

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2006
AT 8.00 PM. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Chairman, Mr R. Seymour, Mr F. Downes,
Mr D. Callaghan, Mrs A. Harris, Mrs C. Dakin, Mr N. Timberlake
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk 3 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:

Mr N. Phillips – Property Manager, The National Trust
District Cllrs Mr McEnnis and Mrs Teesdale as they have to attend a WDC meeting.

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

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

1. The Clerk wrote to BCC about stickers to discourage parking on pavements. The response received was unrelated to the question, she has asked Mike Knights assistant to see if we can get a more helpful answer.
2. The traffic light will start working on 15th February (school half term).

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

114.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 13th January – 9th February 2006

1. Letter from BCC re pavement parking – does not answer the question we asked
2. Letter from BCC re the Pedestal Roundabout sponsorship
3. Letter from Scottish & Southern Power re Church Clock and cheque for £220
4. Letter from BCC re charging of emergency Parish Lighting repairs at £250 per call out – only likely after night time road traffic accident.
5. Letter from Mr Paul Goodman with a response from the Minister re Affordable Housing
6. Letter and leaflet from BCC about Recycling
7. Invitation from The Rural Housing Trust to an 'open house' at Bledlow
8. Initial costing from Mike Appleyard for West Wycombe Library
9. Copy of email from WDC to The National Trust relating to trees in St Lawrence Churchyard
10. Application form for Local Council Review Website of the Year Award
11. Certificate from the Institute of Cemetery Management
12. Copy of letter sent to WDC Planning Department from The National Trust stating that they have a covenant on the land at 473 West Wycombe Road stating that it can only be used for a single dwelling, which they would enforce.
13. Email from Cllr Mrs Wendy Mallen stating that WDC has asked for a meeting with the Medical Director and Chief Executive of the Bucks NHS Trust on 13th March to discuss reduced health services in the town.
14. Email from Kevin Allen, Jacobs Babbie stating that he will be looking at the High Street lighting this month and hope to start installation in March.

15. Drawings showing the position of the proposed new lights in Bradenham Road – we will make contact with residents as this could affect some residents current parking on BCC land.
16. Letter and cheque from Cllr Downes from his Community Leaders Fund.
17. Minutes of WDALC meeting held on 5th December with list of future dates – meeting on Tuesday 28th March.
18. Final version of Parish Profile which is still incorrect – Clerk has advised WDC of this fact.
19. WDC letter with request for Agenda items for next Clerks meeting.
20. Southern Electric Contracting – updated schedule of rates for maintenance and rechargeable repairs.
21. Letter from Dr Stuart Maxwell, WDC re Local Air Quality stating that a computer model has been undertaken to determine the extent of the problem. Could possibly need to declare an Air Quality Management Area in West Wycombe.
22. The Playing Field

114.2 PLANNING

Applications

MJD/06/05150/FUL – Allotment Gardens, Beechwood Road – erection of 2 x 3 bed dwellings, 2 x 4 bed dwellings & associated garaging and access – houses too high and could affect the AONB policies and they have not addressed any of our previous issues and concerns.

AD/06/05221/FUL 365 West Wycombe Road – const of roof extension & alterations incorp new side gable and rear dormer in connection with loft conversion and external alterations – comments after site visit.

Decisions

05/07263/FUI & 64/LBC – Chorley Farm Barn – conversion of redundant farm building to form guest accommodation – permit and grant consent.

114.3 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN ON THE LOCAL AREA MEETING AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Local Area meeting – a request was made by BCC to ask us to make a bid to the Local Area Committee for repairs and redesign of The Pedestal roundabout. Happy for Reflex Signs to continue to maintain it.

A4010 has now been accepted as a problem by SEERA.

We asked that the edges of the A4010 should be white lined – most accidents are tailgate accidents rather than driving off the road and therefore it does not have a BCC priority.

Sections of BCC are supposed to be working with all areas of communities, but they have failed to contact Parish Councils.

Standards Board – seem to be at last taking notice of the local committees – i.e. should be dealt with at local level first and then on to Standards Board.

WDALC Meeting trying to galvanize other Parish Councils to become involved in WDALC.

More Councillor and Chairmanship training required

Problems between BALC and SLCC

Transport Symposium was well run and managed – review of Local Transport Plan setting/achieving/missing targets. LTP Part 2 and Accessibility and workshops.

Rider on Call now at about £8 per passenger journey. Currently a few problems.

New bus station will be open in July 06.

114.4 TO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON THE FUTURE OF WEST WYCOMBE LIBRARY.

We have not received a response to our letter sent after the previous meeting; however Cllr Mrs Smith and Cllr Downes attended a meeting with Mr Bob Strong and two gentlemen from Property Services stating the Parish Councils case for retaining the use of the building for the Community. Commercial rent would be £11,000 pa but if we could use it for community use as well as BCC and WDC then there may be the possibility of a lower rent. Also as a result of this meeting it is hoped that a mobile library van will be tried out for ease of driver access and parking in the Village Hall and The Swan Yard on 13th February. The Clerk has investigated the cost of borrowing through the Public Works Loan Board e.g. to borrow £150,000 over 20 years will cost anything from £7,100 - £11,306 pa depending on which method is chosen.

Cllr Downes has attended two further Friends of West Wycombe Library - FOWWL - meetings providing information and an update from BCC.

Cllr Mrs Smith, Timberlake and the Clerk also attended these meetings but in a personal capacity. Cllr Timberlake reported on the progress of FOWWL - have developed a constitution in order to apply for grants and a public meeting is being held on 24th February to try to sign people up to subscribe to the campaign and elect a Management Committee.

The Clerk, Cllr Timberlake and Dist Cllr Mrs Teesdale will attend a meeting at BCC on 14th February to receive information about the Legal Implications of running a Community Library.

BCC's cabinet decision has been called in and it will be put to full Council on 24th February with the initial report to be reconsidered, the timescale should be reconsidered and the whole subject should be readdressed.

114.5 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE NALC PAY GUIDELINES FOR APRIL 06

New pay guidelines have been issued to be implemented from April 06, our Clerk is on SCP 36 and the pay rise would be an extra 43p per hour, although from April the hours will increase from 28 to 36 per month plus 50 hours per annum for special projects. It was resolved to increase the Clerks salary from April 06.

114.6 HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING

The Clerk reported that the free bus passes for use from WDC are now available for use on Rider on Call and that people should apply.

Bradenham Road lighting positions will be checked with residents by Cllr Callaghan.

Concern from residents of Cookshall Lane about underage drinking.

Concern about The Pedestal Garage still selling cars from the highway and vehicles blocking the pavements.

Concern about crossing the islands at The Pedestal Roundabout – children and parents are often put in danger by the speed of cars; concern that this may get worse when the traffic light is implemented. Clerk will write to BCC asking for a site visit with Thames Valley Police and BCC officers.

Rider on Call Service has not been running as well as it should recently – Clerk will write.

114.7 TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY 2006 AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Cheques and standing orders for Mrs S. Henson, Bucks County Council and Southern Electric. 50% of the SLCC subscription was paid.

114.8 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Downes asked if we could issue more press releases.

114.9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 9th March at 8pm in the Church Room.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm