishes with more than 193,000 trees planted so far
15. World-renowned facility to support elite swimmers coming to Buckinghamshire
16. Council unveils ambitious Housing Strategy for 2024-2029
17. Bucks, Berks and Oxon - Help threatened wildlife and double your impact
18. Thames Valley Police - Property Maintenance Work
19. Thames Valley Police - Staying safe from scams, doorstep crime & courier fraud
20. Majority of Bucks families get first choice primary school place
21. War Memorial Trust Magazine.

294.6 Finance -

Approval of the invoices submitted.

Clerks Salary	£635.84	
BC Pension	£245.60	
HMRC	£186.54	
Expenses	£12.60	Fuel
Buckland Landscapes	£432.05	Grass cutting
Simon Digby	£5.35	Postage for BKVC
Autumn Cottage	£115.00	Internal Audit
Gallagher	£1192.88	Parish Council Insurance
TBS Hygiene	£74.40	Dog waste bins
BKVC	£25.00	Bucks Best Kept Village
Alison Pitcher	£26.40	Refreshments for APM
Chiltern Society	£30.00	Subscription
James Elliott	£160.00	Weed Spraying

HSBC (dd)	£5.00	Banking charge
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Income	£2,847.15	HMRC VAT return
	£13,774.38	BC Precept

Opening Balance 02/04/24	£13,204.44
Less approved Expenditure	£1,826.31
Income	£16,621.53
Debit (paid)	£30.00
Total as at 08/05/24	£27,969.66

294.7 Renewal of the Parish Councils Insurance.

Parish Council Insurance - The premium (including IPT and all fees) for the year will be: £1,192.88.
The Parish Council approved this.

294.8 Audit –

To receive the Internal Audit Report

It was noted that the Internal Auditor commented that the Parish Council kept its records and accounts to a very satisfactory standard.

Consider the Annual Governance Statement

The Parish Council unanimously approved The Annual Governance Statement. The Clerk and the Chairman signed the documents.

Sign off the accounts Year Ending 31st March 2024

The Parish Council unanimously approved the year end accounts.

294.9 Best Kept Village Competition

Councillors agreed to undertake a list of tasks relating to the Best Kept Village Competition.

294.10 Emergency Plan.

The Parish Council agreed the Emergency Plan. Each Councillor received a copy.

294.11 Issues listed on Fix My Street.

Council discussed the current issues listed on fix my street. Cllr Gray agreed to report broken pavements on Fixmystreet.com

294.12 Planning Applications – Ref 24/05703/FUL - Piddington Telephone Exchange Old Oxford Road Piddington Buckinghamshire.

APPLICATION FOR - Householder application for construction of two storey side extension to include front and rear dormers and fenestration change.

Objection – the applicant states that the parking will remain the same, the Parish Council believe this is a false statement. The extension will take place on the parking area and therefore massively reduce the parking. The applicant has three vehicles at the property.

If parking was to be reduced there would cause a right of way issue for accessing the recreational ground that is located next door. The only vehicle access gate to the recreational ground is next to the property, there has already been issues with the gate being blocked and restricted access. Access must be allowed at all times for emergency services. This is a Green Belt area and AONB. The property has already doubled in size once. If this extension was approved it would be doubled in size for a second time.

294.13 Members Questions and Statements.

The weeds around the village need to be sprayed. Cllr Willett will get a quotation for this.

It was reported that someone has sadly ripped the posters down displayed on the bus shelter.

Council discussed local businesses being able to advertise on the PC website.

A Parishioner has developed a document regarding the history of the Parish and would like this displayed in the village. Council invited him to a future meeting to discuss his plans.

Cllr Willett will contact Downley Dynamos FC re cutting the recreational ground.

PC to consider the installation of a large banner sign on the village green.

Clerk to contact WWFC to ask about their plans regarding the new road access route.

294.14 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 11th June 2024, Piddington Village Hall.**

294.15 Meeting to be closed - *Exclusion of Public and Press, to exclude public and press in accordance with s1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item set out in Agenda item 15, due to the confidential nature of this item.*

It is proposed by the Chairman that the Public and Press be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as matters which will be discussed are considered to be confidential

294.16 Employee Matters.

The Chairman closed the meeting at – 20.45.

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