

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council held in Piddington Village Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.30pm**

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

**Buckinghamshire Councillor – D Hayday, O Hayday.**

**Clerk – Mrs H Glasgow.**

**Members of the public: 0.**

300.1 Attendance and acceptance of apologies for absence.  
Apologies received from Cllr T Gray.

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

300.3 Public and Buckinghamshire Councillors Question Time.  
The Local Area Technician has put in a job to clear the gullies. Cllr Hayday will chase the clearance of Piddington Lane and dumping waste into public bins.

300.4 To confirm the Minutes of the November Full Parish Council Meeting.  
Council confirmed the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

300.5 Clerks Report and Correspondence received

1. The 'no parking' sign has been installed on the vehicular access gate at Piddington Rec.
2. The padlock on the strap on the inclusive swing has been installed.
3. The anti-slip treads have been installed on the steps.
4. The old bench has been removed, the concrete has been removed and taken away. A skip has been ordered.
5. Received a request to move the meetings to 6.30pm timeslot so that a fitness class can use the village hall. Unfortunately, the PC is unable to move to this timeslot due to other commitments.
6. The next scheduled council elections will be on 1st May, with the nomination period starting on 18th March and ending on 2nd April.
7. All online banking payments have been completed.
8. Checked the AED unit.
9. Issues can be reported at [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com) or using the app FixMyStreet.
10. Meeting Dates for 2025 - Meetings are at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall

14<sup>th</sup> January (Precept will be set)

11<sup>th</sup> February

11<sup>th</sup> March

8<sup>th</sup> April

13<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and Normal Meeting).

10<sup>th</sup> June

8<sup>th</sup> July

No meeting in August

9<sup>th</sup> September

14<sup>th</sup> October

11<sup>th</sup> November

9<sup>th</sup> December

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

1. Latest news from Buckinghamshire Libraries
2. Builder who duped two homeowners with misleading advertising and 'abysmal' work is sentenced in court
3. No ifs, no butts – Council demonstrates its zero-tolerance on sales of illegal tobacco, cigarettes and vapes
4. Students battle it out in Dragons' Den-style green technology challenge
5. Man caught littering sees penalty soar to more than £1,100 after failing to pay Fixed Penalty
6. Bucks, Berks, Oxon Wildlife Trust
7. Buckinghamshire Council Opposes New 'Family Farm Tax'
8. New Education Tax Raises Concerns in Buckinghamshire
9. Park for free this Christmas
10. Consultation - Buckinghamshire Lane Rental Scheme (BLRS)
11. Town & Parish Council - Planning Surgery Dates Jan - Mar 25
12. Buckinghamshire Council Secures Injunction Against Persistent Beggar Lee Davis
13. Chaining Skills – In Person – February 19th at 6.30pm to 8pm
14. Elegant new wedding venue to open in Bucks
15. Police & Crime Bulletin Nov '24 - National Insurance rise set to cost £1.3m
16. Waste removal company receives £10k fine for negligent actions which led to fly-tipping in Bucks
17. New Family Hub Network set to provide more help and advice for local residents
18. Winter weather hits Buckinghamshire
19. Competition launched to name new café in Black Park Country Park
20. Keeping Buckinghamshire roads safe this winter
21. Blue Badge amnesty as part of Fraud Awareness Week
22. Kings Award for Voluntary Services
23. Electric scooters for hire return to Buckinghamshire trial areas

#### 300.6 Finance - Approval of the invoices submitted.

Confidential payments	£1,474.58	Employee salary/HMRC/Pension
Expenses	£532.78	Mileage, office rent, sign, padlock
Shield Maintenance	£64.99	Dog waste bins
JSG Handyman	£710.00	Install sign, fit new seat belt, remove bench & concrete, skip hire to Remove materials & make ground good.
JSG Handyman	£150.00	To supply anti slip step coverings and install
Buckland Landscapes	£240.00	Grass cutting
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Stillman Garden Services	£660.00	Landscapes Maintenance
Tom Willett	£95.95	Battery tubes and batteries for lights – Wheeler End Common
Banking charge	£5.00	Business banking charge
Opening Balance 07/11/24	£24,475.36	
Less approved Expenditure	£7,149.51	
Income	£70.00	
Total as at 05/12/24	£17,395.85	

300.7 To consider a quotation for the 2025 landscape maintenance at the War Memorial, Wheeler End. Council agreed the quotation of £700.00 from Elizabeth Stillman.

300.8 Issues listed on Fix My Street.

Cllr Willett updated the issues currently pending in the report.

300.9 Councillors to discuss future projects / Action plan and to agree a budget for the works

Best Kept Village Project, the objective is to win the Gurney cup in 2025. Councillors will have a meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 to discuss strategy.

Chippis Hill Strategic Plan, the objective for Chippis Hill is to create and maintain wildflowers on both sides. Last year Council conducted a survey and found 65 wild species of flowers.

The council approved the quotation of £3000.00 from Buckland Landscapes to cut back both sides of Chippis Hill. It was agreed that Buckland Landscapes would do this on an annual basis for £3000.00 per cut.

300.10 To discuss the grass cutting arrangements at Piddington Recreational Ground.

Cllr Brown to contact Downley Dynamos re installing the community goal posts.

300.11 Planning Applications –

Ref 24/07748/FUL – Tilshome, Old Oxford Road, Piddington: Householder application for a construction of dropped kerb. No objection.

300.12 Parish Councillor reports and to receive agenda items for next agenda.

Cllr Willet – asked if Piddington Green could be on the next agenda.

It was noted that the planning application for the telephone exchange has not been decided yet.

300.13 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025, Piddington Village Hall.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at – 20.00.

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