

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 9th DECEMBER 2004
AT 8.00P.M. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs J. Smith in the Chair, Mr R. Seymour,
Mr M. Gerrard (part), Mr F. Downes, Mrs A. Harris, Mr D. Callaghan
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

Mr Nick Phillips (part) – Property Manager, The National Trust

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: Cllr Mrs Dakin

TO DECLARE ANY PECUNIARY, NON-PECUNIARY, PERSONAL OR PRIVATE
INTERESTS: None declared.

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF THE NOVEMBER PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

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

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The Clerk and Cllr Seymour had a meeting with PC Darren Humphreys to discuss suitable crossing points for pavement scooters – the only possible place would be opposite the Malt House. We will write to BCC requesting that this work be done as well as the associated kerb lowering on the Chorley Road side. He also said that if consulted the police would support creation of the pavement by the side of the hill for the school.

Mrs Jean Fox of The Rural Housing Trust will come to look at suitable sites on 12th January at 1.30pm.

The Clerk has written to all the properties in West Wycombe Hill Road stating that we will apply to have the name changed back to Church Lane.

Cllrs Mrs Smith, Mr Seymour and the Clerk attended the Rider on Call meeting. It was very useful and they plan to make some minor changes and then send a new style timetable to all residents (via the post). Need to get usage increased. One more year of funding. Possible extensions to the route as a longer term plan.

The Clerk attended a meeting called by The National Trust to discuss vandalism in the village. The Clerk has sent a letter to Thames Valley Police.

Clerk has spoken to WDC about making it more difficult for people to gain access behind the toilets.

The Clerk has spoken to WDC re placing 2 black bins behind the cottages near The Swan as the black bags keep splitting leaving rubbish strewn about.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

101.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 10TH NOVEMBER – 9TH
DECEMBER 2004

1. Standards Board booklet on Lobby Groups and Local investigations.
2. Letter from Mrs Lloyd of Chorley Road asking for a speed limit reduction – Clerk has responded and advised her that changes are imminent.
3. WDC 'Grass Roots' update – passed to the Parish Plan group
4. Minutes of WDALC Meeting and Agenda for 15th December – passed to Cllr Mrs Smith.
5. Annual Report from the Buckinghamshire Drug Action Team.
6. Journal of the Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management
7. CPRE magazine

8. Copy letter from The National Trust to the residents of 469 West Wycombe Road.
9. WDC Parish Fact Files – Clerk has had a meeting with Research Assistant

101.2 PLANNING

AD/04/08042/FUL – 31 Portway Drive const of single storey rear extension (alteration to scheme 03/08094/FUL) – no objection

MT/04/08081/OUT – Land at the rear of 365-369 West Wycombe Road – outline application for the erection of 6 dwellings (including details of siting and means of access with access onto Copperfields. We would like to see that outline planning permission allows sufficient parking i.e. garage and a long enough drive. National Trust should be consulted as they have covenants on the land. Drawings show planting across a dead end strip, is this a permanent planting plan. Clerk to find out the status of the previous outline permission.

AC/04/07949/TPO – Castle Transmission Tower, Towerage Lane -

Cut back 2 elm trees, 2 ash trees, 3 hazel trees to boundary if mast compound – no objection

04/07649/FUL – 469 West Wycombe Road – constr of front porch, part two storey, part single storey rear extension – permit.

101.3 BURIAL GROUND

Parents are parking on a regular basis in the car park and refused to move on Festive Fayre day when asked to do so by the Clerk. Suggestion to erect gates, but to possibly set them back a cars distance into the area, allowing gates to be opened outwards and for relatives to just pull in rather than opening gates completely when they want to visit the graves. £724 plus VAT for 2 x 5 bar gates at 1.2m each.

101.4 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR WARNINGS

The Clerk and Cllr Gerrard had attended a meeting called by The National Trust to discuss ways forward in solving the vandalism/criminal damage problems. A letter has been sent to the police asking them to give us advice and attend the next meeting on 20th December. Residents are becoming more concerned than before as there is malice about the latest spate of incidents. Clerk has spoken to WDC, and they have carried out a site visit, to see whether a more secure method can be used to stop people accessing the rear of the toilets. WDC reported that they are bricking up the toilet windows. We could consider CCTV – either privately or through Thames Valley Police.

101.5 TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO APPLY FOR QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL STATUS

The Clerk gave everyone a booklet on Quality Parish Council Status and Councillors unanimously agreed to go ahead and we will apply in June 2005.

101.6 PARISH PLAN

Cllr Callaghan has the first draft of the adult questionnaire, which was issued to Councillors for comment by **10th January**.

The youth questionnaire has been split into two sections – primary age group up to 11 and then 11 – 19 – comment by **10th January**.

101.7 REPORT ON HIGHWAYS, LIGHTING AND FOOTPATHS

The Clerk has written to Mike Knight with a three-page list of unfinished jobs or new maintenance required. The Clerk gave a report on the Transport Symposium – the most important item for our parish from this was the need to gain national acceptance that there is a problem with the A4010 being the trunk road and the effect of extra traffic either through the hospital plan or the government plan to build more homes nearer Milton Keynes. We will offer a contribution of £5000 to BCC towards the cost of replacement High Street lighting that could cost in the region of £70,000.

101.8 TO SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2005/2006

Councillors have been working on items for consideration for the precept. It was agreed to increase the training budget to £300, to allow £100 for notice board maintenance, £2000 for a web site, telephone line and new phone, £1000 towards CCTV, £2000 for gates and associated work to burial ground car park, possibly 3 small lights and some hedge repairs; £3,500 for new lights on one side of the railway bridge, £5000 contribution to High Street lighting project by BCC; £500 for repairs to Bradenham Road bus shelter; with all the standard annual items added to this, it was resolved to set a Precept of £27,000.

101.9 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Cheques and standing orders were approved for Mrs S. Henson, BCC Crossing Patrol, Mrs S. Henson expenses, Clarity Copiers, Babbie Group and The Post Office.
It was resolved to approve the accounts.

101.10 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Downes reported that building at the school is due to take place in the new year although we have not been advised of any plans. Cllr Downes has concerns about access to the site.

Cllr Downes asked when the wall at the Village Hall will be repaired it was reported that this was now imminent.

Cllr Mrs Smith was concerned about the wet weather shelter at the school, which has appeared on the local areas committee list. Clerk will contact Mike Knight asking about this.

101.11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 13th January in The Church Room at 8pm

There being no other business; the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.45pm