

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 14th OCTOBER 2004
AT 7.45 P.M. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs J. Smith in the Chair, Mr R. Seymour (until 9pm),
Mr M. Gerrard, Mr F. Downes (until 9pm), Mrs A. Harris, Mrs C. Dakin, D. Callaghan
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk
Cllr Peter Cartwright
Nick Phillips – Property Manager, The National Trust, Jessie Binns – Education
Officer, The National Trust

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: None

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

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF THE SEPTEMBER 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 had spoken to West Wycombe Estate about the footpath across Park
Farm and the trees along the perimeter wall.

The Clerk has spoken to The National Trust about the trees on the Estate perimeter
wall.

Cllr Mrs Smith attended the Standards Conference

The Clerk reported that she has passed her AQA in Local Council Administration,
which means she is entitled to have her salary increased by one spinal column point
to SCP 22. It was resolved to increase her SCP by one point.

Clerk has attended a meeting about flooding and has booklets to be given out to the
residents of the High Street. If we contact WDC during a flood situation they will try to
get the police to close the road for us or to slow the traffic by putting up flood signs.

The Clerk has attended the WDC/BCC meeting – issues talked about where the new
planning structure, recycling, crime and disorder audit (meetings at Reggie Goves
Centre on 19th October, Court Gardens on 26th October and Princes Risborough
Community Centre on 2nd November. All meetings run from 7 – 9pm.

99.1 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL TRUST PROJECT AND
TO RESOLVE TO ASSIST WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION

The National Trust is planning to organise activities to help celebrate the anniversary
of the end of the war. There are Heritage Lottery Grants available for this, but at this
stage it is not clear whether the Hughenden project could receive an independent
grant or whether it would be included in the national grant or whether they would
have to source a grant through a third party e.g. the Parish Council. Members and
RFO asked questions about commitment, budgets, risk and insurance and how much
work it would involve. The project involvement is far greater than we were initially led
to believe. Further discussions took place and advice will be sought
before a final decision is made. (Peter Lacey of NALC has advised the Parish
Council and it has been agreed to advise The National Trust that we will not be able
to help them on this occasion, however those Councillors involved in the project are
able and will continue to support it with the practical projects agreed upon.)

99.2 CLLR PETER CARTWRIGHT FROM WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANSWER QUESTION ON TRANSPORT FOR OUR AREA

Cllr Cartwright confirmed that there has been a significant decline in available buses through West Wycombe. No evening or Sunday service. Oxfordshire CC were no longer prepared to be involved in or have negotiations with Bucks County Council over transport issues. The County Rider bus costs £20 per hour, £710 per week in subsidy. The Stokenchurch – Oxford corridor had been run by Oxford CC with Bucks CC. The subsidy now £9 per passenger on Rider on Call. There has been a huge loss on the route but there are signs that this may be beginning to change. Review meeting on 2/3rd November. We have not been advised of this review meeting. Plans to recreate a bus service to the station. Youth, cinema, sports centre all needed transport as well as the older members of the community. Cllr Cartwright had put forward a provisional timetable to BCC and they reported that it had some merit. It still goes back to user numbers and unless they increase we will have problems. A lot of work has been done through Section 106 agreements with developers to the east of the town but no work which would create this sort of finance is planned for the western side of town. More problems will be created when the Phoenix Project starts and car parking facilities are drastically reduced.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

99.3 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 9th September – 7th October 2004

