

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2006  
AT 8.00 PM. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Chairman, Mr R. Seymour, Mr D. Callaghan, Mr N. Timberlake, Mrs C. Dakin, Mr F. Downes, Mrs A Harris. Mrs S. Henson, Clerk  
Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale – District Councillor  
6 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:  
Mr N. Phillips – The National Trust

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE JULY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

TO DECLARE ANY PECUNIARY, NON-PECUNIARY, PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS: Cllr Timberlake declared an interest in the item on the Library as he is a member of the West Wycombe Library Action Group.  
Cllr Downes as a County Councillor with the portfolio for property declared an interest in the item on the Library.

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. The base and connections for the pollution monitor are ready for delivery of the unit on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August. WDC will send the Parish Council a cheque, on a quarterly basis to refund electricity.
2. Wycombe Air Park JCC will be making contact to see if we would like to send a representative to their meetings in future.
3. Residents of Copperfields are having a meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Church Room with our District Councillors re the problems they are experiencing.
4. Rider on Call meeting is at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> August
5. Richard Ward is the BCC contact re the Euro Freight Rail project

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS  
MEETING REOPENED

120.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 20<sup>th</sup> July – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2006

1. Letter from Cllr David Shakespeare (BCC) re reduction in Council budget over the next three years.
2. Letter from Mr Peter Mussett BCC re the proposed mobile library service. We will have 2.00pm – 5.30pm on Wednesday and 10am – 1pm on alternate Saturdays. This is acceptable to us but if they have surplus hours we would like to have more.
3. Letter from BCC re Local Community Accessibility – the Stokenchurch Marlow areas are being looked at first
4. Letter from West Wycombe Library Action Group re their proposal for the Parish Council to have an office in the library building.
5. Notification by Allianz Cornhill of our lighting claim in the Bradenham Road.
6. Letter from Southern Electric advising business customers of an increase in tariffs.
7. Matters Arising - circulate
8. The Playing Field - circulate
9. Quote for Map of Hill sign from Landmark at £560 plus VAT and artwork at £140. Clerk is able to produce the artwork. Councillors will have the final design to approve and at that point they can decide where they would like the sign to be placed then a 'you are here' mark can be added.
10. Quote from Shelley Signs for Map of Hill at £795 plus VAT including artwork.

11. Invitation from Thames Valley Police for a meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September at 18.45pm at BCUC Chalfont St Giles to talk about Neighbourhood Policing and PCSO's - Cllr Callaghan will try to attend. Clerk to forward papers.
12. A guide to Local Environmental Quality – Litter and the Law.
13. Hacker Young have signed off the accounts and the notice has been up on Notice boards to this effect from 24<sup>th</sup> July for 14 days.
14. Invitation from BCC to attend a meeting on public transport requirements on either the afternoon of 18<sup>th</sup> September at The Kings Arms Hotel, Stokenchurch or in the morning at Court Gardens, Marlow on 19<sup>th</sup> September. The Clerk and Cllr Seymour will attend and also ask Miss Carter if she would like to attend. They want people to go who use public transport services.
15. Letter from West Wycombe PCC thanking the Parish Council for paying for the repairs to the Church Loft Clock at the beginning of the year.
16. WDALC Minutes of the March and June meetings and the annual subscription renewal.

## 120.2 PLANNING

### Decisions

**SDN/06/06408/ADV – Pedestal Roundabout** – display of 3 non-illuminated free standing sponsorship acknowledgement signs – refused

### Applications

**SDN/06/06841/ADV – 355 West Wycombe Road** - Display of double sided pole mounted non- illuminated sign (retrospective) – no objection

**SDN/06/06816/FUL – Plot 28 Copperfields Site** – erection of detached 4 bed dwelling (amendment to house type and garaging to plot 28 of pp 03/05441/REM – no objection although the roof of the garage seems high.

## 120.3 TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL BY WEST WYCOMBE LIBRARY ACTION GROUP FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL TO HAVE AN OFFICE IN THE BUILDING

Cllr Timberlake reported that significant money has been raised to meet BCC's requirement for volunteer groups to submit business plans. The business plan has been created and is about to be finalised by the committee. The WWLAG committee put forward an offer for the Parish Council to have an office in the building. The Parish Council asked if a lockable office 2m x 3m could be supplied with access to broadband and permission to install a telephone line and what the costs would be. After lengthy discussions, referring to members of WWLAG committee, who said that they had not planned to divide the room up with walls and felt that a screened area with a lockable cupboard was how they envisaged the office operating at a cost of £500, Councillors agreed that this would not be suitable and could not go forward with an arrangement, however it was agreed that the Parish Council would like to use the Library for Parish Council meetings if the times and rates are convenient and affordable.

## 120.4 TO CONSIDER CARRYING OUT FURTHER MAINTENANCE ISSUES IN THE PARISH.

It was agreed that Simon and Caroline Henson would be paid a total of £50 for rubbing down and painting the two gates on the western approach to the village and clearing the weeds around Cutty Alley and other areas in the village. High visibility jackets, gloves and all materials for carrying out the work would be supplied.

## 120.5 HIGHWAYS ISSUES - INCLUDING LIGHTING

The school pavement project and dropped kerbs are now complete and work has started on the Pedestal Roundabout. There will be some publicity about the path in conjunction with the School Travel Plan and BCC. Seven of the new lights in the High Street and Bradenham Road have been jointed.

120.6 TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR AUGUST 2006 AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Cheques and standing orders for Mrs S. Henson, Bucks County Council Crossing Patrol and cheques for WDALC, Lawrence Landscapes, Alastair Hunt, Hacker Young. It was resolved to approve the monthly accounts.

120.7 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Mrs Smith reported that The National Trust will be cutting down the lime trees near The Caves as they are diseased and in a dangerous condition.

Cllr Mrs Smith reported that Mrs Manning was deeply upset that West Wycombe Estate had cut back areas of blackberries in the woods on top of the hill. Councillors have carried out a site visit and as it is private land and there are still large quantities of blackberries available for picking there is nothing more the Parish Council or The National Trust can do.

Residents along the West Wycombe Road, near Copperfields have asked if bollards, similar to those at the top of Chapel Lane could be erected to prevent cars parking there and hindering visibility. We will write to the Local Area Committee and Cllr Downes will also ask BCC.

Cllr Downes reported on a press conference re the recent alleged terrorist arrests in an attempt to maintain harmony in the community.

The Clerk will write to Jim Stevens at BCC re VAS suggested sites – Bradenham Road Bridge, Ness Cottage.

The Clerk will contact BCC re the speed road signs along the Bradenham Road

Concerns expressed about Governorship at the school. As Cllr Mrs Dakin has not been invited to a meeting and the Clerk has not received a reply to either our letter or emails. Because of a change in constitution, it has now been discovered that Cllr Downes could only be an LEA Governor, however there are already three LEA Governors and Cllr Downes will be resigning. The Clerk will write to the Chair of Governors asking if they wished Cllr Mrs Dakin to join them as a Community Governor to maintain and continue the good relationship that has always existed between the School and the Parish Council.

120.8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September in the Church Room at 8pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm