

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2017 AT
8.00 PM IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE:

Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Mr N Harris, Mr P. Brown, Mr R. Seymour, Mr N. Timberlake, Mr S. Cope,
Mrs K. Cheshire Mrs S. Henson – Clerk

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Mr D Hayday , District Cllr McEnnis

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS BY MEMBERS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: Cllr Timberlake declared an interest in the item relating the mobile library service.

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING

The Minutes for the October Parish Council meeting were agreed by those Councillors present and signed by the Chairman.

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS IN THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Clerks report

1. Chairman and Clerk attended the Rural Forum
2. Chairman and Clerk attended the Local Plan meeting
3. All tenants have now paid their allotment plot.
4. Work on Rosemary Close grass to take place in second week of November.
5. The CEO of Castle Water has hopefully resolved the complaint re Allotment water supply.
6. No reply from Network Rail re cutting the embankment.
7. Downley Dynamos have kindly replaced the goal net damaged by the travellers
8. The Chairman and Clerk will be attending the Remembrance Day Service at St Lawrence

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

MEETING REOPENED

245.1 Correspondence Received from 12th October – 9th November 2017

1. Monthly website report – emailed
2. Chilterns Conservation Board newsletter – emailed
3. Email from a local resident about the installation of a dog waste bin at the end of Park Farm Road - Councillors discussed it and we will raise it further up the footpath pole and the Clerk will respond to the resident.
4. A resident asked about the provision of BT Openreach along Chorley Road – Councillors discussed the problem and stated that there were problems due to the distance from the cabinet.
5. WDC Notification of Air Quality Monitoring Consultation.
6. Response from Downley Dynamos over the parking issues – still plan to proceed with extending the car park; have re-issued guidelines to parents of home and visiting teams.
7. Price for 2018/2019 from Acorn Landscaping and Stillman Garden Services - emailed
8. Contractor for Pedestal Playing Field will not be increasing his prices
9. Chalk, Cherries and Chairs – Chilterns AONB – emailed
10. WDALC Minutes and new Chairman's letter – passed to Cllr Mrs Smith
11. BCC Budget Consultation – emailed and on website
12. BCC TRO for works in Bradenham Road in the new year – residents will be able to access their homes – it will go into the December Contact.
13. Email from Chiltern Society with the annual cost for clearing some of our footpaths - £220.08 – we are due a credit from last year so we will wait until the invoice arrives to see whether this has been accounted for.
14. BCC consultation on the mobile library service –emailed and on website

245.2 Planning

Decisions17/07550/CTREE -Flint Cottage Church Lane West Wycombe -Reduce back to 1m from ground to maintain clearance to 1 x Yew tree and coppice 2 x Hazel Trees – not to make a TPO.

17/07554/CTREE -The Dower House High Street West Wycombe -Reduce remainder of tree by 2m all round to suitable unions to 1 x Horse Chestnut (T1) – not to make a TPO.
17/06850/ADV-Old School House West Wycombe Combined School, Church Lane, West Wycombe -Display of 1 x non-illuminated post mounted sign – permit.
17/06849/FUL - Old School House, West Wycombe Combined School, Church Lane, West Wycombe – change of use from residential to Educational Nursery for maximum of 30 children with erection of 1.8m close board fence to side – permit

245.3 To approve the purchase of poppy wreaths under S137 expenditure
It was resolved to approve the expenditure.

245.4 To discuss the Local Plan
The Chairman and Clerk attended the Local Plan meeting at Princes Risborough. This Parish Council agreed to make comment to the Planning Inspector over the increase of traffic on the A4010. With the expected volume of traffic from the increase in dwellings, 3000, in Princes Risborough and 1000 in Stokenchurch, the traffic congestion at the Pedestal Roundabout which is already considerable will be exacerbated and there will also be a detrimental effect on the times for the main route for the ambulance service between Wycombe and Stoke Mandeville Hospitals. There will be a subsequent increase in the air pollution for residents in the High Street, West Wycombe due to the increase in traffic on the A40 and also an increased frequency of traffic jams in the High Street caused by the narrowness of the road and the increased size of all types of vehicles and the longer queues on the A4010 which will cause the part time traffic lights to be operational on a more frequent basis and cause more frequent and longer queues of standing traffic in the High Street.
We also have concerns over the ability of Thames Water to cope with the increased capacity for sewage as well as supplying water to an extra 4000 homes.

