

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2005
AT 8.00P.M. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs J. Smith in the Chair, Mr R. Seymour,
Mr F. Downes, Mr D. Callaghan, Mrs A. Harris, Mrs C. Dakin (8.30pm)
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk
Mr Nick Phillips – Property Manager, The National Trust

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:
Cllr M. Gerrard

TO DECLARE ANY PECUNIARY, NON-PECUNIARY, PERSONAL OR PRIVATE
INTERESTS: Cllr Mrs Dakin declared an interest re 22 Copperfields

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF THE JANUARY 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 Gerrard and the Clerk have had a meeting with Jo Tiddy of WDC re the
Conservation Area Character study

The Clerk has made an interim VAT claim to increase our bank balance.

Dave Chapman of BCC advised the Clerk that cats eyes are only ever installed when
a site is reengineered. This was questioned and Cllr Downes will investigate further.
The pavement between Beechwood Road and the Pedestal has been resurfaced.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

103.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 11th JANUARY – 9th FEBRUARY

1. Minutes from Thames Valley Police meeting re anti social behaviour
2. Email from Jean Fox, Rural Housing keeping us informed that she wants to talk to David Gibbon at WDC re sites in West Wycombe Parish for affordable housing.
3. Email from Anne James, Bucks CC re cycle path – clerk has responded
4. Letter from Mr Eric Stacey asking about lighting, pavements and trees in Chapel Lane and a copy of his objection to WDC re the planning application for 8 Chapel Lane.
5. Letter from West Wycombe WI asking if they could sponsor a memorial tree in the burial ground to commemorate the anniversaries of the Bucks and National Federation – the Clerk will reply in the affirmative.
6. The South East Plan – draft for public consultation – passed to Cllr Callaghan
7. Standards Committee Update
8. WDC letter to Chairman
9. BCC – South East Plan – pre consultation
10. Matter Arising Newsletter
11. ODPM – Authorisation of the Qualified Person and Amendments to Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 re The Freedom of Information Act – details
12. Policy Parliamentary Affairs Update – Planning for Gypsy & Traveller Sites
13. Copy of email from David Devine chasing action on Rider on Call

14. Letter from Mrs Newman of Chorley Road re her perception of the vandalism and her feeling that we are painting the situation worse than it is and that some young people will live up to their reputation. Copy given to all Councillors. This was discussed between Councillors and Mrs Newman and a written response is not required. A piece will be placed in Contact.
15. Notification to apply for transfer of licence for The George & Dragon Hotel and Wine Shop to Susan Raines.
16. Notice from BCA about a meeting on Parish Plans– Friday 4th March, Brill Memorial Hall – 10 - 3.30pm – passed to Cllr Callaghan.
17. WDALC Minutes – next meeting on 10th March – we are not able to attend as it is Parish Council meeting day.
18. WDALC training session on Thursday 14th April speaker from NALC – we will not attend as it is a Parish Council night.
19. Letter from Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council offering a donation towards the footpath between Piddington & West Wycombe. Clerk will write back advising the Parish Council that a request must be made to the Local Area Committee with the suggested contribution figure towards the project and that it is not a project coordinated by our Parish Council.
20. Letter from BALC regarding the recommended SLCC terms and conditions – copy given to all Councillors.
21. The Playing Field Newsletter
22. Yours Guide to Road Safety in Buckinghamshire.
23. Thank you letter from West Wycombe Cricket Club for our donation towards the new practise nets.
24. Locality Forum partnership Higher Care Standards
25. DEFRA – Lean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill and Vibrant Local Leadership.

103.2 PLANNING

JRC/04/08205/FUL -23 Bradenham Road – construction of 2 storey side extension – permit

AD/04/08042/FUL – 31 Portway Drive const of single storey rear extension (alteration to scheme 03/08094/FUL) – permit

PECS/04/08171/CTREE - 44 Church Lane – fell 2 lilacs and one apple tree – permit, not to place a TPO.

AHC/04/08240/TPO –West Wycombe Park – fell 10 ash, 2 horse chestnut, 2 elder, crown reduce by 30% to 1 yew, crown lift to 4 metres, 1 ash – grant consent

SFB/05/05044/FUL – 8 Chapel Lane – constr of single storey rear extension, rear dormer window & conversion to form 4 x 1 bed flats – concern about number of vehicles, turning circle, extra pressure on services; access onto Chapel Lane – suggest a conversion to 2 flats would be more appropriate.

SFB/05/05115/FUL – The Apple Orchard – change of use to first floor flat from residential to A1 retail showroom – feel very strongly that this is the right thing to do, it will improve the quality of life for the neighbours.

VJB/05/05220/FUL - 22 Copperfields –no objection as long as the final result is the creation of two permanent and appropriately surfaced off street parking spaces with dropped kerbs.

103.3 BURIAL GROUND – to resolve to place an order for 3 gates

1 set of style 31 double gates and posts (not oak) £724 plus VAT; a small oak gate, preparing the path from car park to burial ground, edging and surface treatment, removal of spoil - £695 plus VAT. It was resolved to place an order for these.

Cllr Seymour will speak Mrs Maramao/lacifiano about the proliferation of baskets on the grave space. If he is not able to do this the Clerk will write to her. Mr Platt has made enquiries about vases along the grave and he has been advised that once the headstone is erected the vases must be removed.

- 103.4 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – to receive a report on the latest activity
The action taken by the police on behalf of residents is currently producing positive results.
- 103.5 PARISH PLAN
Cllr Callaghan reported that the distribution plan is now set up and he hopes to be able to have the questionnaires available very soon. He reported that June Churchill of WDC is holding a meeting on 7th April, 7.30 – 9pm at The Hub, Easton Street, covering update on Community Plan, Transport Plan etc Cllr Mrs Harris has met up with the Student Youth Council, explaining the role of the parish council, finding out their needs and suggesting that they make posters on community awareness. An incentive will be given for people to return their questionnaires.
- 103.6 REPORT ON HIGHWAYS, LIGHTING AND FOOTPATHS
Footway from The Swan to Village Hall is in need of repair and we will wait and see what happens when they carry out the current round of repairs before we put in a request for work. We will write to BCC re the state of the rumble surface at either end of the village.
- 103.7 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES
Cheques and standing orders were approved for BCC, Mrs S. Henson, Thames Water and Chiltern Paving
It was resolved to approve the accounts.
- 103.8 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS
Cllr Mrs Snelling reported that District Councillors have been given a small fund for distribution. They have decided to share it between their three parishes. It was suggested that they contact the Church Warden and see if a sign could be made in connection with the Silver Apple Award.
The National Trust Home Front project has been scaled down and they have found another source of funding but it is still going ahead.
- 103.9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Thursday 10th March in The Church Room at 8pm
There being no other business; the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm