

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 8th JUNE 2006
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, Mr N. Timberlake, Mrs Carole Dakin, Mr F, Downes Mrs
S. Henson, Clerk

2 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:
District Cllrs Mrs Teesdale & Mr I. Mc Ennis, Mr N. Phillips

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH
MEETING, THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND THE MAY 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. Cllr Timberlake is going through the SEERA document.
2. Imagine the future – Cllr Mrs Smith has gone through but found nothing to make comment upon.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

118.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 12th May – 8th June 2006

1. BCC Getting Closer to Communities Newsletter - circulate
2. WDC Notification that the planning application for the Pedestal Roundabout has been withdrawn even though the new signs have appeared. Clerk will find out from BCC what is actually going on.
3. Chiltern News Magazine - circulate
4. Bucks Community Action – training day to move forward Parish Plans – 1st July, 10 -3pm Little Missenden Village Hall – passed to Cllr Callaghan.
5. WDC Rural Farm Visit – Thursday 6th July
6. Copy of letter to the CAA from Hambleden Parish Council
7. WDC copy of the 'model' of air pollution and photo of the proposed pollution monitor – we are borderline and more detailed information is needed. A site visit has taken place and the only place where the equipment could be sited (it is 1.8m sq and 3m high) is at the back of the Village Hall Car Park where the garden used to be. Clerk has spoken to Nick Phillips who agrees, that as it is a temporary installation (probably 3 years) and it is to monitor the environment in which residents are living he would probably not have any objection. Cllrs Mrs Smith and Seymour have also been consulted in their capacities on the West Wycombe Community Association.
8. Copy of letter to Jacobs Babbie from Mr Anderson, The Malt House, stating is reasons for objecting to having a light near his house and complaining about the short term planning for the lights
9. Plans from Jacobs Babbie showing where tree trimming is needed to trees in connection with the new lights.

10. A copy of WDC Community Voice with a letter stating that they should appear in homes between 30th May and 19th June.

118.2 PLANNING

Applications

SDN/06/06001/ADV – Roundabout at junction of Cookshall Lane, Bradenham Road and West Wycombe Road – withdrawn

MJD/06/06179/FUL – Allotment Gardens, Beechwood Road – erection of 3 x 4 bed dwellings & associated garaging and access – no objection to the design of the houses however we will restate our continuing concern with access and traffic in an already congested road.

VJB/06/06229/FUL – 34 Portway Drive – const of part 2 storey part single storey side and rear extension including chimney - no objection, but will put comment that it is in a smokeless zone.

Decisions

VJB/06/05722/FUL – 22 Copperfields – constr of front porch extension, partial change of use of garage, and external alterations (alt scheme to 05/05220/FUL to include alterations to front porch only) –

AJC/05/07170/FUL – Land adj former Friend at Hand – erection of 4 x 3 bed semi-detached dwellings; 1 x 2 bed detached dwelling, erect a 2m high fence to rear boundary, landscaping and associated car parking – permit with conditions.

AJC/05/07186/FUL – The Friend at Hand – demolition of existing public house and erection of 4 x 2 bed flats, change of use of outbuilding to create 1 x 1 bed dwelling, erection of 0.9m high retaining wall to rear boundary, creation of new access, landscaping and associated car parking – permit with conditions.

MJD/06/05150/FUL - Allotments, Beechwood Road – erection of 2 x 3bed, and 2 x 4 bed dwellings and associated garaging and access – refused

The National Trust has been written to regarding 473 West Wycombe Road and the materials of construction for the houses at Copperfields.

118.3 TO CONSIDER MAKING A REQUEST FOR YELLOW LINES ON THE WEST WYCOMBE ROAD

It was agreed that we should ask BCC for double yellow lines for the section of road in front of the Friend at Hand land and on the opposite side of the road and round the corners into Rosemary Close.

118.4 TO CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF £100 TO CONTACT MAGAZINE

After discussion it was agreed that on this occasion, as Contact is self supporting and with all the Parish Councils unexpected current expenditure, we would not go ahead with a donation.

118.5 TO CONSIDER PLACING AN ORDER FOR CLEARING THE GRIPS IN TOWERAGE LANE

Alastair Hunt has supplied a price of £200 for one days work to clear and dig the grips deeper into the fields on both sides. He made a suggestion at the site visit that dropping a load of scalpings at the entrance to the Cricket Meadow would also act as a barrier and could be rolled into the entrance; this would cost a further £200 for materials and labour.

West Wycombe Cricket Club is prepared to make a donation of £100.

It was agreed to place an order for the grips and the scalpings at a total cost of £400. We will avoid the days when the school are using the field.

118.6 HIGHWAYS ISSUES - INCLUDING LIGHTING

Jacobs Babbie has started the High Street lighting project, they have encountered problems with underground service cables and some have had to be repositioned. We have been asked if we could have the hedge cut, both height and width, and the yew tree trimmed to shape at Rose Cottage, and 4 trees trimmed back. South Bucks Tree Surgeons have given a price of £180 for the yew tree and £680 for all the other trees and the hedge (BCC will probably pay £320 of this bill for tidying the trees) and £40 for dealing with the planning application which is necessary as we are in a Conservation Area. This should only delay the street light at Rose Cottage. It was agreed that we had to do this work. There will be some traffic management needed to fix the bracket lamps, at which time The National Trust will carry out some maintenance work on some of the houses.

The Bradenham Road lights will start after the High Street lights. It was agreed that we would ask BCC for uniformity of signs, bus stops etc – all to be painted black, reminding them that this part of the 5 year plan.

Cllr Downes requested that we should write to BCC asking for replacement reflector signs on either side of the Bradenham Road and to have the centre white line repainted.

We have to organise for the second hole for the Christmas tree on the triangle so that ducting can be installed to the meter, if this does not happen then we would have to put a fence around the Christmas tree. Specialist lighting companies are currently being contacted.

With the good growing weather we have had to have one of our extra grass cuts as BCC will not be doing it until July.

The new signs for the revised speed limits have been erected – no problems in Chorley Road but some issues over sign and wording along the Bradenham Road – Clerk are in contact with BCC.

Hirers of the Village Hall are complaining to West Wycombe Community Association that they are unable to park there. Part of the problem is caused by unauthorised parking by residents, but it is accepted that there is nowhere else for residents to park.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to West Wycombe Estate and The National Trust in conjunction with WWCA and try to organise a meeting to see if we can find any alternative solutions.

118.7 TO DISCUSS THE RIDER ON CALL BUS SERVICE

It was agreed to write to John Hodgkins at BCC stating that the telephone is not being answered and what was once a good service has considerably deteriorated. It was agreed that we could probably not justify major expenditure as only a few people in the Parish are using the service. We would need to ensure that Bradenham Road and Chorley Road have some sort of cover. Need to consider a Community Transport Service or a joint venue with Oxfordshire CC connecting Chinnor and Thame. The next meeting is West Wycombe Village Hall on 26th June.

118.8 TO REVIEW THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

It has now been running for a year. It was agreed that we would keep the Directories and encourage more people to go on it, we will also encourage people to put forward their diary dates. We will remove the Forum if we cannot get it more active; change the method of showing Planning and Minutes and create a News archive. After discussion it was agreed that we will not be creating a Parish Business Questionnaire.
Pass on our thanks to Mike Henson.

**118.9 TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR JUNE 2006
AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES**

Cheques and standing orders for Mrs S. Henson, Bucks County Council Crossing Patrol and cheques for Mrs S. Henson (mileage to SLCC Conference), Thames Water and British Telecom. It was resolved to approve the monthly accounts.

118.10 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Downes asked that we should meet up with Piddington & Wheeler End Councillors during the autumn.

Cllr Downes reported that NATCRAG the Central Railway Action Group has made contact as a new group - Euro Rail Group Freight has reported that they plan to create an outsize freight railway which would be very similar to Central Railway. NATCRAG has been recalled to view this proposal at a meeting Sunday 18th June. Cllr Callaghan will attend as Cllr Downes cannot attend.

Cllr Timberlake stated that he may be able to obtain some more information on the project.

Chiltern Railways are thinking of reducing the amount of trains which will stop at Saunderton to one an hour. Passenger numbers have gone down since the Gerrards Cross tunnel collapse. The Parish Council write to Chiltern Railways stating our concern.

Cllr Downes asked what the latest situation with the West Wycombe Library Action Group.

Cllr Mrs Harris announced that she planned to write a history of West Wycombe School and asked Councillors for contacts and stories.

118.11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 20th July in The Church Room at 8pm. Apologies Cllr Mrs Harris
The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm