

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 12th MAY 2005
AT 8.00 PM. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

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

Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: None

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

Cllr Mrs Dakin declared an interest in the 10 Copperfields planning application.

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF THE APRIL 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. Thames & Chilterns in Bloom Association – Britain in Bloom – we are too late to enter this year.
2. The Clerk attended an Emergency Planning meeting and has been asked to review documents. It was agreed that a sub committee would look at the documents for comment.
3. Cllr Mrs Smith and the Clerk attended the WDALC meeting where NALC members gave a presentation.
4. Cllr Mrs Smith and the Clerk attended a Rider on Call meeting – West Wycombe has the greatest use and we were thanked for our efforts in publicising the service. Next meeting on 11th July neither Clerk nor Cllr Smith can attend. Cllr Seymour will attend and possibly Cllr Downes.
5. Cllrs Mrs Teesdale reported that June Churchill of WDC would like a meeting with Cllr Callaghan and Cllr Seymour.
6. Mr Phillips reported that he spoken to the Scout Association regarding the usage of the Scout Hut and the grounds in Chapel Lane. Some work has been carried out to tidy it up but there is still a lot more to be done. The National Trust would like to see the area more controlled. It is hoped that a new troop will be created.
7. Mr Phillips reported that the area behind the hut and in the park is being used as a camp by youths, which will be taken down. There is a camp being built in the small group of trees by the Pedestal

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

106.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 14TH APRIL – 12TH MAY

1. Letters from Mr Paul Hayday re the Burial Ground Car park
2. Letter from Rev Nigel Lacey re the Burial Ground Car Park
3. Letters from Allan Janes re Burial Ground Car park
4. Letter from WDC Planning Enforcement re RH Autos sign on fence - now removed.
5. Letter from WDC Planning explaining decision on 8 Chapel Lane.
6. Letter from Highways Agency with plans for Handy Cross
7. Minutes of WDC Rural Forum – next meeting in October

8. Safer Routes to School Newsletter
9. Southern Electric Contracting Street Lighting Maintenance Charges
10. Acknowledgement from SEERA of our comments on the South East Plan
11. Celebration of Trafalgar Day – 21st – 23rd October
12. BCC Early Years Development Newsletter
13. WDC –Development framework consultation – Imagine the Future
14. BCC – poster urging recycling
15. WDC thank you letter from Cllr Hugh McCarthy for replying to SEERA consultation document
16. CAB Newsletter

106.2 PLANNING

Applications

West Wycombe County Combined School – single classroom extension for reception class and new IT classroom extension to existing hall – copy of comments to BCC from WDC - no objection in principal subject to due consideration being given to the impact of the proposed development on the rural character of the Chilterns AONB, the open character of this built-up area of the Green Belt and the historic character of the West Wycombe Conservation Area and that a traffic management plan should be agreed to limit size of lorries, that damage to road surfaces and verges are repaired and that parents do not park blocking local residents accesses/garages.

JRC/05/05756/FUL – 10 Copperfields – construction of conservatory to side – no objection

AHC/05/05750/TPO – West Wycombe Park – fell one taxus baccata amended to trim back to boundary wall – no objection

Decisions

VJB/05/05428/FUL – amended plans – 8 Chapel Lane –insertion of two rear dormers in connection with loft conversion – permit with letter of explanation for decision.

VJB/05/05473/FUL – 21 Bradenham Road – constr of part two-storey, part single storey front and side extension – permit

SFB/05/05115/FUL – The Apple Orchard – change of use to first floor flat from residential to A1 retail showroom – refused

106.3 TO CONSIDER ANY ISSUES RAISED AT THE ANNUAL PARISH

The Clerk will contact West Wycombe Estate re fireworks.

106.4 TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR MAY 2005 AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Cheques and standing orders for Mrs S. Henson, Bucks County Council, Allan Janes, Thames Water, Post Office, Jacobs Babbie and West Wycombe Village Stores. The first payment of the precept has been received. It was resolved to approve the accounts.

106.5 TO REVIEW THE PARISH PLAN, ANNUAL REPORT AND PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The response to the Parish Plan should be in by 20th May, they will then be analysed.

The Annual Report will be distributed via Contact.

The website will be paid for on a three year contract with Mike Henson Presentations, this will fund the creation and maintenance. Year 1 £1500, Year 2 £1200, Year 3 £1200. all prices plus VAT. The Parish Council must have a meeting to discuss other items to be put on the website. Those people who had looked at it made favourable comments. Mike Henson had made

suggestions to encourage regular visits to the site e.g. competitions with prizes donated by local businesses. Posters will be created and we will make sure the library is aware of the site. We are aware that the current photos are very much of the village; Chiltern Society photographers will take other photos of the parish, which will then be added.

106.6 THE BURIAL GROUND

We had received letters from Paul Hayday asking about the locking of the burial ground car park and issues with parking. The Clerk has written and explained the situation.

We received a very antagonistic letter from Revd Nigel Lacey about erecting the gates and subsequent locking and threatening legal action. As a consequence of the tone of the letter, legal advice was sought and given which totally supported our understanding of our legal position regarding the Burial Ground i.e. we are the only legal users of the land and we have fully complied with the Diocesan contract. A letter to this effect will be sent to Rev Lacey as well as the Church Wardens and the PCC Secretary.

Due to the current issues we will not be doing any work to the boundary fence. The issues of non-burial parking will be discussed at the June meeting.

106.7 REPORT ON HIGHWAYS, LIGHTING AND FOOTPATHS – including

Pedestal roundabout needs new engineering. Highways on Call have responded very quickly to recent request e.g. storm mess. Reg's Island now complete, Bradenham Road lights now installed. The Clerk will write to BCC re the quality of the recent surfacing of the pavements – not level, puddling. BT replaced the covers in the High Street, the loose granite kerbs have been reported, as has the damaged sign at end of Chorley Road/Slough Lane. Mix sign is for a one-year trial. The Clerk will ask BCC to remove post which had kill your speed sign on in Chorley Road. Building Control has visited the Friend at Hand and reported that it is a safe structure. Light outside Paul's Newsagent not working – Clerk will report.

Site visit for grips at bottom of Towerage opposite cricket gate

106.8 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Mrs Harris reported that the Health Network were asking the question – do we want more facilities supplied by pharmacies – yes.

Cllr Downes asked her to ask 'Antibiotics can be bought over the counter in Europe why not here.'

Cllr Downes as Chairman of the St Lawrence Trust asked for the Parish Council's view on having a brown tourist sign erected on the existing Caves sign, to 'advertise' St Lawrence Church –Councillors thought it would be a good idea.

106.9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 9th June. Clerk will not be working from 30th May –7th June. Agenda will be issued for meeting but it may not be as detailed as normal.

There being no other business; the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm