

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
8th OCTOBER 2015 AT 8.00 PM IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE:

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

County Cllr Mr D Hayday

A presentation to Matilda Norris Childs and Oliver Leigh for their valuable actions in saving a local person's life was made by Cllr Mrs Smith, Chairman of the Parish Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Mr M Hogan, District Cllrs Mrs Teesdale and Mr McEnnis.

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

Cllr Harris declared a pecuniary interest in the planning application for 54 High Street.

Cllr Mrs Cheshire declared a personal interest in the planning application for 467 West Wycombe Road.

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

These were agreed by those Councillors present and signed by the Chairman.

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS IN THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Clerks Report

1. The National Trust has agreed to carry out repairs to Meads Yard but they will not be carrying out repairs to the first section of the road.
2. Clerk attended the LAF and raised the issue of our drains and gullies needing clearance – Cllr Hayday has taken this up with the Cabinet member at BCC and we await a date – they should all have been sucked clean when the road was resurfaced.
3. Clerk has reported the intermittent fault on the light at the zebra crossing opposite the Village Hall and light 88 in West Wycombe Road which had not worked for a year – apparently BCC installed the light as they were removing another one and there is no power on the new site – further lighting works are planned along the West Wycombe Road and power will then be installed.
4. Shelter belt hedge in the burial ground has been cut.
5. Clerk and Cllr Seymour had an on-site meeting with Glenn Stillman to discuss the left hand side hedge at the allotments. The owner of the first house in Chorley Road has installed an excellent 6 foot fence all along the boundary so we can now tidy up the area and then hand it back to the allotment tenants to maintain. We agreed to retain the trees but cut back all the lower vegetation – the hedge has grown to nearly 6 feet deep. A price is to be supplied. We believe that there is a possibility of creating 2 more allotments.
6. Clerk has requested prices for extra work on Elizabeth Stillman's annual contract and from Acorn Landscapes contract for next year's grass cutting. Acorn Landscaping would like to continue the contract and keep the price the same as the current year.
7. The Management company for Rosemary Court has instructed their gardener to cut back the boundary hedges/ivy/trees – to date the work has not been carried out.
8. Currently we have 3 allotment rents outstanding – reminders have been sent.
9. Clerk reported that tree works on trees in St Pauls and the Vicarage boundary are needed in the Burial Ground car park and a planning application will need to be made. Lawrence Garden Services will provide a price in time for the November meeting.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

MEETING REOPENED

221.1 Correspondence Received from 10th September – 8th October 2015

1. Several emails from residents about the trees near the bus stop and along Bradenham Road as well as residents of Flint Hall who are having difficulties entering and exiting their property. All correspondents have been replied to and told that West Wycombe Estate will be carrying out tree works once the leaves have fallen. West Wycombe Estate has been cc'd in these emails. BCC believe this will help the Flint Hall residents

- who are also asking for the speed limit sign to be moved – BCC do not think this will help – if it were to happen we would have to pay and the Clerk has asked for costs.
2. Emails from our District Councillors confirming that they will ask for a site visit from the planning committee and Bucks CC Highways to 316 West Wycombe Road before the planning decision.
 3. WDALC Media Training Course -26 November – Cllr Cope will attend
 4. Chilterns Conservation Board newsletter – forwarded
 5. Invitation to Cllr Mrs Smith to attend the WDC Chairman's Civic Service on 11th October
 6. Agenda Papers for LAF on 29th September. Future dates 23 February and 10th May.
 7. Agenda papers for Rural Forum – 15 October at 5pm
 8. Invitation the BMKALC AGM on 3rd November
 9. Notification of BCC Roads Workshop at Adams Park on 9th October 9am – forwarded – Clerk attending.
 10. Email from BCC about the parking consultation – 6 people responded – 1 in favour, 5 against.
 11. Beacon Memorials – request permission for headstone for Dr Spicer.

221.2 Planning

Applications

Amended plans: 15/06578/FUL-62 Chorley Road West Wycombe -Householder application for construction of box dormer to rear with juliette balcony, insertion of window to side elevation at first floor and insertion of 3 x rooflights to front roof slope in connection with conversion of loft to provide additional habitable living accommodation (part retrospective) - Whilst we note that there has been some effort made to reduce the size of the dormer extension and there are other properties with similar but smaller dormers, we still feel this is too dominant. We feel that a condition should be applied to the side window to ensure that it is opaque.

15/07289/FUL & 07290/LBC -Flint House Bradenham Road West Wycombe - Householder application for insertion of glazing and bi-fold doors to existing barn extension and installation of flue – no objection

15/07483/FUL-467 West Wycombe Road High Wycombe -Householder application for construction of detached double garage with storage space in roof – we object on the grounds that this new application which is a renewal of a previous application now shows an increase in height for the storage area which will be visible from the adjacent Conservation Area of West Wycombe Park. We would also prefer more conventional wooden sideways opening doors to be more in keeping with the vernacular style. Should it be approved we would want a condition imposed to prevent it ever being used as a dwelling.

15/07766/CTREE - 54 High Street, West Wycombe – Formative prune T1,T2, and T3 apples; crown lift T4 walnut to 3.5 metres; fell to ground level G1 group of sycamore and walnut – no objection

15/07772/FUL - 460 West Wycombe Road – householder application for erection of two storey side and rear extension and alterations; creation of new hardstanding; access steps and retaining walls to front; new retaining walls and steps to rear garden – no objection

221.3 To consider any requests to WDC for Community Infrastructure Levy projects

It was agreed not to make a request this year but to encourage West Wycombe Community Association to work with the appropriate department at Wycombe District Council to obtain a grant for replacement double glazed windows through CIL in the future.

221.4 To consider a request from Chiltern Dial a Ride for financial support

It was resolved to make a donation of £200.

221.5 To receive an update on our appearance at the Select Committee for HS2

The Chairman and Clerk attended three HS2 meetings where the presentation to the Select Committee was reviewed and practiced as well as being presented to Steve Baker MP however negotiations are ongoing with HS2 and currently our date has been delayed again possibly to the end of November /early December.

221.6 To report any Highways issues including village signage

Cllr Timberlake investigated new and recent legislation on road signage – Clerk will investigate new fingerpost signs
 Drain covers outside no's 17 and 2 High Street need attention due to the constant noise made by traffic driving over them.
 Tree in centre of Pedestal roundabout is now causing visibility difficulties – Clerk will make contact with Transport for Bucks.
 Pedestal Garage employee is still parking in front of the Bradenham Road sign – it was agreed to plant two extra trees in the verge to prevent this from happening.
 Councillors considered the results of the informal consultation and created an email to be sent to BCC re the Church Lane parking scheme as we do not understand some of the respondent's comments and wonder which scheme they were consulted on.

221.7 To consider the current refugee situation

According to local information 200 refugees are planned for High Wycombe. As Cllr Hogan was not present it was not discussed in any further depth

221.8 To approve the accounts for October 2015 and signing of cheques; to discuss the budget for 2016/2017. – appendix 2

It was resolved to approve the accounts for October.

The Clerk issued a suggested draft budget for 2016/2017 for discussion. It was agreed to cost out the concrete table tennis table; planters; finger post.

221.9 Members questions

Cllr Harris will install passing place signs in the pull ins on Church Lane leading to the top of the hill.

221.10 Date of next meeting – Thursday 19th November 2015 at 8pm in The Church Room

Cheques to be paid in October 2015

Mrs S Henson	517.99	September salary
Mrs S Henson	45.04	Balance of September salary
Bucks CC	162.95	October pension
Mrs S Henson	46.54	Expenses for September
Glynn Spratt	55.00	Grass cutting by park gates
Staples	19.32	Copying and new stapler
Boyd Sport & Play	444.00	Goal post and nets
TBS Hygiene	108.00	Collections for July and August
WDALC	15.00	Media training – Cllr Cope
Acorn Landscaping	215.83	6/12 highways grass cutting
Southern Electricity dd	141.74	Street light energy
John K. Lawrence	839.50	2/4 burial ground maintenance
Chilterns Dial a Ride	200.00	Donation
Total	2810.91	

Statement of Account as at 1st October 2015

Opening balance – 1 st September	17463.69
Less September cheques	2854.93
Plus final 50% of precept	19125.00
Plus allotment rents by bank transfer	100.00
Sub Total	33833.76
Deposit account	2628.19
Total	36461.95