

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY  
9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014 AT 8.00 PM IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Mr N. Harris, Mr F. Downes, Mr R. Seymour, Mrs K. Cheshire,  
Mr N. Timberlake ( from 8.20pm) Mrs S. Henson – Clerk

2 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: Cllr Mrs L. Cook,  
County Cllr Mr D. Hayday

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS BY MEMBERS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: The Chairman and all Councillors present declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Item 202.10 Precept for 2014/2015 in that they own, rent or lease properties or pay Council Tax in the Parish to which the precept will apply. Dispensations in accordance with Section 33 (1) of the Localism Act 2011 were sought by the Councillors from the Clerk and were granted as without this dispensation the whole of the Council would be prevented from participating in the decision to set the precept for the Parish which would impede the transaction of the business.

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 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. One allotment tenant has asked if he could divide his plot – he has someone who has been helping with his who is on our waiting list and he would like to take the other half on. The half size plot we currently have vacant will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.
2. The Clerk has made a request to the Environment Agency for two waste licences to allow road planings for The Pedestal Playing Field and the Chorley Road Allotments.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS  
MEETING REOPENED

202.1 Correspondence Received from 12th December – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014

1. Emails from a local resident requesting the Parish Council to consider a Neighbourhood Plan.
2. Request for approval of additional wording on the headstone of Peter Harris – Clerk has approved the extra wording for Mrs Vera Harris.
3. Email from Downley Dynamos re the Pedestal Playing Field.
4. Notification from Bucks CC that our Local Area Technicians are changing as from 1<sup>st</sup> January.
5. Confirmation that Cllr Janet Blake, Cabinet Member for Transport and the new Officer at Bucks CC will meet with Parish Councillors on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 10am in The Church Room – Clerk has booked room.
6. Update on the Chapel Lane works – phase 2 to carry out resurfacing on the A40 and the Plomer Hill junction will start in February.
7. BCC notes on the Parish Liaison meeting on Emergency Planning and the Budget.
8. Chiltern Society Newsletter.
9. Bucks CC
10. Mr Luxton of Bucks CC will meet with Parish Councillors on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30 to discuss the Church Lane parking scheme.

202.2 Planning

**GMG/13/07952/ADV – 316 West Wycombe Road** – display of 3 x illuminated fascia signs and 1 x internally illuminated monument sign – the Parish Councils continues to object to the volume of signage requested. We object to any illuminated signs and would object to all signs on the boundary. We would not object to one non-illuminated sign on the office building. All the vans are marked up with a logo and all are highly visible from the road. This road is predominantly a residential road and we do not want to see any unnecessary commercialism. We would like to see this brought to committee due to this sites past history.

Decisions

**13/07668/FUL-32 Copperfields, High Wycombe** -Householder application for insertion of window to front and conversion of existing garage into annex - permit

- 202.3 To consider the quote provided by Thames Water for water to be installed at the allotment  
The price from Thames Water is £1409.05 plus VAT plus the work the Parish Council will have to undertake ourselves to erect a stand pipe and drain area –probably a total project cost of £2000. The Clerk has asked our County and District Councillors for some financial support. It was resolved to place an order in mid February for the work to be undertaken. We will ask for a site visit with Thames Water to ascertain the exact position of the meter/stand pipe.
- 202.4 To adopt the Summary document for the Parish Plan  
The changes suggested at the December meeting have been incorporated however due to the following agenda item it will be presented again at the February meeting.
- 202.5 To discuss a request from a local resident to create a Neighbourhood Plan  
It was agreed that we would add a paragraph in the Parish Plan to cover our concerns about how planning decisions are being made, the implementation of these decisions and lack of concern over specific design details. We want to retain the character of this parish and try to emphasise the fact that we are in the AONB.
- 202.6 To respond to the Environmental Statement by HS2 in relation to Junction 4 of the M40 being one of the HS2 Construction routes  
We have not had a response to our HS2 letter – we will therefore have to assume we are in the construction route schedule and respond accordingly. The Clerk will produce a letter of objection and circulate to all Councillors for approval prior to submission to parliament by the 25<sup>th</sup> January.
- 202.7 To discuss Christmas trees for future years  
The plan is to submit a planning application for the island to have the current sorbus cut down due to its poor condition and a group of appropriate trees will be planted in its place. A more traditional tree will be planted by the Village Hall. FWA have agreed to pay for two trees.
- 202.8 To discuss the analysis of the Bucks CC Transportation questionnaire  
The main issue for this parish is to publicise the existing bus services and the Dial a Ride service. Clerk will put this in the next issue of Contact.
- 202.9 To approve the accounts for January 2014 and signing of cheques  
See Statement at the end of the Minutes.
- 202.10 To set the Precept for 2014/2015  
WDC has not confirmed the level of Council Tax Support Grant, it is likely to be 14% less than last year. We will not know until April what Bucks CC may want to devolve to us. This could be the last year where we have freedom to precept what we want.  
It was resolved to set the Precept at £37,000.
- 202.11 Members questions  
Cllr Harris reported that we may be able to have a storage facility in the village supplied by The National Trust. Councillors agreed that this would be very useful and would like to proceed with the idea.  
Cllr Timberlake is unable to attend the next JCC. Cllr Downes as his standing deputy is unable to attend. Cllr Timberlake will give our apologies and also ask why the Two Minutes Silence was not honoured by Wycombe Air Park on Remembrance Sunday despite the promise that they would arrange this.  
Councillors discussed the closing down of the Garden Centre.  
A question was raised about the legality of waste bins being left on pavements.  
Cllr Mrs Smith thanked everyone who had helped with the New Year's Day Walk.
- 202.12 Date of next meeting  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 8pm, The Church Room

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

Accounts to be paid in January 2014

Mrs S. Henson S/O	517.99	December salary
Mrs S. Henson	338.71	Expenses & balance of salary including 18.25 hours o/t
Bucks County Council	153.46	Pension
HMRC	17.58	NI
MH-p Internet	600.00	Use of office, electricity, broadband
Southern Electric dd	152.68	Energy (street lights)
Staples	17.99	Stationery
Lawrence Garden Services	878.40	Third quarter of maintenance contract
Lawrence Garden Services	240.00	Tree works as quoted
Senior Citizens Party s/o	100.00	
Cash for heating	12.00	
SSC Contracting	935.97	Lighting maintenance & repair
<b>Total</b>	<b>3964.78</b>	

**Statement of Account as at 31<sup>st</sup> December**

Opening balance – 1 <sup>st</sup> December	20051.84
Less December cheques	3610.82
Plus telephone refund from HPC and PWEPC	158.52
Plus allotment rent – Murray	6.00
Plus allotment rent - cash	12.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>16617.54</b>
Bank of Ireland	1132.97
Deposit account	933.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>18684.31</b>