

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 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, D. Callaghan
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

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

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

Cllr Downes declared an interest as a Governor of West Wycombe School
Cllr Mrs Dakin declared an interest in the Copperfields application
Cllr Mrs Harris declared an interest in 456 West Wycombe Road

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF THE JULY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

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

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

We have not received any further information from the school re their travel plan.
The Clerk has ordered the salt bin for Beechwood Road.
Mr Hester has offered to organise the gold leaf repair on the Burial Ground Sign
The Clerk has received the Memorial Book and the Clerks Manual.
The Clerk had spoken to West Wycombe Estate about fireworks and noise from
corporate events and they promised to try to let everyone know and to enforce noise
control.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

- 98.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 10th July – 9th September 2004
1. Completion of audit statement from Hacker Young
 2. NALC/SLCC Pay guidelines for Clerks
 3. WDALC Minutes and next meeting on September 16th and Information for training session on October 16th - Cllrs Smith, Gerrard, Dakin and Callaghan will attend.
 4. Update on the South East Plan from SEERA - circulate
 5. Wycombe Youth for Christ – asking for a donation
 6. Matters Arising newsletter - circulate
 7. BCC Travel news update and summary of report - circulated
 8. Rural Housing Trust – notification of new Area Programme Manager
 9. Babtie – advising us of start date for Chorley Road lights.
 10. BCC letter about Rider on Call – Cllr Downes asked for an agenda item on this subject relating to travel costs for the elderly.
 11. Notification of the Sec of State decision on Copperfields
 12. Letter from Mr Podesta re The Pedestal and our response.
 13. Letter from Mike Knight re highways issues.
 14. Together we Can – letter and information re off-road biking – ring 08458 505 505 and quote URN 892-11/06/04
 15. BCC annual progress report on Local Transport Plan - circulate
 16. Confirmation from Cllr Cartwright that he will attend our October meeting to talk about transport issues.

17. Consultation document from ODPM – on draft Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees - passed to Cllr Mrs Smith
 18. Bucks Local History Network – Conference on Saturday 9th October - £12.50 per person
 19. The National Trust – letter 1945 – 2005 anniversary – we have selected Wednesday 22nd October at 7pm with Cllrs Smith, Gerrard and Harris attending.
 20. Letter from residents of West Wycombe Road re trees in West Wycombe Park – passed to West Wycombe Estate and The National Trust. Clerk has advised residents of this action.
 21. BCC – thanks for work on Rights of Way improvement plan
 22. The Environment Centre, Holywell Mead – invitation to exhibition opening on Saturday 18th September at 11.30pm – passed to Cllr Mrs Harris.
 23. BCC Area 5 Speed limit review proposals – response required by 1st October – we are happy with the suggestions being made for Chorley Road (40mph) and Bradenham Road (40 mph). Circulate
 24. BCC/Cllr Mrs Audrey Jones letter and proforma with cheque for £1000 from the Community Leaders Fund towards our new lights along the Chorley Road – letter of thanks to be sent. Clerk has spoken to her and she stated that she did not want a publicity exercise.
 25. Inst of Cemetery Management Newsletter - circulate
 26. Drug Action Team annual report – Bucks still has a low incidence rate compared to other areas - circulate
 27. CPRE –Fieldwork Newsletter - circulate
 28. Local Council Review & The Clerk magazines -distribute
- 98.2 PLANNING REPORT; DECISIONS, APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS
- SDN/04/07173/FUL – 456 West Wycombe Road** – construction of part single storey, part two storey ext to rear & erection of 1.8m high fence to west side of property – plan is out of date, still showing furniture factory when it is Woodview Close. No objection.
- SDN/04/07136/FUL – 10 Copperfields** – construction of conservatory to rear – no objection
- AD/04/07202/FUL – Langham, Park Farm Road** – construction of first floor extension to front and bay window alterations – no objection.
- DJW/04/06401/FUL – 21 Bradenham Road** – construction of two-storey side extension – withdrawn
- 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 – passed by sec of State.
- 04/06956/FUL – 486 West Wycombe Road** – const of single storey rear extension – a flat roofed extension with velux windows is an inappropriate and unsympathetic design for this property – permit
- 04/06824/FUL – 492 West Wycombe Road** –cons of two storey rear extension – an extremely large extension having considerable impact on the neighbours; it is too large for the plot and may contravene the 50% rule; we note that there appears to be a toilet directly off the kitchen - refused
- 98.3 BURIAL GROUND - to update the rules, regulations and fees
- It was resolved to include a new section covering pictorial plaques – these can be no larger than 9cm x 12cm and must be in a plain, simple bronze or chrome frame.
- It was realised that we had omitted the words green and ‘non-reflecting finish’ on rule 19, and the word green in Rule 20 and that we had to add a minimum height of 1’6.”(450mm). Councillors to have a site visit before making

decisions on width and plinth/positioning. Lighted candle lamps will not be allowed.

The Clerk had investigated other local burial fees and had noted that charges were made for former parishioners, children under 10 and stillbirths, vases and second inscriptions. We decided not to make any changes to our categories at this stage.

It was resolved to increase fees as follows:

A plot for a grave - £200; a plot for cremated remains - £100

All over sized coffins will be charged at **double** the relevant rate.

Re-opening a grave -£125; re-opening a cremated remains plot -£75;

Erection of a memorial for a grave or cremated remains - £75

In future all burial documentation will be posted by a method requiring a signature. We will have to reconsider how to deal with emptying the Bins. Precept for 2005/06

98.4 TO REPORT ON LIGHTING IN THE PARISH

The Chorley Road lights are almost installed, however we still have to wait for the 'historic style' lights to be delivered. The Clerk has asked Babbie to ensure that all the lights are working for the clocks changing. We have received £1000 from County Cllr Mrs Audrey Jones from the Community Leaders Fund and the Clerk will write to Mike Knight at BCC to ask for the agreed £6000. Trees need trimming back by the lights particularly at the brow of the hill.

Lighting in the High Street

The Clerk will write asking for a complete lighting project in the High Street as we have inadequate light, a mixture of styles as well as several faulty lights; we would need to have an idea of the project cost before we could consider making any contribution.

Lighting in Bradenham Road

Clerk to contact Babbie for a costing for the Precept to see if we can improve the lighting in Bradenham Road.

Trees are obscuring light by school – the Clerk will contact The National Trust.

98.5 TO RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PARISH PLAN

First meeting on September 25th at 10.30 in the Church Room for a brainstorming session. It was agreed to invite West Wycombe Estate to this meeting.

98.6 TO REPORT ON HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

Footway by Chorley Road needs cutting back.

Flooding in the Parish – could not get any help at the time from WDC or the fire brigade. We will write to Highways and Environment Agency ask them for a site visit to ask for suggestions and to talk about drainage and the pollution implications as well as the tidal wave effect; we need flood warning signs. We need the silt clearing in all the gullies and at both ends of Towerage Lane. Bins need emptying at least weekly – the Clerk will check on date and which bins are to be emptied.

The sign opposite the garden centre still has not been reinstated.

Footpath across Park Farm will be investigated.

New catchment areas have just been issued and this means that the whole of Piddington will come within West Wycombe Schools catchment, however we

are not sure if the whole of the Parish particularly the Chapel Lane end is included – something that we feel should be the case. It is possible that if the school can get to stage 3 in the Travel Plan BCC Highways may be more inclined to improve the path between Piddington and West Wycombe.

98.7 SLCC PAY GUIDELINES FOR APRIL 2004 – MARCH 2006 & MILEAGE RATES

It was resolved to award the Clerk the new pay award for SCP 21 as announced by NALC in July 2004 to be backdated from April 2004. Mileage rates have also increased to 50.5 p per mile and these were approved.

98.8 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Cheques and standing orders were approved for Mrs S Henson, BCC Crossing patrol, WDALC subscription, Hacker Young – audit fee and Lawrence Landscapes. It was resolved to approve the accounts.

98.9 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Downes reported that the state of the changing rooms at the Pedestal field used by the school is unsafe. The cricket club have offered the use of part of the outfield during the summer months, however Sir Edward has indicated that he would not want this.

Cllr Downes reported that plans are being drawn up to build a new classroom in order to improve the existing facilities.

Cllr Mrs Harris asked if we could do anything about The Pedestal rent and hire van on pavement.

Cllr Seymour asked if we had any further information on the Friend at Hand as locals believed that squatters might be in residence. The Clerk will contact PC Iain Bryce and also ask him to look at areas around the village for under age drinking.

The Clerk had reported damage to the wooden bus shelter in Bradenham Road – a temporary repair has been carried out but a full repair will have to be included in next year's precept.

Next meeting will be on 14th October at 8pm in The Church Room

There being no other business; the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.15pm