245.5 To agree to place an order with Complete Tree services for the burial ground
Price from Complete Tree Services - £325 to fell 7 limes, £180 to stump grind; £1200 to fell 8 field maples in shelter belt. It was resolved to proceed with the work and place the order.

245.6 To consider a request from Chilterns Conservation Board for a donation
It was resolved to make a donation of £200.

245.7 To discuss any highways issues including cleaning the Perspex bus stop
All non-working street lights in High Street reported to TfB.
The bus stop has not been cleaned since its installation in 2002 and as it is under trees it is covered with algae. It was resolved to have it cleaned and Cllr Mrs Smith will pay the window clear to do this at a cost of £75.

245.8 To agree to place an order for work to replace two posts and part of the rope log equipment on the Pedestal playing field as a result of damage caused by the travellers
Price for removing two stepping posts and concreting in new ones and rehangng new ropes - £295. It was resolved to place the order with The Handyman to undertake this final piece of work in relation to the traveller incursion in August.

245.9 To consider making a response to the Air Quality Monitoring Consultation
WDC installed a large air monitoring unit in the Village Hall car park for three years from 2007 – 2010, the end result showed that the High Street was borderline for air pollution. With wider lorries, farm vehicles, commercial vans and cars we now frequently have traffic jams as there is insufficient room for two vehicles to pass. With the proposed increase in dwellings in Stokenchurch and Princes Risborough the volume of standing traffic will increase and there will be more occasions when the part time traffic lights are operational causing more traffic tail backs. We would therefore like the proposed zone which runs from the Pedestal roundabout to Chapel Lane extended to include West Wycombe High Street to the junction of the Chorley Road.

245.10 To consider making a response to the BCC Mobile Library Consultation

During the 2 year period analysed there were 17 adults, 46 children and 4 over 65s plus 3 members of indeterminate age using the West Wycombe mobile library stop.

This Parish Council feels that rural areas will be disadvantaged by the cessation of the service in particular those areas where the internet speeds are inadequate. We would like to continue encourage our school children to use the service.

245.11 To discuss the budget for 2018/2019

The Clerk issued a suggested budget and a comparison with our year to date expenditure for consideration with suggestions for future projects e.g. toddler play equipment; net to stop footballs going into the arable field; LED replacement heritage lighting; increasing the open spaces work e.g. grips in Church Lane. No further discussion will take place until WDC issue the statistics connected with the precept.

245.12 To agree to place an order with our current contractors for open spaces work in 2018/2019

It was resolved to place an order with:

Peter Gomme for work connected with the Pedestal Playing Field – he will keep his prices the same and has done so for 6 years

Acorn Landscapes they kept their prices the same for two years and have increased their prices by 3% to £2223.05 per annum

Stillman Landscapes- the contract will be £200 more to £1450 per annum however extra work has been included in this.

All the contractors have maintained a high standard of work and care in our parish.

John K Lawrence is due to enter his final year in the 5 year contract for the burial ground maintenance.

245.13 To approve the accounts for November 2017 and signing of cheques

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

245.14 Date of next meeting

Thursday 14th December 2017 at 8pm in the Church Room.

245.15 Dates for 2018

11th January, 8th February, 8th March, 12th April,

10th May – Annual Parish Council meeting, 24th May – Annual Parish Meeting, 14th June,

12th July, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November , 13th December

Cheques to be paid in November

Cash	20.00	Coins for Church Room heating
Mrs S Henson	514.90	October salary
Bucks CC	169.31	November pension
HMRC - online	64.80	Tax/NI
Mrs J.P Smith	75.00	Refund for cleaning the bus shelter
Mrs S Henson	125.47	October expenses incl black cartridge
West Wycombe Estate	351.24	Welding cover over height barrier padlock
Acorn Landscaping	215.83	7/12 highways grass cutting
TBS Hygiene	425.28	October collections and new bin
Bucks County Council	169.31	Re-issue September cheque for pension
Bucks County Council	-169.31	Cancelled cheque no 102 – September pension
Southern Electricity dd	155.34	Street light energy
Castle water dd	8.60	Burial Ground water
Total	2125.77	

Statement of Account as at 1st November 2017

Opening balance – 1 st October	47070.20
Plus allotment rents	90.00
Downley Dynamos rent	400.00
Less October cheques	3223.04
Total	44337.16