

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
10th APRIL 2014 AT 8.00 PM IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Mr N. Harris, Mr R. Seymour, Mrs K. Cheshire,
Mr F. Downes, Mrs L. Cook, Mr N. Timberlake (from 8.30 during public question time)
Mrs S. Henson – Clerk

County Cllr Hayday, District Cllr McEnnis 1 member of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: All Parish Councillors present

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS BY MEMBERS RELATING
TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: Cllr Harris declared a pecuniary interest in the planning
applications for Black Boy Cottage and The George and Dragon

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING
These were agreed by those Councillors present and signed by the Chairman.

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND CLERK'S REPORT

1. The large branch in the Pedestal Field has been removed and a roll and first cut have been undertaken.
2. The advert in the Bucks Free Press for the HS2 'Petition' parliament has appeared .
3. Parish Plans have been printed off. Hard copies in library and electronic copies emailed to our County and District Councillors, the Emergency Team, Planning at WDC and the new Local Plan team. It is on the website and it has been announced in Contact.
4. The road planings have been delivered and spread at the allotments and the Pedestal Playing Field. A second unexpected delivery was made – one load has been moved to the allotments and it is planned to spread the remainder on 14th April.
5. Cllrs Mrs Teesdale and Mr McEnnis have each donated £490.00 from their Ward budget for the allotment water project - this has been paid into the bank and thank you letters sent.
6. BCC has paid £200 towards the bus timetable project (this money was paid direct to the deposit account) – hard copies have been printed off and put in the library and they are all on our website. The May issue of Contact will advise residents of their availability. The project cost £149. The balance of £61 will be used for regular update printing.
7. The base for the new seat has been installed.
8. All the 'Dogs on Lead' signs are up and it was announced in Contact.
9. All Burial Ground Rules and Regulations have been updated to show the new fee structure. The website has been updated.
10. The fittings for the water at the allotments have been purchased and it is planned to start work on this in the next couple of weeks.
11. The Chairman and Clerk attended a workshop run by TfB to explain what service they can give and how they hope to improve the service they are giving.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

MEETING REOPENED

205.1 Correspondence Received from 14th March – 10th April 2014

1. Chilterns Conservation Board – March Newsletter
2. Mazars notification of external audit.
3. BCC posters and letters for landowners re ditch clearing
4. BCC papers for the footpath scheme
5. Chiltern Society Magazine
6. BCC Notification that the pension contribution percentage has changed to 14.8% plus £500 per annum of employee salary.
7. Notes from March NAG
8. WDC Allotments questionnaire
9. My Bucks newsletter
10. Local Government Review
11. Chairman's Reception invitation

12. Email from a resident questioning the Health and Safety aspects of laying the road planings at the Pedestal Playing Field
13. Notification of a BCC Devolution Conference on 27th May
14. Community Policing Awards request for submission

205.2 Planning

14/05657/FUL & 05658/LBC – Black Boy Cottage, High Street, West Wycombe – Householder and Listed building application for raising the surface level of the roofs by 110mm during re-roofing works to accommodate additional thermal insulation – no objection

14/05570/FUL & amended plans -15 Copperfields High Wycombe -Householder application for construction of single storey front extension* and tiled canopy over front door – amended * with catslide roof – no objection

14/05797/LBC – The George & Dragon, High Street, West Wycombe - application for internal alterations to ground floor kitchen and store rooms to create additional dining areas – no objection.

205.3 High Speed Rail (London-West Midlands) Bill

The following notice appeared in the Bucks Free Press on 28th March

IN PURSUANCE of section 239 of the Local Government Act 1972, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of West Wycombe Parish Council will be held at The Church Room, High Street, West Wycombe on Thursday the 10th day of April 2014 at 8 o'clock in the evening to take into consideration and determine upon the expediency of opposing in Parliament the High Speed Rail (London-West Midlands) Bill deposited in the session 2013-14 and also for the purpose (if deemed expedient to oppose such Bill) of passing such resolutions as may be necessary or expedient in connection with the opposition to such Bill.

It was resolved that in the judgement of the West Wycombe Parish Council it is expedient for the Council to oppose the High Speed Rail (London-West Midlands) Bill introduced in the Session of Parliament 2013 – 2014.

205.4 To appoint a Role B Agent to present the HS2 petition to parliament

It was resolved that Mrs Sharon Linda Henson, Clerk and RFO to West Wycombe Parish Council take all necessary steps to carry the foregoing Resolution into effect and that confirmation be given that Mrs Sharon Henson be authorised to sign the Petition of the Council against the Bill.

205.5 To agree to approach HS2 to negotiate this parish's objections to the proposed construction route

It was resolved to present a letter to HS2 to try and negotiate our objections to the use of Junction 4 of the M40 and the route through our parish for the construction phase of HS2.

205.6 To report and discuss any highways issues

All the potholes have been reported and now the road is completely dry the road surface on one side has been repaired. The Clerk organised failed road surface signs to make drivers more careful when approaching the Pedestal roundabout. BCC did not repair the potholes along the High Street.

The pavements in the High Street have been resurfaced but not to a very good standard and the work on the shop side has spoilt the excellent pavement created by Southern Electric. Unfortunately they did not extend the resurfacing to the Pedestal roundabout sections.. The Clerk asked WDC to sweep the pavements from the village to the Pedestal Roundabout – this has been completed but is going to take several sweeps.

County Cllr Hayday has asked if we want further pavement work undertaken and the Clerk has requested from Gerrard Court to the village and from the Pedestal to the village.

The 45 minute no waiting sign outside The Sweet Shop was replaced in mid March, was on the wall for a week and then vanished. We have reported it and will try to get it fixed with security screws. It is theft.

VAS sign on Oxford Road and 30mph signs not lit/working and light number 26 have all been reported.

Cutty Alley and the path to the toilets need clearing – the Clerk will organise this.

205.7 To sign the agreement between the Parish Council and Bucks County Council for the maintenance of 3 footpaths/bridleways in the parish.

The agreement between Bucks CC and West Wycombe Parish Council was signed and the Chiltern Society will be contacted regarding the work. Thames Water and Environmental Health at WDC have been contacted about sewage material on the footpath at Park Farm.

205.8 To approve the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2014

Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had issued end of year accounts and a trial balance to all Councillors. It was resolved to approve the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2014.

205.9 To approve the accounts for April 2014 and signing of cheques

It was resolved to approve the accounts and payments. See end of Minutes.

205.10 Members questions

1. The National Trust historical exhibition was very good and it may be possible to have it at the fete.

2. Cllr Timberlake will update the bus timetables at the end of April – he may be able to obtain funding from the bus companies for this project.

205.11 Date of next meeting – Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council meeting, the May Parish Council meeting at 7pm, The Church Room on 8th May 2014

Cllr McEnnis gave his apologies for the May meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

Accounts to be paid in April 2014

Mrs S. Henson S/O	517.99	March salary
Mrs S Henson	36.93	Balance of salary
Mrs Henson	328.57	Expenses incl BFP advert for HS2
Bucks County Council	160.06	Pension – April
HMRC	3.80	Tax
Southern Electric dd	143.15	Energy (street lights)
Stocksigns	127.56	Dogs on Lead signs
Staples	11.83	
Peter Gomme	210.00	Pedestal Playing Field roll/removal of branch
St Lawrence PCC	240.00	Church room usage for 2013/2014
Lawrence Garden Services	1104.00	Grass contract & repair to Millennium seat
South Bucks Business	149.00	Bus timetables
ICCM	90.00	subscription
Mr R. Seymour	25.25	metal bands for dog signs
Chiltern Paving Ltd	52.23	fittings for allotment water
BMKALC	176.96	Annual subscription
Peter Gomme	175.00	First cut
RBS	130.80	Allotment software management
SSE	59.95	Lighting repairs
SSE	905.65	Lighting maintenance
Total	4648.73	

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Statement of Account as at 1st April

Opening balance – 1 st March	10064.04
Plus Donation from Cllr Hayday for allotments	1220.00
Plus donation from Cllrs Mrs Teesdale & Mr McEnnis	980.00
Plus burial fee for Mr Yandell	250.00
Less March cheque	2292.09
Sub Total	10221.95
Bank of Ireland	1133.33
Deposit account	1134.04
Total	12489.32