

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 14th JULY 2005
AT 8.00 PM. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Chairman , Mr R Seymour, Mr D. Callaghan,
Mrs A. Harris, Mr F. Downes, Mrs C. Dakin, Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

District Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:
Mr Nick Phillips – Property Manager, The National Trust

DUE TO THE SUDDEN DEATH OF FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, MIKE GERRARD
and THE LONDON BOMBINGS, THE CHAIRMAN ASKED EVERYONE PRESENT
TO STAND FOR TWO MINUTES SILENCE

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

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF THE JUNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

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

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. The Clerk and Mr Nick Phillips are putting pressure on the architect section of
The National Trust to put forward their comments on the replacement lights in
the High Street.
2. The Rider on Call meeting on 11th July was cancelled until the results of the
survey from Saunderton station are known. The Bledlow route passengers
have increased to nearly 300 journeys per week.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

108.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 10th JUNE – 7th JULY 2005

1. Letter from Sir Edward re his current planning application for Chorley Farm.
2. Copy of letter to Dr Robson re West Wycombe Burial Ground Car park from
St Lawrence PCC
3. Emails from Ian Reed, Local Area Coordinator BCC re gates – we have to
organise washing, Chapel Lane – no further signs are planned and trees –
they will be trimmed back off the signs.
4. Email from West Wycombe Estate re fireworks ensuring they will try to reduce
the amount of debris landing in neighbours gardens.
5. DEFRA – Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 – Clerk to receive
training on this later in the year.
6. WDC – High Wycombe Masterplan Workshop – 21st July 17.30 – 21.30 at
The Hub, Easton Street
7. WDC – Notification of Banner Homes appeal to Sec of State on application
for 6 houses
8. WDC – Announcement of the Wycombe Design Award 2005
9. In Focus magazine – Bucks Community Action
10. Campaign to Protect Rural England – renewal of subscription – decided not to
renew.
11. Notification of Local Transport Guide June 2005
12. BCC – launch of Bucksonline – the website is linked.

13. Highways Agency newsletter re Handy Cross junction improvement – exhibition now cancelled due to contractual problems over the price.
14. NALC Guide to 'Pointers to Good Practice'
15. WDC – free travel notice
16. Buckinghamshire Times
17. Letter from Jeff Emmett re planning application 373 resolving an access issue – added to the planning papers.
18. Report from Mr Nick Phillips asking about our feelings for a Summer Fete on top of the hill Broad Walk. Councillors thought it would be a good idea for the community and would support it but everyone is too committed in other areas to organise it. He also reports that no one wants a meeting re the Scout Hut therefore unless there is further trouble he will close the file for now. He has arranged for a contractor to level the yard by The Swan – they will make direct contact with Miss Barry.
19. Email from the WDC Licensing Authority stating that The Plough is varying its licence – extended hours to sell alcohol from 10am – midnight Monday – Thursday; 10am – 1am the following morning Friday and Saturday, and 12noon – midnight Sundays. To remain open 30 minutes after the sale of alcohol has ended to allow drinking up. Recorded and live music, limited to 2 performers (which they have also said they will keep windows closed when this occurring to reduce noise heard from outside Monday – Sunday 20.00 – 23.00. Parish Councils are now accepted as consultees – we do not think it is appropriate that the time is extended, as this pub is a terraced property with residential properties attached on either side – we feel that these hours do not harmonise with the nature and character of the village.
20. High Wycombe Masterplan Workshop – we will not be attending.
21. Email from Mike Henson with statistics on our website – Clerk will circulate to all Councillors. Cllr Callaghan has noticed that one of the drop down menus does not have a complete background colour. Clerk has checked with administrator and he thinks that there may be a problem with the users graphics card. Clerk has no problem on her laptop.
22. WDC asking for help to confirm where the next issue of Community Voice has been delivered – this should occur by August 5th. Councillors please advise Clerk if copy does not appear.

108.2 PLANNING

Applications

AHC/05/06397/TPO – eastern boundary of West Wycombe Park – fell ash, 2 sycamores, 1 larch; crown reduce by 50% 1 larch; crown reduce to leave pole to 2 beech – no objection.

MJD/05/06401/FUL – 373 West Wycombe Road – demolition of house and double garage and erection of block of 6 x 1 bed flats with assoc covered parking, bin store and secure cycle storage – we are still concerned about the effect on Copperfields caused by the increase in traffic and parked cars. One bedroomed flats could still have two cars each and therefore the parking provision is inadequate. We would like some conditions imposed to ensure that the property is properly managed; currently the existing house is in multiple occupancy and the whole area is looking extremely neglected with refuse bins etc left on the pavement.

