

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY 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 A. Harris
Non-Voting member: Mr C. Pugh (The National Trust), Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Mrs Teesdale, Cllr Mrs Snelling

TO CO-OPT A NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR AND SIGNING OF THE
DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE

After advertising the vacancy for a Councillor and no request by the electorate for an election being made, Mrs Ailsa Harris was co-opted and signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

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

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF THE JANUARY 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 reported that BCC are investigating a way of giving notice to the owners of the land where the advertising boards are erected to keep the area/boards safe for the highway.

The Chairman and Clerk have been advised that the crossing work will start on 23rd February.

The Chairman and Cllr Seymour attended the launch of Rider on Call and obtained timetables for Bradenham Road. Timetables for Cressex Express were put into Contact.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

92.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 9th January – 12th February

1. Copy of letters to/from The Pedestal Garage and BCC re trading on the highway
2. Letter from St Lawrence Parochial Church Council re our proposed donation. Cllr Gerrard asked if we could confirm that they will be removing the wire to allow the house martins access to their nesting site.
3. WDC letter re Parish Allowances – Agenda for March
4. WDC Letter re Adoption of the Local Plan
5. Letter from WDC allowing us to co-opt a new Councillor
6. Request from Wycombe Dial a Ride for a grant – we feel this may undermine the new Rider on Call service.
7. CPRE Newsletters on Planning and Transport
8. BCC Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2004 –2016 deposit draft and supplementary planning guidance notes
9. NHS – Shaping Health Services – passed to Cllr Mrs Harris.
10. WDC – Informal Community Networking event.
11. Minutes of WDALC Meeting – next meeting on 24th March –Cllr Mrs Smith and the Clerk will attend.
12. Time tables for Rider on Call and the new evening and weekend service

13. Leaflet on Memorial Push Testers for Burial Ground
14. BCC Safer Routes to School
15. Notes on the first preliminary meeting held on the draft strategy for Milton Keynes and South Midlands.
16. English Nature Magazine
17. Winslow Catalogue on Young Adults – passed to Cllr Mrs Harris.
18. Email from PC McDonnell giving date of next surgery in March and asking for a slot at our Annual Parish meeting in May.
19. Playing Fields Association newsletter
20. Letter from Mrs Hermon about a cremated remains plaque in St Lawrence churchyard (already replied to)

92.2 PLANNING REPORT; DECISIONS, APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS

AD/03/08094/FUL – 31 Portway Drive –construction of single storey rear extension - permit.

03/07533/FUL – 26 Chorley Road –external alterations to side and erection of replacement shed with shed/greenhouse at end of rear garden – permit.

DJW/03/08220/LBC – erection of wooden (oak) information board relating to the Church Loft clock restoration – no objection.

03/06821/FUL – 28 Copperfields – construction of single storey kitchen extension to front of property - permit.

Invitation to public speak on 28th January re the variation of condition 2 to extend the period for submission of reserved matters on the Copperfields initial application – this occurred on the ‘snow day’ and Cllr Mrs Smith was unable to attend due to the traffic chaos and left a message to that effect, however they decided to make a decision without listening to our statement. We will write to complain.

Invitation to speak on the Copperfields application for the approval of reserved matters on 18th February – the Chairman is unable to attend. Cllr Callaghan will attend. All our previous letters and comments are given to Councillors. Only 4 residents from Copperfields have written to object.

92.3 TO DISCUSS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NEXT CONTRACT FOR THE BURIAL GROUND

Cllr Seymour has looked at the existing contract and he felt that the existing schedule could be continued and that we should add; clean and stain the seat annually; and the growth of shelter belt means that it should be trimmed annually; the Clerk felt that as all the shrubs are now well established these should be trimmed annually. Cllr Seymour suggested extending the contract to 5 years. All Councillors agreed that at this stage we would just approach Mr Lawrence as we have been delighted with his work and he has certainly provided best value. The Clerk will write to Lawrence Landscapes and ask for a price for a 3-year contract and a 5-year contract.

The Clerk raised the issue of the residency of people who have purchased grave spaces and then move out of the Parish as per the Electoral Roll. The restriction that the burial ground was for people with residency in the parish was included in the legal document drawn up by Sir Francis Dashwood when the land was leased to us. We need to obtain legal advice.

92.4 REPORT ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES TO INCLUDE THE SPEED LIMIT

REVIEW; A REQUEST FOR A SALT BIN AT BEECHWOOD ROAD

The Clerk reported that Area 5 for the speed limit review includes Bradenham Road and Chorley Road and the remainder of the parish i.e. the A40 and anything south comes in Area 8. Cllrs Smith, Callaghan and Downes attended the Local Area Committee meeting where the speed policy was explained however it raised more questions than answers and we have doubts as to how successful it will be.

Cllr Mrs Smith has been asked if we would consider having a salt bin placed at the corner of Beechwood Road and also by the school. The legal implication for the school will be looked into, however we will write and ask for the road to be included in the salting route. We will contact BCC to see if there is a suitable site at Beechwood Road.

Cllr Gerrard stated that there is concern from Princes Risborough Senior School that staff from the Pedestal are parking in the bus lay-bye making it difficult and dangerous for the bus/school children. We will ask PC McDonnell if he will put some parking tickets on the cars to deter them.

Cllr Seymour reported that the road at the brow of the hill by garden centre is collapsing and could cause problems. BCC to be asked to investigate.

Cllr Mrs Smith asked Mr Pugh if he could investigate the appearance of a hole in grassy bank opposite The Limes on West Wycombe Hill Road.

Cllr Mrs Harris reported that there was concern from Play School Parents over vehicles not stopping for people crossing the zebra. She was advised to tell parents to write to PC Alan Baverstock of the Traffic Police at Amersham.

Cllr Callaghan asked if we had any site visit dates from Mike Knight – not yet.

Cllr Callaghan asked if we could do anything about the cars for sale on the A40, and those from Hanson Garage blocking the access to the footpath.

Cllr Downes suggested that we contact Piddington Parish Council in the near future to see if a combined approach would help in having the path repaired.

BCC asked if we still wanted the new lights in Chorley Road to be included in the Area Committee bid for this year, we have said yes and that perhaps it could be a shared cost with BCC and us. The Clerk has sent a copy of the last quote for lights and asked Babbie for an up to date cost.

92.5 THE PARISH PLAN

Because of the complexity of this document it was agreed to hold an informal meeting for Councillors only to attend on Thursday 26th at 8pm in Church Room. The Clerk will ask the District Council for any statistics, which might show trends etc. for our Parish. The Clerk will book the Church Room.

92.6 TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY ACCOUNTS AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES Mrs S Henson s/o, BCC Crossing patrol s/o, Mrs S. Henson expenses,

Mrs J.P. Smith (Mr Pugh's leaving gift), Thames Water, BALC – AQA Training, Lawrence Landscapes (final third of maintenance).

92.7 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Mrs Harris reported that the PTA was doing an auction of promises and they wondered if the Parish Council could give a promise. As we do not 'own' anything we could not help. It was suggested that they could approach the Community Association for a 'rental of the village hall'.

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