1. Minutes of the first Parish Plan meeting
2. BCC Highways letter re village lighting and Church Lane
3. Copy of Audit Commission report on WDC performance
4. Rural Housing Trust asking if we are planning to continue – Clerk will write to advise that we will be making contact soon and that the land will not be National Trust land as they are not the landowners in the area.
5. Letter from Lesley Langley re anti social behaviour near The Pedestal
6. Wycombe Transportation Symposium – Tuesday 30th November – Clerk will attend for part of the day.
7. Letter from The National Trust re Wartime Picnic/Memories project
8. Letter from Richard Weaver, Silver Birches, WW Hill Rd re post code confusion Clerk has spoken to WDC and we need to write to all residents/school in WW Hill Road and ask if they want to change their postcodes and then it will tally with the address – if demand then WDSC will take the necessary action.
9. WDC questionnaire re the new Licensing Act – Clerk will resume
10. BCC – letter inviting comment on new catchment areas. We have responded.
11. Annual Chilterns Forum on November 4th
12. Notification of AGM for Bucks Community Action on 14th October
13. What's on in The Chilterns
14. Safer Routes to School Newsletter – on circulation
15. BCC Minerals & Waste – on circulation
16. CPRE view on the Milton Keynes & South Midland regional plan – on circulation
17. SEERA update on the South East Plan – on circulation
18. Request from Age Concern for financial help
19. Together we Can – Crime & Disorder Audit meetings on 19th & 26th October and 2nd November
20. The Boundary Commission Report on the County Council review – it would appear that we will be included with Stokenchurch & Piddington for representation by a County Councillor.

21. Letter from residents of 469 West Wycombe Road stating that neither West Wycombe Estate or The National Trust has made contact re trees on the estate perimeter.
22. Programme for training on 16th October by WDALC.
23. Letter from WDC stating the important of the consultation document on the Wycombe Community Plan and the Wycombe Development Framework, which will be replacing the Local Plan in the new planning structure. There will be briefing meetings on 1st and 4th November (12.30 and 19.00hrs) both in the Council Chamber. Consultation deadline is 6th December. Document will be issued on 25th October.
24. Article issued by WDC Standards on Councillors role in planning – this has been placed in Contact
25. Fire Brigade consultation for Safer Communities in Buckinghamshire

99.4 PLANNING DECISIONS

04/06094/FUL 433 West Wycombe Road – conversion of house in multiple occupation to 2 x 1 bed self contained flats – permit

04/07202/FUL – Langham, Park Farm Road – const of first floor extension to front and bay window alterations – permit

04/07136/FUL – 10 Copperfields – construction of conservatory to rear - permit

04/07173/FUL – 456 West Wycombe Road – const of part single storey, part two storey extension to rear and erection of 1.8m high fence to west side of property – permit

99.5 BURIAL GROUND – rules and regulations and parking

Vandals have broken the glass in the notice board. A new piece is en route and will be replaced asap.

Councillors agreed to add a fee for – memorial plaque provided by Parish Council under an existing tree £75 and to increase by £25 the plot costs to allow for grassing and levelling. We need to ensure it is clear that the tree option is the only option available when there is no body or ashes. It was agreed to state a minimum size of 1' 6" (450mm).

Parking by parents from the playgroup and school is becoming a real issue and we are looking at erecting a set of gates – prices are currently being obtained.

99.6 TO DISCUSS AND RESPOND TO THE AREA 8 BCC SPEED REVIEW

Councillors were delighted with the proposals being put forward. The Clerk will advise BCC of this.

99.7 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE PARISH PLAN

Cllr Callaghan reported on the first meeting, which was well attended and was very constructive, and a follow up meeting will take place on Nov 6, they plan to have a deadline of Christmas for creating the main questionnaire plus a youth questionnaire, these will be issued in January/ February.

99.8 REPORT ON HIGHWAYS, LIGHTING & FOOTPATHS

Clerk will write to BCC re traffic news signs too big, too bright. Chorley Road lights now all working; Mr Edgley's field – the line of path has gone; Dog warden for High Street as there has been a sudden increase in the amount of dog fouling.

99.9 TO BEGIN CONSIDERING THE PRECEPT FOR 2005/2006

Councillors were asked to start thinking of projects for consideration for the precept. 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, with the other side during the following year, possible contribution to High Street lighting project by BCC; repairs to Bradenham Road bus shelter.

99.10 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Cheques and standing orders were approved for Mrs S Henson, BCC Crossing patrol, Mrs S Henson back pay and expenses, Southern Electric Contracting, Southern Electricity. Transfer £7000 to Bank of Ireland. It was resolved to approve the accounts.

99.11 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Gerrard reported that Sir Edward had not raised an objection to the school using the cricket field he merely wanted to ensure that the Cricket Club were in full agreement with the suggestion.

Next meeting will be on 11th November at 8pm in The Church Room

There being no other business; the Chairman closed the meeting at 11pm