JRC/05/064000/FUL – 426 West Wycombe Road – const of porch extension, det garage and retaining wall, all to side – no objections

05/06529/FUL- Land & farm buildings at Chorley Farm, West Wycombe – part dem & part conversion of existing buildings to form B8 (storage) and B1 (business) units with associated access & parking – no objection in principal, but would like to know what is planned for the western side of the entrance

(Clerk has spoken to WWE – the two large barns are going to be clad with shiplap and the area will be landscaped the other barn is to be demolished and becomes car parking) and if a gate is to be erected, will it be set back enough to allow ingress of the very large lorries (gate will be erected and set back and an extra lay bye is being created).

108.3 TO CONSIDER ASKING FOR FUNDING FROM THE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE TO BUILD A NEW PIECE OF PAVEMENT LEADING TO THE SCHOOL

Cllr Mrs Smith attended the Local Area Committee and was advised that we should be submitting our bids now. It was resolved to ask for a pavement to be created on the eastern side of West Wycombe Hill Road as The National Trust are prepared to release the land for the project. The speed review for Area 4 should be implemented in September and Area 5 will go for Public Consultation this Autumn, funding is part of the issue for the legal adverts. Parishes have been advised that we could buy in to a Community Support Officer – we could consider this once we have extra funds from Quality Status.

The subject of grass cutting was raised and the attendees were advised that a conference was going to discuss it.

Cllr Downes asked about the Piddington footpath – it was restated that Piddington and Wheeler End have been asked to submit for this (Clerk will email letter to Cllr Downes.)

Clerk will ask for a site visit for dropped kerbs and the school pavement.

Cllr Downes, as the Parish Councils representative on the Governing body reported that the school would no longer use the Pedestal playing field. He pointed out that County are paying for use of the land and its maintenance has to be paid for from the school budget.

108.4 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON ELECTRONIC PLANNING BY WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that as from January 2006 the WDC will cease forwarding large paper plans, and will expect all planning issues to be dealt with electronically. We will need to decide how we deal with plans after this time. It was suggested that the Clerk print off a set and that those Councillors who are able, should look at them on line prior to attending the meeting. There could be issues when it is an extremely large application. The Clerk reported that sizing up software is being added to the system.

108.5 THE BURIAL GROUND – to report on the recent meeting with the church

The Chairman received a verbal complaint littered with expletives from a local resident as the maintenance contractor had an argument with him over his dog fouling the grass. He also complained that the gate into the top field was locked – this has been done by the shepherd as the sheep are grazing there and we do not want a repeat of them escaping into the burial ground.

The Chairman, Cllrs Seymour and Callaghan and the Clerk met with Rev Lacey, Dr Dods, Beverley Cope and John Bucknall to discuss the issue of parking in the burial ground car park. The Church accepted that the Parish Council were legally in the right and that the only way to alter the situation was for the Diocesan Solicitor to draw up a change to the agreement allowing the car park to be used for the burial ground and also for church services.

This was one of the options we had considered and we have given the Church permission to write to Dr Robson to investigate the situation. The church would pay for any legal work. We would have to ensure that the legal

document included insurance by the church for use of the car park by church users and that a maintenance agreement was included.
It was agreed that until the situation with the church is resolved we would not pay out for any signs at the moment.

108.6 HIGH WAYS ISSUES

Ian Reed of Bucks County Council advised us that we would have to wash our own gates – Cllr Mrs Harris and the Clerk have offered to do this.
Councillors reported that the Pedestal garage have started to sell cars from the corner of the verge.

A resident has reported that one of the street lights in the West Wycombe Road is on all day; the Clerk will report the loose cover on the light by bus stop; Clerk will chase Bucks CC re the engineering of the Pedestal roundabout – Clerk has spoken to Russell Crockford at BCC and arranged a site meeting to discuss this, the dropped kerbs and the proposed pavement.

108.7 TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR JULY 2005 AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Cheques and standing orders for Mrs S. Henson, Bucks County Council, Lawrence Landscapes, Southern Electric, Southern Electric Contracting, Thames Water, Cllr Callaghan (gift voucher for Parish Plan winners)
It was resolved to approve the accounts.

108.8 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Mrs Harris reported that the dog fouling situation has improved.

The Clerk reported that the Councillor Vacancy Notices have been posted.

108.9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 8th September. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm

The Clerk will be on holiday from Tuesday 9th August and resume work on Wednesday 31st August. Planning applications will be forwarded to Councillors as normal and responses should be either phoned through or emailed to the Parish Council office.