

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 20th JULY 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.
Mr N. Phillips – The National Trust Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

11 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: Cllr Mrs Harris

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 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 Portway
Drive application.

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Alastair Hunt has created new grips in Towerage Lane, but to date has not laid the scalplings.
2. Community Voice – members of the public and Councillors still have not received this magazine.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

119.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 9th June – 20th July 2006

1. Letter from WDC re Local Air Quality and explaining the reason for wanting to install a temporary monitoring station – circulated to Councillors.
2. Copy of response letter from CAA to Hambleden Parish Council stating that WAP is working within the current guidelines and legislation and the only way forward is to lobby parliament to change the Transport Act 2000, particularly to create stronger controls for helicopters – circulated to Councillors
3. Email from Jacobs Babbie re lighting asking the Parish Council to arrange to have trees cut back behind one of ht lights near 1, Bradenham Road; confirming that pollution tubes will be moved onto the new lights and that the light destroyed in a RTA is to be replaced and that BCC will pay £320 towards the tree works – circulated to Councillors.
4. Copy of letter from Wendy Garwood to National Trust re Copperfields.
5. Email from Ellen Carter re Rider on Call and other highways issues and Clerks response – circulated to Councillors
6. Email from Mrs Carter and Cllr Callaghan's response re signs for the new speed limits – circulated to Councillors.
7. Email from Susan Carter re Rider on Call – circulated to Councillors
8. Confirmation from BCC that our requests for work will go to Local Area Committee
9. Local Committee Newsletter - circulate
10. BCC Notification of Rural Grass Cutting Programme.
11. Questionnaire from Aberystwyth University re Quality Status - for Clerk to complete – returned.
12. JOTS Newsletter - circulate
13. Copy of letter from the A4010 group – previously circulated and response from SEERA stating that the group should make contact with BCC Local Transport Plan and/or the Spatial Planning Team – circulated to Councillors.

14. BCC Access for all questionnaires.
15. Email from Phillip Humphrey with log sheets and photos of youths at Cookshall Lane.
16. Invitation from Jean Fox – Rural Housing Trust to a Village Day at Lane End on Tuesday 18th July (previously circulated).
17. WDC Minutes of Clerks/WDC/BCC meeting
18. Notification of proposed sharing of Vodafone Base Station with O2 at Sunters Wood – not our Parish.
19. Press release re changes at the Household Waste sites – barrier to be lifted but restrictions and a need for permits to dispose of a limited number of DIY materials to be disposed of for free. No one will be allowed to enter on foot.
20. WDC Planning Enforcement notice to say that 71 Chapel Lane has been taken to court for the ‘scrap’ that is being stored there.
21. Copy of letter to WDC from Wendy Garwood to WDC re the development of 373 West Wycombe Road into six flats.
22. Letter from West Wycombe School PTA asking for permission to erect signs for their Autumn Fayre on 23rd September – no problem as long as they take them down afterwards.
23. Letter from WDC re a draft policy statement on the Gambling Act 2005 – asking for comments on style and presentation of the policy, clarity and practical measures which could reasonably be recommended – circulate.
24. Request for a donation for funding the work of the Bucks Tree Warden Scheme.
25. BCC Stakeholder Questionnaire and Draft Statement of Community Involvement relating to the Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework and the Adopted Bucks Minerals and Waste Local Plan
26. Basic quotation from Blachere Lighting based on a tel con for 2 sets of Christmas tree lights £1683 plus VAT and delivery. Clerk has spoken to another company which will probably be about half the price. Need to consider who/how the lights are going to be fixed.
27. Letter from BCC confirming that the Parish will be in the first group to be looked at in terms of Community Transport.
28. Copy of letter to WDC Planning about the issues at Coppefields from Mrs Mundy.

119.2 PLANNING

Applications

SDN/06/06408/ADV – Pedestal Roundabout – display of 3 non-illuminated free standing sponsorship acknowledgement signs – we have been advised that WDC would not allow sponsorship signs at this site – we want the roundabout maintained properly.

PECS/06/06489/CTREE – land at jnct of Chorley Road and High Street, West Wycombe – side back and clear street light to 1 lime tree in Chorley Rd. Remove one low hanging branch to clear street light to 1 lime tree on corner of Chorley Rd. Side back lime tree to clear light column (one after entrance to St Paul’s Church). Side back lime tree on l/hand side from Village Entrance White gates. Side back yew tree to clear street light on r/ hand side of road and yew tree in beech hedge – all the works are necessary to clear lights on the A40 – a new scheme paid for by BCC/WDC and the Parish Council. The work will also clear low hanging branches overhanging Pavements.

DBL/06/06538/FUL - 25a Portway Drive – erection of two storey side extension - no objection in principal, but it is a large extension in relation to the size of the property and would prefer that the extension in set back to match the design of the existing properties in the close. We believe there are National Trust covenants on the land.

Mr Phillips has visited the Copperfield site and roof tiles and windows are per the specification agreed with The National Trust.

The builders have been told not to arrive until 8am and speed limit signs have been put by Banner Homes.

The police have been called to the Beechwood Road site.

119.3 TO CONSIDER FUTURE ACTION IN RELATION TO THE RIDER ON CALL

Excellent meeting with County Councillors, County officers and other parish reps and after a great deal of discussion were it was agreed that even if we lost the Rider on Call service then we would do everything in our power to ensure our Parish should still have a regular bus service. The Parish Council has forwarded a list of suggestions and complaints which would help to improve the service and local people who have concerns about the service have been encouraged to make direct contact with BCC. Councillors will be attending a follow up meeting in August to discuss future proposals.

119.4 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE FREIGHT RAILWAY PROPOSALS AND THE LOCAL AREA MEETING

Cllr Callaghan had recently attended a NATCRAG meeting. Previous scheme was not well enough funded. Government agreed to investigate the scheme thoroughly but this was not done as they focussed on the funding and that the route would never be accepted. Central Railways dropped their proposal. Euro Freight Rail are proposing a route from Scotland to France, through our Parish running double stacked freight trains with various freight ports e.g. Gerrards Cross. At the NATCRAG meeting they agreed to change the constitution to be able to comment on this and any similar proposal. They have posed direct questions to the company as double stacked freight will not fit through the Channel Tunnel and other bridges on the route. They propose to undertake a bigger job on less funding. No answers received to date. Central Railways has decided to renew their interest.

Cllr Timberlake has spoken to colleague who is a Transport Consultant and it is generally felt in the industry that it is not a viable idea particularly as the level of cross channel freight has never met the targets set when the Channel Tunnel was opened.

Local Area Committee – double yellow lines near The Friend at Hand – not at the moment – we will have to wait until the houses are built.

They would consider the request for cats-eyes on the A4010.

There are insufficient funds to consider painting all our signs and posts – suggested we make a bid to the Local Area Committee.

Vehicle Activated Signs – do not lose their impact; several trial sites in County – collision based statistics will be used. £4000 to purchase and £4000 for the maintenance over a three year period.

119.5 TO CONSIDER WRITING TO WDC PLANNING DEPARTMENT RE THE USE OF BROWNFIELD SITES WHEN IDENTIFYING FUTURE AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Jerry Unsworth at WDC and our District Councillors, stating our concerns over usage of brown field sites which when developed destroy existing communities. When creating the next Local Plan this element should be considered in a planning application. Developer Contributions via S106 agreements with the District Council do not compensate for the destruction of existing communities.

119.6 TO DECIDE ON THE CONTENT AND WORDING FOR THE NEW FOOTPATH NOTICE BOARD.

The Clerk presented photos of one idea/design, however this was too expensive at £960 (we will receive a grant of £250) therefore we would like to find a supplier who can provide what we want at about £500. Mr Phillips will provide the Clerk with information on The National Trust supplier. Need to look and post and wall mounted options.

119.7 HIGHWAYS ISSUES - INCLUDING LIGHTING

The Pedestal Roundabout and the school pavement project are due to be undertaken during the summer holiday.

The Clerk will contact the Police re speed cameras.

Cllr Callaghan reported that Handy Cross roundabout will become a single lane for about 6 weekends (9pm Friday – 6am Monday) from mid August.

119.8 TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR JULY 2006 AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

The RFO issued all Councillors an up to date spreadsheet comparing the expenditure to the budget. Cheques and standing orders for Mrs S. Henson, Bucks County Council Crossing Patrol and cheques for Chairman's Allowance, Postage, Southern Electric Contracting, BALC, Southern Electric, Lawrence Landscapes, Gem Offset Printers and PG Smith. It was resolved to approve the monthly accounts.

119.10 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Downes reported that there will be a BCC Library meeting to advise the action groups on the charges for 'using the buildings'. Cllr Downes has spoken to the Vice Chairman of the Action Group, the Rev Nigel Lacey asking for an update as he had heard nothing recently. As a result of their conversation, it was agreed that the Action Group would call an informal meeting with the Parish Council to report their progress.

Cllr Timberlake was able to report that they have raised a good amount of money and that the business plan is nearing completion and further fundraising activities are planned.

Mr Phillips had gained the impression at the recent Picnic that there was still a perception that the Parish Council were not supportive of the Library Campaign, which he assured people was not the case.

Cllr Mrs Dakin did not receive an invitation to the last Governors Meeting as stand in for Cllr Downes – they do have all her contact details.

The Clerk will make contact with Marlow Police Station re anti social behaviour in Cookshall Lane reported by local residents. The Parish Council does not own any land and therefore is not in a position to consider the purchase of a youth shelter at £10,000 unless West Wycombe Estate or The National Trust would give the land. We will work with the police to ensure that letters are sent to parents – this approach was very successful on a previous occasion.

Residents have raised concerns about the parking at the junction of Cookshall Lane and made a request for double yellow lines.

119.11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 14th September in the Church Room at 8pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm