

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.30pm**

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

**Buckinghamshire Councillor – None.**

**Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.**

**Members of the public: 3.**

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

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

295.3 Public and Buckinghamshire Councillors' Question Time.

A parishioner raised concerns re the long grass that has been left on the village green. The council has left a strip of grass near the Old Oxford Road to allow for the daffodil bulbs to flourish. The strip will be mowed after 1<sup>st</sup> July. There are a couple of experimental sections left to grow and we are monitoring for wildflowers. We have identified 21 species of wildflowers so far.

A Parishioner complained that people are not picking up after their dogs. The clerk will put a notice on social media and noticeboards.

A Parishioner raised concerns regarding the poor parking near Badgers Auctions and the Dashwood Roadhouse.

A Parishioner raised concerns regarding the fruit trees, they are now extremely high and most of the fruit can no longer be picked. Council to review getting the trees professionally pruned.

People continue to park on street corners, particularly on Queen Street. The Clerk will contact Cllr Hayday re inserting white lines on the corners. The Clerk will also put a notice on social media.

A Parishioner was unable to attend the APM as they were not aware of the date. The dates of meetings are published on noticeboards, website, social media and is every set of minutes. The Clerk will also ask for them to be put in Contact.

Concerns were raised regarding no 10 Queen Street. Council to contact Planning Enforcement.

295.4 Minutes - To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting.  
Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

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295.4.2 To confirm the Minutes of the May Full Parish Council Meeting.  
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295.4.3 To confirm the Closed Session Minutes of the May Meeting.  
Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

295.5 Clerks Report and Correspondence.

**Clerks Report**

1. Submitted the Annual Governance Statement and associated documents to the External Auditor.
2. Posted the Electors Rights forms on the noticeboards and website.
3. A tenant is no longer able to cope with their whole allotment plot. I have agreed to split this, and half the plot has been offered to someone else. Both tenants have met on site to agree the split.
4. Currently undertaking a review of all of Councils Policies and Core Documents.
5. Submitted further information to the organisers of the Best Kept Village Competition.

6. I have renewed the insurance policy.
7. The weed spraying was completed and the invoice has been paid. We have received some great comments about the weed spraying.
8. The allotment site is currently fully occupied.
9. Updated the website and facebook page. No one is currently on the waiting list.
10. All online banking payments have been completed.
11. Checked the AED unit.
12. Issues can be reported at [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com) or using the app FixMyStreet.
13. Meeting Dates for 2024

Meetings are at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

9<sup>th</sup> July

No meeting in August

10<sup>th</sup> September

8<sup>th</sup> October

12<sup>th</sup> November

10<sup>th</sup> December

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

1. Celebrating Bucks' communities
2. Buckinghamshire Council - High Wycombe shop owner prosecuted for sale of illegal cigarettes
3. D-Day events - Bucks Online Directory
4. Your latest news from the Chilterns National Landscape
5. NALC Star Council Awards 2024 nominations are now open
6. Parliamentary General Election: pre-election guidance
7. National Probation Service - Community Payback Projects
8. An update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
9. Read our latest edition of Community Matters
10. Chiltern Society Magazine
11. Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust
12. Community Boards - Annual Report 2023/24
13. Buckinghamshire Council elects new Chairman
14. New home energy efficiency grant scheme launches in Bucks
15. School crossing patroller puts down her lollipop after 36 years
16. Council pledges extra £500k for gully cleansing and roadside drainage repairs

295.6 Finance - Approval of the invoices submitted.

Confidential payments	£1,051.91	Employee salary/HMRC/Pension
Expenses	£97.07	Fuel / Microsoft 365
Buckland Landscapes	£432.05	Grass cutting
JSG Handyman Services	£75.00	Removal basket swing / disposal
RoSPA	£187.20	Rec ground / play equipment inspections
TBS Hygiene	£93.00	Dog Waste Bins
Cllr Pitcher	£18.89	Paint for bus shelter
Opening Balance 08/05/24	£27,969.66	
Less approved Expenditure	£3,116.66	
Income	£0.00	
Debit (paid)	£5.00	HSBC Banking charge
Total as at 04/06/24	£24,848.00	

6.1 To receive the Safety Inspection Children's Play Equipment Report – RoSPA. To discuss the Children's Play Equipment Recommendations Report and Associated Quotations.

Council noted the findings in the report.

Council approved the quotation of £8000.52 for a new children's basket swing.

Council approved the quotation of £2046.96 for a new 100% recyclable plastic bench.

It was agreed that Cllr Smith will contact the Community Board re match funding for both projects.

Cllr Willett will also look at other funding options.

It was agreed to ask Playdale to supply the 5-point-harness free of charge as part of the basket swing purchase.

However, Council have agreed to purchase the harness for £197.16 should they not agree to this.

A quotation from JSG Handyman and Plumbing Services for safety works to the Multi Play Area was agreed for £200.00.

A quotation from JSG Handyman and Plumbing Services was agreed, £330.00 for the cleaning of equipment, removal of algae, antifungal and graffiti.

6.2 To receive the Safety Inspection Field Report – RoSPA.

Council noted the findings in the report.

6.3 To discuss the quotation for the basketball area.

Council agreed to quotation from E R Meakes for safety works. They would do it on the hourly rate as they wouldn't know how long it takes until they start. £150.00 + vat for the first 2 hours and £70.00+vat per hour thereafter. (all prices are door to door).

The Clerk will ask E R Meakes to keep the costs as low as possible.

295.6 Best Kept Village Competition.

The chairman thanked everyone for their work on the Best Kept Village Competition. Councillors will continue to do litter picks and report overgrown grass verge on fixmystreet.

295.7 Issues listed on Fix My Street.

It was agreed that Councillors should report the grass verges on fixmystreet as a safety / restricted vision concern.

295.9 Review of Policies and Core Documents -

9.1 Standing Orders

Council approved the Standing Orders.

9.2 Financial Regulations

Council approved the Financial Regulations.

9.3 Code of Conduct

Council approved the Code of Conduct.

9.3 Equality and Diversity Policy

Council approved the Equality Diversity Policy.

9.4 Biodiversity Policy

Council approved the Biodiversity Policy.

295.10 Environmental Waste Contractor

TSB are no longer able to offer the service of emptying the dog waste bins. The Sheild Group can offer this service at £2.00 per bin. Council approved this.

295.11 Projects for the upcoming year

Cllr Digby will undertake the Chipps Hill project.

Cllr Brown will contact the Dashwood Road re a potential noticeboard re the history of the Parish.

Cllr Brown will undertake a communications project.

Cllr Willett will undertake a parish walks project.

Cllr Pitcher will undertake a project re the pond at Wheeler End.

295.12 Planning Applications – None.

295.13 Members Questions and Statements.

Cllr Willett raised concerns regarding the state of the grass cutting at Wheeler End Common. He will contact Buckinghamshire Council regarding this.

Cllr Gray raised concerns that the contactor has not lifted the grass after cutting. Cllr Digby will contact them.

Cllr Willett reported that there have been no concerns raised re Downley Dynamos using Piddington Rec. Council will review this annually.

Cllr Digby will raise an issue of a footpath sign near the Old Dashwood Hill on fixmystreet.

295.14 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Piddington Village Hall.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at – 21.20.

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