

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
13th FEBRUARY 2014 AT 8.00 PM IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Mr N. Harris, Mr F. Downes, Mrs K. Cheshire,
Mr N. Timberlake, Mrs L. Cook
Mrs S. Henson – Clerk

Mr Steve Baker, MP County Cllr Mr D. Hayday 0 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: Cllr R. Seymour

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS BY MEMBERS RELATING
TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: Cllr Harris declared a pecuniary interest on item 203.6
Cllr Timberlake declared a personal interest in item 203.2

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 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 Environment Agency has issued two waste licences to allow road planings for The Pedestal Playing Field and the Chorley Road Allotments and these have been passed to Bucks CC.
2. A large tree has fallen into the top burial ground field and probably damaged the stock fence.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Cllr Darren Hayday made a donation of £1220 from the Community Leaders Fund towards the water supply for the Chorley Road allotments.

Mr Baker gave a resume of the HS2 project from a political view point, as he has always opposed the scheme he has offered to help in any way he can.

MEETING REOPENED

203.1 Correspondence from 10th January to 13th February

1. WDC Notification of Stakeholder meeting for the new Local Plan – 29th January.
1. WDC Notification of Local Plan meetings and Exhibitions – Longburrow Hall, Stokenchurch meeting on 26th February – exhibition from 9.30 – 5.30 and meeting from 7 – 9pm.
2. Chilterns Conservation Board – January Newsletter - emailed
3. Bucks CC notification that works are to be carried out by the Highways Agency on the Stokenchurch M40 bridge. Work to start in March for approx 20 weeks. We have now been advised that the bridge will be shut from 9pm to 5.30 am every evening.
4. Thames Valley Police press release on reduction in burglary crime in our NAG Area.
5. Notification of Neighbourhood Watch AGM on April 29th at St Andrews Church, Hatters Lane.
6. Bucks CC notification of employer increase in pension contribution from 21.2% to 21.6%
7. BALC Newsletter - emailed
8. Bucks CC LAF – 11th February – agenda issued to Cllrs Mrs Smith and Downes.
9. Bucks CC Newsletter – emailed
10. WDC notification of Consultation on Local Plan – emailed.
11. Matters Arising Newsletter - emailed
12. Chiltern Society Newsletter – January – emailed
13. Response from HS2 with some further but not helpful information – still ambiguous and assumptions have to be made as per my email to you all on 3rd February.
14. Complaints about cars on the pavement along Bradenham Road.
15. WDC request for Councillors to update their DPIs. Cllr Mrs Cheshire has to update hers. All other Councillors have no changes to make.
16. BCC letter about taking on the clearance of some footpaths in the parish – March agenda.
17. WDC Copy of the Local Plan consultation document – circulate
18. Update on the BCC Community Transport project. We have also been offered £100 to produce leaflets on the available transport services within our parish. Cllr Timberlake has produced easy to understand and use, leaflets on the bus services for this parish and also Piddington. March agenda.
19. BCC The Great Bucks Menu Gala Dinner – 5th April

20. BCC – update on the Chapel Lane works and resurfacing of the West Wycombe Road.
21. Documents from residents of Bledlow about a proposed solar park – asking for support in their objections.

203.2 Planning

13/08140/LBC-Fern Cottage, Church Lane, West Wycombe -Listed building application for insertion of door and window to front elevation in connection with conversion of garage to habitable accommodation - West Wycombe Parish Council objects to this application as this community cannot afford to lose any car parking facilities. All the cottages in the village of West Wycombe now have one or two cars and very few of these properties have the use of a garage. Every potential parking space is essential.

13/07952/ADV-316 West Wycombe Road, High Wycombe -Display of 3 x internally illuminated fascia signs and 1 x internally illuminated monument sign (AMMENDED) - the Parish Council continues to object to this application.

13/08127/FUL - 10 Chapel Lane – householder application for construction of single storey side/rear extension – no objection

Decisions

GMG/13/07952/ADV – 316 West Wycombe Road – display of 3 non illuminated fascia signs - permit

203.2 To discuss our parish in relation to the Local Plan and the forthcoming meetings and Consultation

The Clerk attended the recent meeting on the Local Plan – All household should receive a very good newsletter covering the subject. Biggest issue for us is that all the traffic from the possible areas of expansion will come through our parish. This is our opportunity to make any comments about land, roads, services, community etc. As the consultation document has only just been released, it will now be circulated and it would become a March agenda item.

203.3 To agree to purchase 'Local Councils Explained' published by NALC at a cost of £49.99
It was resolved to purchase the above book.

203.4 To adopt the Summary document for the Parish Plan

Further discussions on the additions took place. Councillors to study the revised document and via email put forward their suggestions for amendments. It will be presented at the March meeting.

203.5 To respond to the Environmental Statement by HS2 in relation to Junction 4 of the M40 being one of the HS2 Construction routes

The Clerk attended the HS Petition Process seminar at Aylesbury and issued an email to all Councillors listing the reasons why we should be objecting to the proposal – Councillors considered this document and agreed that this would be the basis of our objection.

We cannot object to the Principle, the railway, but you can object to specifics in the bill. All objections have to refer to the bill. We asked HS2 about the missing maps and that we have to make assumptions.

We need to point out that we are being disadvantaged because although in the text it is inferred that the traffic will travel through our parish, there is no map showing this, to get from the A4010 in Princes Risborough to J4 of the M40 you have to travel through our parish.

We also have to come up with alternative suggestions/routes: J2 M40 and the A413, but we might want to ask that this is done with improvements to the roads around Beaconsfield, i.e. a bye pass through Wilton Park from the A40 to the A355.

Ask for the A4010 to be made a dual carriage way.

Ask for a road compensation fund.

The A4010 is the main route for all emergency vehicles in the area especially ambulances to the hospitals in High Wycombe and Stoke Mandeville and between hospitals.

The A4010 is the main route to the connecting towns in the district.

The arched, angled railway bridge on the A4010, Bradenham Road, West Wycombe means that large vehicles have to pass through by driving on the middle of the road and that the

angle of the bridge to the road is such that large vehicles can easily become stuck causing serious traffic hold ups affecting all traffic, but emergency vehicles in particular. The quality of the road is insufficient to carry additional traffic, potholes are a big problem. The road from High Wycombe Junction 4, M40 to Princes Risborough through our parish is single carriageway and is entirely residential with small roundabouts, zebra crossings, a school, nursery, senior citizens housing etc

Road safety is an issue in relation to the size of the vehicles on the A4010.

Noise will be an issue 24/7

The long construction period means that that the road will be used by other traffic involved in the construction phase.

This project does not benefit the Buckinghamshire economy

May well prevent the many visitors to the Chilterns AONB from coming to the area and our historic National Trust Village.

It would detrimental to West Wycombe Parish all of which is in the Chilterns AONB.

The PC fully supports Buckinghamshire County Council's objections.

Petitioning is a complicated and the time scale is not known yet however it is highly likely that the Select Committee will start sitting in May. We have to get someone signed up as a Role B agent to present to parliament if our petition is selected. We may withdraw our petition if HS2 negotiate and they agree to move to Junction 2, the BCC preferred option.

BCC have supplied information on the petitioning process for HS2 –we have to go through S239 of the Local Government Act 1972 i.e. advertise in the paper and resolve to approve any expenditure at least 10 days prior to the meeting. The Clerk has asked BCC to contact BALC to see whether they would do the advert for all 25 parishes and share the costs. We cannot petition without it. We can still object in a letter form prior to that however once again you cannot petition if you have not complained in letter form to start with.

203.6 To discuss Christmas trees for future years

Parish Councillors discussed a drawing showing the proposal for removing the dying Sorbus on the junction island and planting a replacement tree suitable for Christmas lights; It will also be planted with locally sourced juniper. Another tree suitable for Christmas lights will be planted by the village hall

203.7 To consider and approve the plan for Church Lane parking prior to the consultation process and raise any highways issues

BCC has submitted a scheme for our consideration prior to going out to initial consultation. Councillors agreed that the proposed scheme should go out for public consultation. It was resolved that we will ask for the double yellow lines part of the scheme to be implemented even if residents object to the residents parking scheme part of the project.

203.8 To approve the accounts for February 2014 and signing of cheques

It was resolved to accept the accounts. The Clerk advised the Parish Council that the pension contribution would increase from 21.2% to 21.6% from 1st April.
See Statement at the end of the Minutes.

203.9 Members questions

Cllr Timberlake reported on a fund raising event to be run by the West Wycombe Library possibly with the West Wycombe Events Team to commemorate the centenary of the First World War – a cricket match, in costume.

High Wycombe Society Quiz 21st March £12 per person, two course supper.

A local resident asked if the car park around the Village Hall could be tidied. This will be passed on to West Wycombe Community Association.

203.10 Date of next meeting

Thursday 13th March 2014 at 8pm, The Church Room

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

Accounts to be paid in February 2014

Mrs S. Henson S/O	517.99	January salary
Bucks County Council	153.46	Pension - February
Mrs S. Henson	27.60	Expenses
Southern Electric dd	157.62	Energy (street lights)
Staples	61.17	Stationery/ toner
Elizabeth Stillman	140.00	Pedestal Monument landscaping
MH-P Internet	72.00	Website hosting annual renewal
Information Commissioners	35.00	Renewal of Data Protection licence
Sue Cook	25.00	Donation for allotment shed by new tenant
BMKALC	49.99	Local Councils Explained
BT dd	342.13	Telephone
Francis Carne associates	19.81	'Dog poo' stickers
Thames Water	1623.25	Allotment water supply
Total	3225.02	

Statement of Account as at 31st January

Opening balance – 1 st January	16617.54
Less January cheques	3964.78
Plus allotment rent and shed contribution – Woollams	31.00
Sub Total	12683.76
Bank of Ireland	1133.15
Deposit account	933.80
Total	14750.71