

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 8th APRIL 2004
AT 8.00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs J. Smith in the Chair, Mr R. Seymour, Mrs C. Dakin, Mr D. Callaghan, Mr M. Gerrard, Mr F. Downes, Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs Mrs A. Harris (on holiday), Mrs J. Teesdale and Mrs A. Snelling

TO DECLARE ANY PECUNIARY, NON-PECUNIARY, PERSONAL OR PRIVATE INTERESTS: Cllr Mrs Dakin declared an interest in the Plant & Harvest applications as she works for another garden centre.

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF THE MARCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: These were agreed by those Councillors present and signed by the Chairman.

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The Clerk and Cllr Mrs Harris wrote a response to the Shaping Health Service document stating our concerns over the maternity element of the plan but accepting most of the other suggestions.

The Clerk will contact Steve Swindell at WDC to organise a site visit for St Lawrence. WDC have already undertaken 2 cuts.

We have spoken to The National Trust about their help with removing the rubbish at St Lawrence.

The Clerk reported the leaks to Thames Water and broken BT covers

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

- 94.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 12th March – 8th April
1. BCC two orders re The Chapel Lane prohibition of Right Turn
 2. BCC letter re Area 8 Speed Limit Review
 3. Lawrence Landscapes acceptance of our order for the Burial Ground maintenance
 4. BCC Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee asking people for their views on Shaping Health Services document – we have sent a response
 5. BCC Highways on Call marketing campaign – article has been put in Contact
 6. WDC Standards Board agenda
 7. BCC Public Transport Map and Guide
 8. Community Voice – the Clerk has supplied a list of roads not covered in the circulation
 9. WDC letter re TRANQUIL solution for rural traffic problems
 10. Boundary Commission periodic electoral review
 11. Refund of £921.89 VAT
 12. Hacker Young calling the audit for 30th June
 13. SEERA Consultation documents on Regional Minerals Strategy and Regional Transport Strategy - circulate
 14. CPRE – planning issues re Planning Policy PPS1 - circulate.
 15. Shaping Health Services Consultation Book –response sent
 16. Letter from MP – Paul Goodman challenging the Shaping Health Service proposals.
 17. CPRE AGM on 21st April at the Princes Risborough Community Centre at 7.30pm

18. WDC request to identify open spaces and buildings used for sports and recreation – Cllr Seymour and the Clerk will deal with this.
19. WDC letter acknowledging our letter re available building land.
20. BCC – Rights of Way Improvement – Cllr Seymour and the Clerk will deal with this.
21. WDC Best Value Review – Community Safety Reducing the Fear of Crime in Older People - circulate
22. DTI/DEFRA – Partnership in rolling out broadband to rural communities – Cllr Callaghan will look at the document and we will ask people at the Parish Meeting to see if there is an active demand.

- 94.2 **PLANNING REPORT; DECISIONS, APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS**
VJB/04/05618/FUL – Plant and Harvest – erection of fence enclosure for refuse bins and fence standing (retrospective) – we appreciate the need for a storage area, however as it is in an AONB and a Conservation Area we would prefer to have a less dominant structure and have it painted dark green.
VJB/04/05759/ADV – Plant and Harvest – display of replacement non illuminated name signage to garden centre – Cllr Mrs Smith will make contact with Cllr Mrs Teesdale to ask for a site visit.
- 94.3 **TO RESOLVE TO PLACE AN ORDER FOR THE CHORLEY ROAD LIGHTS**
 Babbie have given us an up to date quote of £11,206.26 plus VAT for 'hockey stick style' lamps along the Chorley Road to link the village lighting with the existing lighting in Chorley Road. BCC have put a request for a £6k contribution to the Local Area Committee. If no objections are raised at the Local Area Committee then we will be guaranteed the money. We will have to write to West Wycombe Estate and The National Trust asking for permission to trench on their land. The Clerk will ask for a breakdown of the costs from Babbie as the quote in June 2002 was £9563.
- 94.4 **TO DISCUSS THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND TO LAUNCH THE PARISH PLAN**
 Councillors will take photos of the Parish to put up in The Church Room, placing particular emphasis on improvements we have made e.g. lights in Bradenham Road, Chorley Road, the bus shelters, zebra crossing, 'puffin crossing', stiles, speed reduction. The Clerk will produce posters and a letter. Cllr Mrs Smith reported that she and Cllr Callaghan had given interviews for a documentary, which might be available for the Parish Meeting. Cllr Mrs Smith will make contact them.
- 94.5 **REPORT ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES TO INCLUDE THE RECENT BCC SITE VISIT**
 The puffin crossing is under construction however there have been problems in having sufficient width to the pavement on the Friend at Hand side due to the number of services found under the pavement (12 cables) the contractor has had to order a different design of control box as the current design could be knocked by mirrors on large vehicles which in turn could injure a waiting pedestrian.

Mike Knight had a site visit with us on Friday 19th March and as a result of this we now have the correct signs on the gates to the village; we agreed on a revised design for the island at the top of Church Lane; he advised us to instantly state that we would carry out the Chorley Road lights and ask BCC for a £6k contribution; the extra grips at Towerage Lane have been dug. He

was given a complete list of outstanding issues and will progress them. We had a lengthy conversation about the footway between Piddington and West Wycombe and realised it would be a very expensive project. The Clerk will speak to Stuart Young about a salt bin at Beechwood Road – the site visit proved that there is sufficient space – we pay a one off figure of £355 and then BCC will refill it.

Cllr Gerrard made a suggestion that the pavement should be lowered near The Child Bereavement Trust and number 3 High Street to facilitate wheelchairs and prams crossing the road. The Clerk will ask BCC for advice. Cllr Callaghan asked if we could write to BCC about Bradenham Road in the safety review, which we understand would be held soon. The Clerk will ask when the review is to take place.

94.6 TO BE INFORMED ABOUT THE LATEST INFORMATION RELATING TO CENTRAL RAILWAY

The Dept of Transport has reported that the government would not support the hybrid Bill that would have been used to facilitate the Central Railways project. Hopefully this is the end of it however we will have to remain alert to it.

94.7 TO APPROVE THE APRIL ACCOUNTS AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Mrs S Henson s/o, BCC Crossing patrol s/o, Mrs S. Henson expenses, Southern Electric Contracting repairs and maintenance, Southern Electricity, BALC subscriptions. The RFO has produced the first draft for the end of the year accounts, which gives us a balance of £25,173.24 of which £20,000 is committed to the puffin crossing. The audit has been called for 30th June.

94.8 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Gerrard asked if we would remind the PCC to have the netting removed from the Church Room roof, as the house martins will be arriving soon. The Clerk will write.

Cllr Mrs Smith reported that Mr Stacey of Chapel Lane had asked for help from the Parish Council to get his rates reduced and to get compensation because of the Scout hut. The Clerk and Cllr Mrs Smith have investigated the situation with WDC – planning and environmental health, written to The National Trust and also written to the Scout Association. WDC state that they are not contravening any regulations either through planning or environmental health.

Councillors and residents of Park Farm Road are concerned about the guinea fowl, which are wandering on the A40. The Clerk will contact WDC.

The Chairman reminded all Councillors of the next two meeting dates:

6th May Annual Parish Meeting

13th May Annual Parish Council Meeting and May Parish Council meeting

There being no other business; the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm