

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 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, Mrs C. Dakin, Mr N. Timberlake (from 9pm delayed on M40),  
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk  
Mr Nick Phillips – Property manager, The National Trust  
District Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:

Cllr Frank Downes who was attending a BCC three-day conference.

TO APPOINT A CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR AND SIGNING THE DECLARATION OF  
ACCEPTANCE – delayed until 9.30pm due to Cllr Timberlake being delayed due to a  
road traffic accident on the M40.

Having advertised the vacancy for a Councillor following the death of Michael  
Gerrard, Mr Neil Timberlake of Portway Drive was co-opted as a Councillor and  
signed the declaration of acceptance. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Timberlake and  
Cllr Timberlake thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to work for his  
community but was sorry that this had been caused by the death of Michael Gerrard,  
for whom he had a great deal of respect.

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

None declared

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

1. Jacobs Babbie are creating a design for the High Street lighting scheme – it  
had been previously agreed that we could not keep waiting for the architect  
section of The National Trust to put forward their comments on the  
replacement lights in the High Street.
2. Cllr Seymour and the Clerk had met up with Russell Crockford of BCC to  
discuss the planned pavement, dropped kerbs and safety barrier for West  
Wycombe Hill Road – the cost would be £9,500 and a letter has been sent to  
the Area Committee to see if they would fund it.
3. A hearing for The Ploughs licence variation took place in August.
4. Cllrs Mrs Smith, Mr Callaghan and the Clerk attended an excellent training  
session on the Code of Conduct held at WDC.
5. Cllrs Mrs Smith, and Seymour and the Clerk attended a discussion called by  
Mr Nick Phillips to come up with suggestions for improving the ‘first  
impressions and presentation of the village’.
6. Cllr Mrs Harris and the Clerk washed and scrubbed the white ‘entrance  
gates’.
7. Community Voice - not all Councillors or the Clerk had received this. WDC  
will be advised of this at the next Clerks Meeting in October.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS  
MEETING REOPENED

109.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 15<sup>th</sup> JULY – 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2005

1. Letter from The Plough questioning our comments re their Variation of Licence
2. Members Guide to Licensing Act 2003
3. BCC – results of the Saunderton Station Rider on Call Survey - circulated
4. BCC – notification of planning permission for West Wycombe School with conditions for a Traffic Management Plan.
5. BCC Notification of Transportation Symposium – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2006
6. BCC – South East Plan – Consultation on district level housing figures will take place in October.
7. WDC – letter stating that changes and additions to street names and numbering will be charged to the authority requesting the change or addition.
8. Safer routes to school newsletter - circulated
9. Rural Housing Trust – advice that they will be at Royal County Show, Berkshire, 17/18<sup>th</sup> September
10. Minutes of WDALC Meeting and Agenda for next meeting on September 15 – passed to Cllr Mrs Smith.
11. M40 Chilterns Environmental Group – Brochure on Making the M40 a better motorway through the Chilterns – passed to Mr Nick Phillips and another copy put on circulation.
12. Countryside Agency – Conclusive map of registered common land and open country – applies from October 2005.
13. Local Works – Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill – we do not have a problem with our community, which is thriving.
14. BCC and Government of the South East – Waste and Minerals - circulated
15. Update on the South East Plan – circulated.
16. Notification of the publication of – Practical Guide to Tackling Anti Social Behaviour
17. Matters Arising - newsletter from BALC - circulated
18. Grass Roots Newsletter - circulated
19. WDC – Telecommunications Advice Note - circulated
20. The Playing Field Newsletter - circulated
21. Big Times Newsletter – information for voluntary and community groups - circulated
22. WDC Notice of hearing (unless previously discussed and agreed) on September 15<sup>th</sup> for the George & Dragon. We have also received a letter stating that the applicant will not be requesting that the store room and off licences area will be used for any other licensable activities.
23. WDC Letter and licence for The Plough
24. WDC letter stating that they have forwarded our comment about The Pedestal Garage licence conversion application to the police.
25. WDC - Imagine the Future meetings being held in the district – 27<sup>th</sup> Sept - Kings Centre; 29<sup>th</sup> Sept –Court Garden; 4<sup>th</sup> Oct – John Hampden School; 19<sup>th</sup> Oct - Princes Risborough Community Centre – circulated.
26. Creative Memorials - Cheque and approval sought for memorial for Mr Raymond Carter – the stone has already been erected.
27. Email from Mr Lennart Dehn re trees in Cookshall Lane and a copy of letter sent to Sir Edward regarding the extremely noisy wedding, which took place over the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> September – passed to The National Trust. The Clerk will do her best regarding the trees.
28. Notification of a SLCC regional one-day conference on 30<sup>th</sup> September at a cost of £38 per day – covers reducing anti-social behaviour; community partnerships and tackling vandalism; conduct of meetings; risk assessment and professional update. – it was agreed that the Clerk should attend.

29. Letter of apology from West Wycombe Estate in relation to the extremely noisy wedding, which took place in the park on the 4<sup>th</sup> September. Clerk will circulate on notice boards and in shops and on the website.
30. Together we Can – Wycombe Community Safety Partnership – Notice of meetings in Marlow (31<sup>st</sup> October) and Princes Risborough (8<sup>th</sup> November)

## 109.2 PLANNING

### Applications

**AHC/05/06665/TPO – 25a Portway Drive** – remove one ash branch, raise crown by 50% to sycamore (2). Remove two branches to sycamore (1) – no objection

### Decisions

**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 – grant consent

**JRC/05/064000/FUL – 426 West Wycombe Road** – const of porch extension, det garage and retaining wall, all to side – permit.

**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 – permit

Cllr Mrs Harris has been contacted by a neighbour who reported that a property near could be sold to developers – no plans have been received. We are also watching the land at the top of Beechwood Road.

Listed building status cannot be applied for on West Wycombe School as it is not old enough and was not built by a renowned architect, however as it is in the Conservation Area it does have some protection.

## 109.3 TO DISCUSS MAINTENANCE ISSUES IN THE PARISH –INCLUDING THE NEED FOR BRADENHAM ROAD BUS SHELTER AND NOTICEBOARD REPAIRS

Cllr Seymour recommended Paul Smith of Piddington for the repair work and he will be asked to supply a quote for the work. Cllr Teesdale offered a contribution of £100 from her WDC Fund for maintenance work on the Notice boards – this will be given in March.

## 109.4 QUALITY STATUS SUBMISSION – update

The portfolio was submitted during the summer break and the assessment panel met today, 8<sup>th</sup> September and we were awarded Quality Status. Cllr Richard Pushman will make the presentation. The Clerk will ask if he can attend at our next meeting. If he is able, the Press will be invited to attend and Mike Henson in order that a photo can be taken for our website.

## 109.5 THE BURIAL GROUND – MAINTENANCE

No further major works are planned, however we will investigate signs for the gate – West Wycombe Parish Council and Please close the gate.

Creative Memorials had submitted a request for approval for a memorial to Mr Raymond Carter, however they have already erected the stone – there were no objections to the stone. Cllr Seymour will check it's positioning and if there is an issue then we will make contact with Creative Memorials.

## 109.6 REPORT ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES – INCLUDING LIGHTING

The Clerk has reported broken posts at the top of Church Lane and damaged granite kerbstones. The Clerk will make contact BCC regarding the Cookshall Lane trees growing in the playing field which need cutting back.

The Clerk reported concerns that many of the grass areas and edges of pavements were encroaching on the pavement and that major cutting back work needed to be carried out. If BCC cannot do it then we may need to budget for it in the future as part of our parishes overall presentation.

109 7 TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2005 AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

During the summer break cheques were issued to Hacker Young for the audit; NALC to accompany our submission for Quality Status; Southern Electric Contracting.

Cheques and standing orders for Mrs S. Henson, Bucks County Council, British Telecom, SLCC – Regional Conference.

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

109.8 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllrs Mrs Smith, Mrs Harris and the Clerk had all received complaints about the volume of noise and the anti social hours relating to the recent wedding in West Wycombe Park. Cllr Mrs Harris was appalled at the response of both the police and the environmental health department who failed to act on the night and to date had not responded to her noise complaint within the stated time. District Cllr Mrs Teesdale agreed to chase this up with WDC. The Parish Council would be writing an official letter of complaint to West Wycombe Estate and also to The National Trust as owners of West Wycombe Park.

Cllr Mrs Harris reported the recent press report stating that people would now be sent to Stoke Mandeville for A & E type surgery. It was agreed to write to Cllr Wendy Mallen who is WDC Health Spokesperson and register our concerns for the hospital service in our area. Cllr Mrs Harris stated that the Primary Care Trust has never asked opinions for important decisions. Cllr Mrs Teesdale suggested that someone attend our MP's surgery.

Cllrs Callaghan and Seymour reported that coaches have replaced some bus services – the effect of this is that the journey can become more expensive as they cannot use the coach ticket on Rider on Call.

Cllr Seymour reported that some of the Rider on Call journeys could be quite lengthy, depending on the route taken.

Cllr Mrs Smith reminded everyone to use the Web site forum.

109.9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm