

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 11th NOVEMBER 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, Mr F. Downes, Mrs A. Harris, Mrs C. Dakin, D. Callaghan
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

Mr Nick Phillips – Property Manager, The National Trust

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

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

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF THE OCTOBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

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

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Four Councillors went to a WDALC training day on finance and at that meeting
were advised that we should not become involved in the finance element of The
National Trust project and we have advised them of this fact.

Cllrs Seymour and Gerrard and the Clerk have met up with Mark Averill of BCC to
discuss flooding and drainage issues. The whole system in the village will be jetted in
November.

The Clerk and Cllr Seymour are meeting with PC Darren Humphreys to have a site
meeting about suitable crossing points for pavement scooters.

The Dog Warden will be making visits to the village to deter dog fouling

Mr Edgley has reinstated the footpath up to Cockshoots.

The Safer Routes to School plan has recently issued a letter encouraging children to
walk to school, explaining why people should not park in the Village Hall car park and
thanking the Parish Council for the crossing. There are problems with the path
across the hill and parents are now walking up the road. The police have been asked
to carry out visits to discourage illegal parking. Suggest looking at funding through
'Waste company' taxes to improve the path. We would also like the National Trust to
look at the possibility of cutting away part of the hill to create an extra section of
footway up to/opposite the car park entrance.

The Parish Plan group has met again, with a decision to split into two groups to
formulate two separate questionnaires – youth and adult. Posters to go up and have
it issued at the end of January.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

100.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 9TH OCTOBER – 4TH NOVEMBER
2004

1. WDC - Imagine the Future Consultation folder
2. WDC – Safety Partnership Crime & Disorder Audit consultation –
completed and given Barney Giles of WDC.
3. Letter from West Wycombe Traders re Christmas Fayre - respond asking
about use of burial ground car park and risk assessment/health and
safety.
4. Quotation from Babbie for lighting a section of Bradenham Road

5. Notification of next Local Area Committee Meeting on 10th November
6. Email from Moira Constable and Jean Fox about Affordable Housing - invite to come after Christmas.
7. Letter and map from BCC showing drainage system in village
8. Letter from West Wycombe Cricket Club to state that they have completed their project for which we agreed to give a donation.
9. Minutes of Flood Group Meeting at WDC – forward to Nick Phillips
10. Copy of ‘ a Guide to becoming a Quality Parish Council’ – issued for consideration at the December meeting.
11. WDC Planning Enforcement letter stating that the file has been closed on Hanson’s Motors as they have removed the large advertising signs.
12. Application for headstone for Mr Lynch
13. Responses from Mrs Reddin-Clancy, Mrs Manning, Dr Estill, Mrs Hathaway and School re post code change overall feeling was that they would prefer to go back to Church Lane
14. BCC Transport Matters Summary
15. ODPM – publication of public consultation draft Proposed Changes to Milton Keynes & South Midlands Sub-Regional Strategy
16. Letter from ODPM re new ethical framework regulations
17. Matters Arising Newsletter
18. Notification of BALC AGM on 12th November at 7.30pm in Judges Lodgings, Aylesbury
19. Letter from BCC re a meeting in **Bledlow Village Hall** on the Chinnor Road at 6.30pm on Wednesday 17th November to discuss Rider on Call – Cllrs Mrs Smith, Mr Seymour and possibly Callaghan along with Clerk will attend.
20. Community Voice
21. Milton Keynes and & South Midlands Regional Strategy – report on previous consultation for comment by 23rd December.
22. Fire Brigade questionnaire
23. Home Start request for a donation

100.2 BURIAL GROUND

Vandals have broken the glass for the second time in the notice board.

Mr Stacey has replaced it with a polymer material.

The words and memorial for Mr Lynch - approved but we will write to state that no vase is incorporated and what do they plan to do about flowers, we will paint a line on the plot to keep the alignment correct.

100.3 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR WARNINGS

We continue to have anti social behaviour from three different age groups of youths in the Parish. WDC have stated that they have had complaints from all areas in the village – from the school through to the Pedestal. They will, if we agree, send out warning letters to parents of those people we are able to identify. The anti social behaviour officer, Barney Giles from WDC has been round the village and the only site for a youth shelter which he felt could work was in the Garden Centre Car Park, it would need to be lit up to a set time and then have it dark, and also a CCTV. He wondered if it could be a dual-purpose structure, which could also be a picnic area for tourists.

100.4 QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL STATUS

The Clerk gave everyone a booklet on Quality Parish Council Status and Councillors will discuss this at the December meeting.

100.5 IMAGINE THE FUTURE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

This folder is now on circulation and a response is required by the next Parish Council meeting. Sadly the previous consultation, which was issued to 63,000 people, only resulted in something between 150 – 900 responses. This is important, as it will eventually replace the Local Plan. Cllr Callaghan, Cllr Mrs Smith and the Clerk felt that there was very little substance, which we could comment upon.

Councillors are basically disillusioned about the document.

100.6 REPORT ON HIGHWAYS, LIGHTING AND FOOTPATHS

Hughenden has managed to have the travel signs removed, the Clerk will push to have ours removed.

The Clerk will write to find out the status on maintenance work for pavements in High Street and pavements near Pedestal.

Reported faulty light by The Swan – ‘fault’ caused by light cell activation.

Surface degrading rumble strips, pothole filled but the hole is extending. Best Value ?

The recent grass cutting along the verges near the 30mph sign/Cricket Club has uncovered the rubbish from the car accident 18 months ago which has been reported many times – Clerk will try again with BCC.

100.7 TO BEGIN CONSIDERING THE PRECEPT FOR 2005/2006

Councillors were asked to start thinking of projects for consideration for the precept. Original ideas put forward – gates to burial ground car park, possibly 3 small lights and some hedge repairs; possibly new lights on one side of the railway bridge, possible contribution to High Street lighting project by BCC; repairs to Bradenham Road bus shelter Parish Council telephone line/telephone/answer machine and web site.

100.8 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR NOVEMBER AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Cheques and standing orders were approved for Mrs S. Henson, BCC Crossing Patrol, Mrs S. Henson expenses, Thames Water, Cash for heating, Mr Eric Stacey (supply & fit burial ground ‘glass’ from notice board, West Wycombe Cricket Club, Bucks County Council – Salt bin Beechwood Rd, West Wycombe Community Association – use of waste bin
It was resolved to approve the accounts.

100.9 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

None

100.10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND THOSE IN 2005

Thursday 9th December in The Church Room at 8pm

Parish Council Meetings for 2005 - All meetings start at 8pm unless indicated

13th January	10th February	10th March
14th April	5th May – Annual Parish Meeting	12 th May
9th June	14th July	8th September
13th October	10th November	8th December

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