

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 9th MARCH 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. Phillips – Property Manager The National Trust.
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk 2 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:

Cllr Mr N. Timberlake due to illness
District Cllrs Mr McEnnis and Mrs Teesdale.

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

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF THE FEBRUARY 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. BCC will be discussing 'pavement stickers' at a forthcoming meeting with WDC.
2. The traffic lights are now functioning although we are not sure that they are working all the time. The Clerk has found out that the sensor is 200m along the Bradenham Road and only senses stationery traffic.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

115.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 10th February – 9th March 2006

1. Letter from BCC re pavement parking
2. Letter from Land Registry encouraging Parish Councils to register their land.
3. Invitation from Wycombe Museum to attend an official re-opening of the Furniture Gallery on 30th March, 6.30 – 8.30pm
4. BCC notification of an event at The Hub on Tuesday 18th April dealing with doorstep selling – aimed at the more senior members of the community – tickets need to be booked from Trading Standards. Clerk will put in Contact and pass on to WI and other groups.
5. Information from a mole catcher offering his services.
6. Letter from BCC re Rider on Call stating that now it is launched they do not plan to have any further meetings, however if the group want to continue to meet they are free to do so.
7. Fax from Jacobs Babtie showing position of 4 lights fixed to buildings in the High Street - passed to National Trust for wayleaves etc.
8. WDALC Minutes and Agenda for 28th March
9. WDC Invitation to Chairman's reception on April 5th
10. Local Council Review Magazine
11. Town & Parish Standards Newsletter
12. BALC Aide Memoire for Councillors – copy for each Cllr issued.
13. email from Peter Mussett, BCC advising that an example of the Mobile Library van can be seen on the 5th & 6th April at Excel Exhibition Centre in Docklands
14. BALC Subscription and notes about Land Registry
15. Chilterns AONB 40th Anniversary - grants available for up to £250, we will apply to create an information board/footpath map for the village.

16. Letter from Hambleden Parish Council asking if we would support them in an effort to have greater control over leisure aircraft activity and helicopters – we would support them in this campaign.
17. BCC letter asking for our views on comments and complaints about adult social care services by service users from Asian communities – this does not affect us, however Cllr Mrs Harris will take note for teaching activities.
18. Wycombe Development Framework – submission statement of Community Involvement – pass to Cllr Timberlake
19. Notification of Rural Forum meeting on 16th March, 5pm – we will not be attending.
20. email from Cllr Paul Rogerson and Nigel Cox setting up a meeting on 21st March to discuss Rider on Call. No further information at this stage. If it is the end of the day Cllr Timberlake will attend. Clerk and Cllr Seymour will try to attend.

115.2 PLANNING

Applications

VJB/06/05430/FUL – 21 Bradenham Road – construction of part two storey, part single storey side extension – on consultation

SDN/05/07186/FUL – The Friend at Hand – amended plans and description - extensions & alterations to existing public house to create 4 x 2 bed flats, change of use of outbuilding to create 1 x 1 bed dwelling, erection of 0.9metres high retaining wall to rear boundary, creation of new access & associated parking – the alterations are internal and we have no objection, however we are still concerned about the design for parking – tandem parking will not work. We will ask BCC for double yellow lines.

115.3 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CLERK ON THE RECENT BCC MEETING COVERING – FUNDING OF COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

Clerk had attended a BCC meeting. The only legal way that the Parish Council is allowed to fund such a venture is through S137 unless they form a company with charitable status. Have to consider employees, insurance and pensions. The costs quoted seemed quite high. Restated that County was looking to save revenue not acquire capital.

It was agreed that we should write to Property Services to find out what sorts of figures they are talking about if the Parish Council needed to save the building. Mr Phillips offered to look at the maintenance requirements. We would need to consider power and water charges, insurance and business rates in any costings. It was generally felt that we should not consider paying more than £2 -3000 per annum. We will advise Cllr Mrs Teesdale of what we are doing.

February 13th - Mobile Library van came out to look at access for The Swan Yard, Village Hall and Garden Centre. The only area the van could access was the Garden Centre.

115.4 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE HIGH STREET LIGHTING AND THE NEED TO MOVE THE PC NOTICEBOARD AND TO PLACE AN ORDER FOR NEW LIGHTS IN BRADENHAM ROAD

Cllr Seymour and the Clerk had marked the Christmas Tree light connection area in the triangle and near the Village Hall with a stake. Mr Phillips believes he may have maps showing the web of services under the triangle which may affect our plans.

Bradenham Road – it was resolved to place an order for the new lights once Cllr Callaghan has spoken to all the residents. There is currently an 8 week lead time. We would want the lights operational by the end of September.

115.5 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PARISH PLAN

Cllr Callaghan is currently organising a meeting to talk about the results and it is planned that a summary document will be available in time for the Annual Parish Meeting and for the Annual Report.

115.6 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

It was agreed to obtain a quote from Mr Brookes for clearing all the grips in Towerage Lane and see if this will help the drainage and flooding situation. The light above the zebra crossing is not working – has been reported. The Clerk has written to BCC re parking at The Pedestal Garage and children crossing on the roundabout junction. Clerk has had contact with PC Dave West about underage drinking near Cookshall Lane. All residents have received information from the police on how to report this.

115.7 TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR MARCH 2006 AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Cheques and standing orders for Mrs S. Henson, Bucks County Council, Thames Water, BT and Mrs Henson expenses.

115.8 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

The local correspondent had advised the Parish Council that the Bucks Free Press is scrapping the Local News Page at the end of March. Clerk will write stating that this is the one page people are interested in and it performs a very valuable service.

Cllr Downes was asked about Clustering and the GC2C initiative - not all County Councillors are happy about the idea. 5 pilot areas for 12 months, nearly half way through the trial and there does not seem to be anything happening or anything making a difference. BCC are carrying out this exercise as they are required by the Government to get Closer to Communities. The Local Area Committee system does not meet the requirement.

The Clerk had attended a meeting at WDC with BCC officers and asked what was happening about Quality Councils; the Green Waste Scheme and eplanning. The Green Waste scheme will not be rolled out to our Parish until all the existing schemes have had a tin and plastic collection put in place.

115.9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 6th April at 8pm in the Church Room.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

Apologies: Cllr Downes & Mr Phillips.