

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 9th July 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 – Cllr O Hayday, D Hayday.

Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.

Members of the public: 4.

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

296.2 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on the Agenda.
Cllr Brown declared an interest in the planning application ref 24/06421/FUL.

296.3 Public and Buckinghamshire Councillors Question Time.

Cllr D Hayday attended the count for the General Election. It was announced that our new MP for the area would be Emma Reynolds.

Cllr O Hayday reported that they have recently done the litter pick between Piddington and West Wycombe. The council thanked them for their continuous work.

A resident reported that they will be holding an open garden on 21st July 2024 between 11am and 5pm. The resident asked Council if they could advertise the open garden on the noticeboards, website and Facebook page.

A Parishioner commented that they prefer the longer grass and encouragement of the wildflowers.

There is an issue with the access gate to the recreational ground on the Dashwood Roadhouse side. Council has already spoken to the owner re parking their vehicle inappropriately blocking the gate. It was requested that the Clerk ascertain the owner of the land in front of the gate.

A resident raised the issue of parking on the Old Oxford Road and asked about the possibility of double yellow lines.

296.4 To confirm the Minutes of the June Full Parish Council Meeting.

Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

296.5 Clerks Report and Correspondence.

Clerks Report

1. I have started the process of the grant funding application with the Community Board for the new basket swing and bench.
2. Please note that if Councillors request any updates to be put on social media and/or the Website that involves names of individuals, written consent must be obtained and sent to the Clerk.
3. Cllr Pitcher carried out a check on the allotments and has advised re uncultivated plots. I will write to the tenants separately when I issue the annual invoices.
4. E.R. Meakes are scheduled to carry out the works on the basketball area on Monday 1st July.
5. All the policies and core documents approved at the June Meeting have been uploaded to the PCs website.
6. HSBC have confirmed that they offer dual signatories and I have added Cllr Digby. I will also add Cllr Gray as approved.
7. Updated the Circuit website re the AED unit.
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 or using the app FixMyStreet.

13. Meeting Dates for 2024

Meetings are at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

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. Top of the class! - Celebrating Buckinghamshire's outstanding school communities
2. Resident correspondence - A resident has contacted me regarding customers parking at Badgers Auctions. They have said -

People continue to park on the pavements and the verges. Badger Auctions were displaying the signs to say no parking on the grass, but these have now been removed.

Customers are parking inconsiderably and its causing chaos. Badgers Auctions do not appear to be monitoring parking. There are huge volume of people parking down there at least 4 days a week when they are open.

Badgers Auctions only has 2 parking spaces. There isn't suitable parking for the business.

The sign needs to be reinstated and changed to - do not park on the pavement or the grass.

Action - Cllr Brown will talk to the owners of Badgers Auctions.

Separate issue

Someone is running a business and parking cars for months at a time, they are rotating the cars when new ones come. Its effecting the Old Dashwood Hill and Old Oxford Road between the Piddington rec and pub. There are 4/5 cars are there at the moment. All the cars arrive at the same time and all leave at the same time. The same is happening at Studley Green.

3. Celebrating our Armed Forces community
4. Trading Standards Newsletter
5. Countywide grass cutting and weed spraying programme is underway
6. News for Town & Parish Councils from Buckinghamshire Council
7. Buckinghamshire Council adopts new county-wide Local Heritage List
8. Pilot parking scheme to provide greater choice for customers

296.6 Finance - Approval of the invoices submitted.

Confidential payments	£1,051.91	Employee salary/HMRC/Pension
Expenses	£15.30	Fuel
Netwise	£30.00	Website domain
TBS Hygiene	£74.40	Dog Waste Bins
Buckland Landscapes	£432.05	Grass cutting
Opening Balance 04/06/24	£24,848.00	
Less approved Expenditure	£1,955.14	
Income	£0.00	
Debit (paid)	£5.00	HSBC Banking charge
Total as at 01/07/24	£25,887.86	

295.6 Parish Biodiversity

A Parishioner was invited to talk about biodiversity. The council should try and leave areas uncut, many wildflowers including a wild orchid near the Dashwood Roadhouse and lots of insects have been discovered. The resident will continue to monitor the strips of longer grass/wildflowers. It was discussed re the possibility of setting up a database for an audit for people's gardens to track wildflowers, birds, insects etc. Cllr Gray will look into whether there is a community audit facility set up anywhere else that we could use.

296.7 Issues listed on Fix My Street.

The issues on Piddington Lane still haven't been rectified. Potholes on Piddington Lane need to be reported on fixmystreet. There is also the issue of the overgrown hedges, the West Wycombe Estate cuts these twice per year.

295.8 Review of Policies and Core Documents -

8.1 Publication scheme under the Freedom of Information Act

Council approved the Publication scheme under the Freedom of Information Act.

8.2 Freedom of Information Policy

Council approved the Freedom of Information Policy.

8.3 Data Protection Policy

Council approved the Data Protection Policy.

8.4. Transparency Code Compliance

Council approved the Transparency Code Compliance.

8.5 Complaints Procedure

Council approved the Complaints Procedure.

8.6 Donations Policy

Council approved the Donations Policy.

8.7 Health and Safety Policy

Council approved the Health and Safety Policy.

8.8 Safeguarding Policy

Council approved the Safeguarding Policy.

8.9 Social Media and communications Policy

Council approved the Social Media and communications Policy.

8.10 Privacy Notice

Council approved the Privacy Notice.

296.9 To agree the 24/25 allotment rents

Allotment rents held at £15 for a small plot and £25 for a large plot.

296.10 Best Kept Village Competition Update

The Chairman thanked Councillors for their work on the Best Kept Village Competition. The results are due to be reported in August.

296.11 Grass cutting

Cllr Willett is in discussion with Downley Dynamos re the grass cutting. Cllr Digby is in discussion with Buckland Landscapes re the grass cutting. The hedge on Princes Street is cut twice a year.

296.12 Projects for the upcoming year

Cllr Pitcher is going to look at the pond as an Autumn project.

296.13 Planning Applications –

Planning Ref – 24/06421/FUL – 17 Wellfield Road, Piddington.

No objection.

296.14 To receive agenda items for the next agenda and Members Questions and Statements.

Councillors asked if the Clerk could write to WWFC for an update re the possible new access to the stadium.

Cllr Brown will speak to the Dashwood Roadhouse re displaying the history sign.

Cllr Brown looked into the possibility of a community WhatsApp group or email system. Council thought it would be simpler to use Facebook as the social media information platform.

Cllr Gray asked about having dog waste bins with foot pedals. It was thought that the foot pedals often break and become unusable. The Clerk mentioned bins with eco dog waste bags and gloves storage attached. Although this

would be quite an expensive outlay for the Parish and would be an additional ongoing cost, it may be something that Council considers in the future.

296.15 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 10th Septmeber 2024, Piddington Village Hall.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at – 20.45.

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