

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 11th MARCH 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 N. Harris (The National Trust), Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: Cllrs Mrs J. Teesdale

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

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF THE FEBRUARY 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 attended the Area Beat officers surgery and asked him if he could help with the parking by Pedestal staff at the bus stop; the parking from RH Motors on the West Wycombe Road and Copperfields and the cars for sale by the railway bridge. Cllrs Mrs Dakin, Mr Callaghan and Mrs Harris attended the new Councillor training session.

Cllr Callaghan has been given a copy of another parishes Parish Plan questionnaire. The Clerk has been advised that grants of £5000 are supposed to be available however it is those parishes that prove the greatest need who get them and BALC have indicated that no money is available.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

- 93.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 13th February – 11th March
1. BCC letter re Highways issues (circulated)
 2. BCC letter re Area 5 Speed Limit Review (circulated)
 3. BCC letter re Area 8 Speed Limit Review (circulated)
 4. Lawrence Landscapes tender for the Burial Ground (circulated)
 5. WDC Parish Councillor Allowances (resume circulated)
 6. WDC copy of Ward profile 2003 as requested (circulated)
 7. Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) information relating to an alteration of the Parish Boundary
 8. WDC letter answering our complaint re the handling of the Copperfields application
 9. WDC – request for site suggestions for the WDC Urban Capacity Study – we do not have any land available.
 10. Southern Electric – schedule of rates for both maintenance and rechargeable repairs.
 11. ODPM – latest documents and consultations on the local investigation and determination of misconduct allegations. (to circulate)
 12. SEERA – proposed alterations to regional planning guidance South East – regional waste management strategy – consultation
 13. BCC Minutes of the December 2003 Transport Symposium
 14. Notification of BALC Subscription - £115.83
 15. AGM of CPRE on 20th March
 16. Trading Standards Newsletter – (to circulate)
 17. BALC Newsletter (to circulate)

18. Vital Villages Update (to circulate)
19. WDC Imagine the Future – meetings to help produce on either 1st April, Liston Hall, Marlow; 5th April – Community Centre, Princes Risborough; 20th April Town Hall, High Wycombe. All start at 7pm
20. WDC Copy of the adopted Local Plan
21. Thank you cards from Mrs Alison Wood and Mr Charles Pugh
22. Ailsa Harrison email Wycombe Primary Care Trust National Health Service re Maternity Services and other specialist care areas could be moved to Stoke Mandeville. We are in the Forum but have not been consulted until this late stage, possibly pass this on to Mike Appleyard at BCC Overview and Scrutiny Committee who have a remit for Health Services. Clerk and Cllr Mrs Harris will formulate a response.

- 93.2 PLANNING REPORT; DECISIONS, APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS
Invitation to speak on the Copperfields application for the approval of reserved matters on 18th February – Cllr Callaghan attended and the decision was deferred until 10th March. Cllr Callaghan spoke at this and the application was refused.
AD/04/05420/FUL – The Dower House – demolition of existing and erection of replacement summerhouse – no objection
JMB/04/-5563/FUL – 92 Chorley Road – construction of detached garage and associated works – no objection
AD/04/05503/FUL – 107 Bradenham Road – erection of detached garage in rear garden (amendment to pp 03/06197/FUL) – no objection

- 93.3 TO RECEIVE A REPORT AND MAKE A RESOLUTION RELATING TO ALLOWANCES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS AND THE CHAIRMAN – LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2003 – PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL
It was resolved under Section 15 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 that we increase the Chairman's allowance to £100; It was resolved that this Parish Council would pay travel and subsistence at the rates set by the Independent Remuneration Panel and would not pay Parish Councillor annual allowances. Councillors can by writing to the proper officer (Clerk) elect to forgo his entitlement or any part of his entitlement to allowances.

- 93.4 TO RESOLVE TO PLACE THE CONTRACT FOR THE BURIAL GROUND MAINTENANCE FOR THREE OR FIVE YEARS
Lawrence Landscapes have supplied a quote for 2004– £2045; 2005 - £2105; 2006 - £2170; 2007 - £2185; 2008 - £2185 and separate costs as follows: Supply and erect 43m stock netting fence - £490; Mulch beds with border bark - £600 (year 1) and £636 (year 3); spray nettles in field with weedkiller – years 1, 3, 5 - £70 per treatment. **It was resolved that we accept the prices for 5 years and place the contract with Lawrence Landscapes accordingly.** It was agreed to mulch the beds as suggested and spray the nettles but we will not have the stock-netting fence erected. With the help of Neil Harris we will plant up the hedge between the car park and St Paul's Church. Clerk will write to confirm.

The Clerk will contact Steve Swindell at WDC to organise a site visit for St Lawrence. We have spoken to The National Trust about their help with removing the rubbish at St Lawrence.

- 93.5 REPORT ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES TO INCLUDE THE SPEED LIMIT

REVIEW FOR AREA 8; THE PUFFIN CROSSING; SITE VISIT WITH BCC

The puffin crossing is under construction.

BCC have introduced a new service for everyone to report BCC Highways issues. It is called HIGHWAYS ON CALL and the telephone number is 0845 230 2882. All calls will go to Winslow and then you will be told to press a key number for the High Wycombe office. All reports will have a number in order that they can be followed up.

Area 8 Speed review will take place during the summer and the consultation process has already started. We will write stating that we will be happy to man an exhibition in West Wycombe and that we want a consistent speed limit on the A40 and that we want the 30mph limit through the village and have it extended far enough in either direction in order to make it more enforceable by the police if they use radar/speed traps.

BCC have confirmed that they have put the new lights in Chorley Road in the Area Committee bid for this year and we will advise BCC that we are prepared to share the costs with BCC. They have also included the A40 footway Pedestal to Beechwood Road.

Mike Knight will have a site visit with us on Friday 19th March at 2.45 meeting near the Village Hall. The Clerk will bring her car in order that we can drive round the Parish to point out some of the issues, she will also produce a list for him.

- 93.6 **TO BE INFORMED ABOUT MINOR PARISH BOUNDARY CHANGES**
The Clerk and Cllr Seymour have studied the proposed boundary changes in relation to Downley Parish Council extending its operating area. The changes involve very small triangles of land in order that the boundary can follow a field or wood perimeter. None of the changes affect us in any way. The Clerk will pass a copy of the definitive map to Mr Harris for his information.
- 93.7 **TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE MARCH ACCOUNTS AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES**
The statement of account was issued with the agenda. It was resolved to approve the accounts. Two Councillors signed the cheques, cheque stubs and invoices. Mrs S Henson s/o, BCC Crossing patrol s/o, Mrs S. Henson expenses, West Wycombe PCC (Church Room Hire), Cash for heating.
- 93.8 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**
Cllr Downes reported that the Boundary Commission are about to issue a map with the suggested new boundaries for County Councillors.
Cllr Callaghan asked about the new fencing along by the railway. The Clerk will write to Railtrack and ask if they could consider painting it dark green as we are in an AONB.
- 93.9 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Thursday 8th April at 8pm in The Church Room, West Wycombe

There being no other business; the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15pm