

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

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs J. Smith in the Chair, Mr R. Seymour,
Mr M. Gerrard, Mr F. Downes, Mrs A. Harris, Mrs C. Dakin,
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk Mr N. Harris – The National Trust
Dist Cllr Jean Teesdale

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: Cllr D. Callaghan (in hospital)

TO DECLARE ANY PECUNIARY, NON-PECUNIARY, PERSONAL OR PRIVATE INTERESTS:

Cllr Downes declared a non pecuniary interest in the School Travel Plan.

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF THE JUNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

97.1 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE SCHOOL ON THEIR TRAVEL PLAN

Barbara Bingham parent of the school for 7 years presented the Travel Plan. These are a Government incentive to improve children's safety when attending school and to encourage them to walk. Go for Gold. Funding available when they get to level 3 – currently at level 2. 170 families sent questionnaires. Ask for use of burial ground car park approx 30 cars. Trial period of one term. Conditions would apply and agreements would have to be signed and passes would be issued. We need more accurate statistics from the school. Councillors have concerns over safety and the general current behaviour of parents as well as the fact that a car park with safe crossing facility already exists.

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The Clerk has written to Cllr Peter Cartwright of WDC re coming to a Parish Council meeting to talk about transport, but have not had a response to date.

The path across West Wycombe Hill has been restabilised.

The Clerk and Cllr Seymour went through the Common Land and there were no modifications to be made.

The Cllr Mrs Smith and Cllr Callaghan attended the recent WDC planning training. Bucks Community Action has a person called Louise who will help with the Parish Plan.

Cllr Downes has a copy of the Parish Plan from Stokenchurch/ Radnage – passed to Cllr Mrs Smith.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

97.2 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 11th June – 8th July 2004

1. Information on the up to date Clerks Manual – it was resolved to purchase this at a cost of £30.00
2. Information on joining the Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management . It was resolved to join for one year at a cost of £40.
3. NALC Conference information
4. Together we Can – anti social behaviour reports
5. Renewal for CPRE at £25. It was resolved to join for one more year.

6. Response on the Hospital plans and notification of the meeting to announce the decision on 21st July at The Bellhouse Hotel 10 –3pm.
7. BCC Order for Footpath Diversion -it is the official docs for the path over the railway line.
8. WDC Older People's Conference – 15th July in the Town Hall – need delegate not necessarily a Councillor. Cllr Seymour will attend in the morning.
9. BCC – Letter re Chapel Lane
10. Letter from Hacker Young confirming receipt of our accounts and audit.
11. Letter from Mike Knight, BCC with a request for payment of £20,000 for the puffin crossing; congratulating the parish council on this excellent piece of partnership work and apologising for the tardy way in which BCC handled the project.
12. Standards Newsletter
13. Clerks and Councillors Magazine
14. Local Council Review
15. Matters Arising (BALC Newsletter)

97.3 PLANNING REPORT; DECISIONS, APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS
Nothing to report.

97.4 TO REPORT ON AN ORDER FOR THE CHORLEY ROAD LIGHTS
The Clerk had gone through the budget very thoroughly and felt that she could advise the Parish Council to go ahead with the extra lights. Cllr Mrs Jones has also advised us that she may be able to give us £1000 from her Community Leaders Fund. The Clerk has sent copies of the papers connected to the project to support Cllr Mrs Jones request.

97.5 TO REPORT ON HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS AND TRANSPORT ISSUES
Cllr Seymour had gone through the footpath/bridleway maps and he will ask some councillors to walk them over the summer break and to make a report back to him prior to the September meeting with any problems e.g. maintenance required/cutting back etc.
The Clerk will ask for the trees to be cut back near the 50 mph sign near Flint Hall. We have already asked for trees to be cut back at Chapel Lane and near the puffin crossing
The Clerk will write to WDC and BCC to please advise us of the bus changes and ask for more publicity for Rider on Call.
We have received complaints that Rider on Call leaves the bus station and the other stops too early. If there is a timetable he must not leave earlier. No set pick up and drop off at bus station.
Both the services have suffered through lack of publicity, which is a pity when they are pleasant to travel on and have well mannered staff.
Resolved to purchase salt bin for Beechwood Road, but must allow for disabled scooter.
Cllr Downes will be attending the first Area 8 speed meeting.

97.5 TO RESOLVE TO PLACE AN ORDER FOR A MEMORIAL BOOK
The Clerk has a price of £123 from Shaw and Son. With the current stricter legislation re the safety of memorials we need good records of those people responsible for a memorial. It was resolved to purchase a Register of Memorials.
The Clerk has been asked if we would object to photo cameo being included in a memorial. The Parish Council, after very careful consideration, refused permission for a photo to appear on a memorial.

Mr Hester and his art group caused damage to the Burial Ground sign, removing the gold leaf. The Clerk will write to Mr Hester and the National Trust will see if they can help to repair it.

97.7 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES
Cheques were issued to: Mrs S Henson s/o, BCC Crossing patrol s/o, Mrs Henson – expenses, BCC – puffin crossing, Southern Electric, Southern Electric Contracting, Lawrence Landscapes – first third of burial ground maintenance. We need to transfer £1000 to the current account from the Bank of Ireland. It was resolved to approve the accounts.

97.8 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS
Cllr Mrs Harris asked if we could have more notice from West Wycombe Estate for when fireworks are planned, and a request that the loudspeaker systems are better controlled, as the whole parish did not want to listen to events in the park. The Clerk will contact West Wycombe Estate.

Next meeting will be on 9th September at 8pm in The Church Room

There being no other business; the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.40pm

The Clerk will be on leave from 6th – 29th August.