

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 10th JUNE 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, Mr D. Callaghan,
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk Cllr Mrs A. Snelling Mr N. Harris – The National Trust

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale

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

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, ANNUAL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND THE MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

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

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Cllr Seymour met with Steve Swindell at WDC at St Lawrence on 3rd June to discuss
issues raised – grass is always left uncollected; graves with weeds/trees will be
looked at in the autumn; one or two of the yew trees will be made safe and tidied up
in the autumn. Looking into the feasibility of putting bins for rubbish in the
Churchyard. It was agreed to wait on clearing the existing rubbish until WDC are able
to progress it. One or two items of church fabric need to be addressed by the PCC.
Cllr Peter Cartwright of WDC is prepared to come to a Parish Council meeting to talk
about transport– we will give him September and October.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

96.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 13th May – 7th June 2004

1. WDALC Agenda for 17th June and minutes of previous meeting, Chairman
and Cllr Callaghan will attend. WDALC training session.
2. Letter with prices from Babbie.
3. Letters and prices from Southern Electric Contracting.
4. Southern Electric – audit of lights
5. Acknowledgement of our letter to the Boundary Commission
6. Together we can – crime and disorder audit – the Clerk will complete this to
the best of her ability - it will be quite difficult.
7. WDC Rural Forum Farm Tour – 2 July
8. Response from Cllr Mrs Clarke about distribution of Imagine the Future – all
Councillors had a copy.
9. Countryside Agency - provisional map of registered common land and open
country – Cllr Seymour and the Clerk will go through this.
10. The Environment Centre – general public nature and habitat survey – Clerk to
complete.
11. CPRE magazine
12. Wicksteed Toddlers to Teens equipment
13. Chiltern News
14. Priorities Newsletter
15. Forms for Community Officer of the Year – we will put PC McDonnell forward.
16. Locality Forum Partnership update – passed to Cllr Mrs Harris.

17. Wycombe Planning Forum – Tuesday 29th June 15.30 –20.00 Kings Centre
18. Notification that the Copperfields application for 52 units has been withdrawn and the one for 45 is going to appeal on 22 June.
19. Grass Roots Community Planning – we have asked Cllr Mrs Snelling if we could have help with any funding for the Parish Plan.
20. Burial Law and policy in the 21st century
21. Parish Paths plan – BCC will provide some money (up to £300) if we want to organise any work on paths. It was agreed that Councillors would walk a series of paths within the parish over the Summer break and make notes on any work which is required e.g. trees over paths, locked gates on bridleways, broken stiles etc. Cllr Seymour and Clerk will create a list of paths and allocate them to Councillors.

96.2 PLANNING REPORT; DECISIONS, APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS

DJW/04/06401/FUL – 21 Bradenham Road – construction of two storey side extension – it would appear that it is over the 50% rule and we think that there will not be a rear access.

VJB/04/05759/ADV – Plant and Harvest – display of replacement non illuminated name signage to garden centre – permission for signs A & F; refusal on C and E.

JMB/04/-5563/FUL – 92 Chorley Road –construction of detached garage and associated works – permit.

03/07964/REM – land to the front of 34-36 and 21-23 and to the rear of 335-369 West Wycombe Road – erection of 45 units including affordable housing, consisting of 27 houses and 18 flats – informal hearing set for 22nd June. The application for 52 units has been withdrawn.

96.3 TO RESOLVE TO PLACE AN ORDER FOR THE CHORLEY ROAD LIGHTS AND TO DISCUSS OTHER LIGHTS IN THE PARISH

We have received prices for the Chorley Road lights from Southern Electric Contracting, which came to £23,000, this include the extra lights between the High Street and the Garden Centre. We asked Babtie to supply a price for these extra lights – we were given two options – to keep the light by the Garden Centre wall £6016.75 plus VAT or to have it moved across the road - £6344.50 plus VAT. The quote for the original work was £11,206.26 plus VAT. To compare like for like this would cost £17,550.76, making it a more acceptable price. Cllr Downes proposed that we place an order for the first part of the lights from the Chorley Road houses to the Garden Centre; this was seconded by Cllr Callaghan and agreed by all Councillors. The RFO will look at our budget to see if we could possibly afford to carry out the extra work, she will also ask Babtie if there is a price reduction for having the two jobs carried out at the same time, we will also write to Cllr Mrs Jones to see if we could qualify for some funding via the Community Leaders Fund – Cllr Mrs Snelling will also ask her on our behalf.

We asked Southern Electric Contracting to supply a price for the extra Bradenham Road lights: 14 – 16 £749, 105 - £1560; we will consider this on next years Precept and will also ask Babtie to supply a price (nearer to Precept time).

96.4 TO DISCUSS THE PARISH PLAN

Cllr Callaghan agreed to Chair this and he will call his first meeting as soon as possible. He now has the file that exists and will start working on it as soon as possible.

96.5 REPORT ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES

We have been advised that the puffin crossing should be commissioned on 22nd June! The trees have been cut back.

The Clerk has continued to report to BCC that the Chapel Lane no right turn experiment needs more signs particularly at the top of Chapel Lane, but apparently there is a legal reason that we cannot have this sign. We do now have a sign painted on the road and an order has been issued to have the trees cut back from the signs. Residents are very pleased with the scheme. Cllr Downes reported that the M40 route review is at the public consultation stage, with comments due in by July 2nd. We have had this and it is on circulation. Very few people are aware of it.

School travel plan will be discussed at the next meeting. Options and ideas were considered as well as restating the possibility of creating a pavement around the hill. The National Trust is about to stabilise the current path. The path between the car park and the car entrance to the school is not wide enough and the trees need cutting back. The National Trust will be doing this. Councillors still felt that it was not possible to supply a car park facility to the eastern end of the village.

96.6 TO COMPLETE THE STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE AS REQUESTED BY THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The Chairman asked all Councillors present to complete the statement of assurance for the external audit report. Affirmative responses were agreed on all the questions asked.

96.7 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Cheques were issued to: Mrs S Henson s/o, BCC Crossing patrol s/o, Mrs J.P. Smith, Chairman's Allowance

96.8 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Mrs Harris reported that WDC are about to introduce a trial period for recycling waste. Information will be circulated to all Councillors.

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

There being no other business; the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.25pm