

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
11th DECEMBER 2014 AT 8.00 PM IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Mr R. Seymour, Mrs K. Cheshire, Mr N. Timberlake
Mrs S. Henson – Clerk Dist Cllr Mr I McEnnis

1 member of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: Cllrs Mr N. Harris, Mrs L. Cook
Dist Cllr Teesdale

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS BY MEMBERS RELATING
TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 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. Clerk has attended a further HS2 meeting – we now need to produce the presentation for the select committee – as a group we have asked for more robust support from WDC.
2. Clerk has written to Fynecast Ltd who have replied that they do not own the piece of land on the West Wycombe side of the Gerrard Court Drive – they have forwarded a Land Registry document therefore one has to assume that West Wycombe Estate still own it.
3. Mr Brooks has been asked to undertake a final grass cut in the parish however BCC have carried out a further cut and the land is too wet for tractors to work on – Clerk suggests that we undertake an early Spring cut of everything once we know what BCC are going to devolve to us.
4. Sign cleaning is now complete.
5. The Tree People added more lights to the prunus on the island
6. Clerk has invoiced BCC for the Rights of Way work – this will be passed on to The Chiltern Society.
7. BCC still have not provided a price to white line mark all the bus stops at 363 West Wycombe Road, the High Street opposite St Pauls
8. Clerk has put in a request for more information and a demonstration of a defibrillator – suggested dates are for January/February by AED Locator.
9. The Clerk has spoken to Mr Hunt about clearing the deep grips in Towerage Lane.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

MEETING REOPENED

212.1 Correspondence Received from 14th November – 11th December 2014

1. WDALC training course on Legal Issues – Monday 16th March 7 – 9pm – book 2 spaces.
2. WDC proposals for spending CIL funds
3. Presentation made at Standards Training – forwarded to Councillors
4. NALC/SLCC Pay award – issued to Councillors
5. HS2 updates
6. WDALC subscription renewal – we also need to re-issue the cheque for £15 for training originally issued in June.
7. Chilterns Magazine
8. ICCM
9. BCC Invitation and agenda to a meeting on 4th December to explain the devolution process – we could not be present –apologies have been given.
10. Chiltern Society Newsletter – issued to Councillors
11. Consultation by BCC on the Chapel Lane fence – Clerk has sent the response we gave a resident as the consultation closed on 10th December
12. WDC information on Council Tax and Council Tax Support Grant
13. Letter from Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish looking for support about the issues which will be caused by the proposed houses at Molins and West's Yard.

212.2 Planning

Applications

14/07949/CLP – 142 Chorley Road, West Wycombe -Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed construction of single storey rear extension with 2 x rooflights over – this extension makes the property over 50 % larger than the original property, however, no objection.

Decisions

14/07748/FUL -397 West Wycombe Road - Householder application for construction of new pitched roof to replace flat roof on an existing single storey front extension – permit.

14/07636/CTREE-Rose Cottage Bradenham Road, West Wycombe -Thin/ reduce foliage clusters by 10% (0.5 - 1.0 metre) to reduce windage to T1 Cupressus arizonica glauca located at rear of property and install support system (Cobra) from 2 main stems to adjacent conifer; thin/reduce by up to 10% (0.5 - 1.0 metre) adjacent Larch to reduce windage – not to make a TPO.

14/07580/TPO-Gerrard Court 473 West Wycombe Road -Remove branches growing towards building (marked on photos) back to main stem to Ash T1 and Sycamore T2 – not to make a TPO.

14/07555/CTREE – West Wycombe House, West Wycombe Park – fell dead oak (T1) leaving high stump for nature conservation – not to make a TPO

212.3 To discuss the Christmas trees

Elizabeth Stillman will provide a price to clear part of the garden ready to plant a Christmas tree. Two trees will be ordered after Christmas.

212.4 To report and discuss any highways issues

BT has run broadband cable through the parish. Three non working street lights have been reported to BCC. The loose advertising on the hoardings have been reported to BCC.

Concerns raised about cars and other vehicles driving over the edges of the island at the Chorley Road junction. As the land is owned by the National Trust we will ask them to review the situation.

212.5 To consider making a donation to the Sue Ryder Nettlebed Hospice

Postponed until further investigation of their accounts.

212.6 To consider the NALC/SLCC pay awards

It was resolved to award the one off payments in January and April and increase the Clerks SCP rate from 1st January.

212.7 To consider closing the Bank of Ireland account

It was resolved to close the account.

212.8 To discuss the proposals by WDC for CIL projects

In principal we support the majority of these projects. We would question the wider community access to the Pastures Church and validity of using public money for redevelopment of this building. We totally support the schemes providing community transport.

212.9 To consider purchasing more dog bins

It was resolved to place one near the Garden Centre entrance and on the verge by the sheep field opposite the Pedestal Roundabout.

212.10 To discuss tidying of the Church Lane garden

Cllr Harris will make contact with Elizabeth Stillman to discuss the work required.

212.11 To approve the accounts for December 2014 and signing of cheques

See itemised list at the end of the Minutes. It was resolved to approve the accounts.

212.12 To discuss the budgets for 2015/2016

WDC have supplied the Council Tax Support Grant figures and we will look at increasing our precept by a small amount as discussions are still taking pace over capping Parish Councils and this may be the last year where increases can be made without incurring referendum costs.

212.13 Members questions

Councillors felt that the Festive Fayre had been a success and gave congratulations to the Events Committee for their hard work. It will be held on 2nd December 2015.

212.14 Date of next meeting

Thursday 8th January 2015 at 8pm, The Church Room. Clerk will not issue agendas until Monday 5th January.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and invited everyone to stay for mince pies and coffee.

Cheques to be paid in December 2014

Mrs S. Henson S/O	517.99	November salary
Mrs S Henson	29.33	Balance of salary
Bucks County Council	160.06	Pension – December
HMRC	3.80	Tax
Mrs S Henson	278.59	Mileage and expenses
Staples	214.99	Printer and photocopying
WDALC	25.00	Subscription and re issue of training cheque
TBS Hygiene Ltd	707.76	Dog bin and collection for October
SLCC	83.50	50% of subscription
WDALC	25.00	Training Course
EF Clean	1375.00	Sign and partial light cleaning and repairing
Thames Water	35.49	Burial Ground and allotment water
The Tree People Ltd	216.00	Christmas lights in prunus
Southern Electric dd	132.65	Energy (street lights)
Southern Electric dd	19.33	Feeder pillar
Southern Electric dd	21.98	Feeder pillar
Total	3846.47	

Statement of Account as at 30th November

Opening balance – 1 st November	30856.81
Less November cheques	1468.76
Plus refund on poppy wreath – Cllr Hayday	25.00
Sub Total	29413.05
Bank of Ireland	1133.96
Deposit account	1134.32
Total	31681.33