

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

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Chairman, Mr D. Callaghan,
Mrs C. Dakin, Mrs A. Harris, Mr N. Timberlake, Mrs S. Henson, Clerk
Mr N. Phillips – The National Trust,

Dist Cllr Mr I. McEnnis, Sgt Jamie Smith

6 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:

Cllr Mr F. Downes (attending Radnage PC meeting in his capacity as County Councillor), Cllr Mr R. Seymour and District Cllr Mrs Teesdale.

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 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:

None declared.

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Cllr Timberlake spent a day travelling on the Rider on Call bus, the next meeting will be held at West Wycombe Village Hall on Tuesday 14th November. He travelled on a Wednesday which is considered a quiet day, the passenger trips were far higher than had been indicated by BCC, probably due to the fact that tickets were probably not being issued. The figures would indicate that the usage is possibly four times higher which would make the cost per trip far lower therefore making it more important that the ROC service continues. The audit trail needs to be validated.
2. Cllr Mrs Smith attended a Chairman's training session run by BALC.
3. Cllrs Mrs Smith, Mr Seymour, Mrs Dakin and Mr Timberlake attended a Councillors training session run by WDALC.
4. A strong letter with accompanying photographs has been sent to the Senior Management and Executives of The National Trust.
5. All lighting faults have been reported and repaired.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Sgt Smith answered questions raised by the public and indicated that it his intention to raise the visibility of the police in our Parish and to address issues raised about Cookshall Lane and The Pedestal Garage.

MEETING REOPENED

123.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 12th October – 9th November 2006

1. Letter from BCC re Area 5 speed limit review monitoring/review
2. WDC Minutes of the Rural Forum
3. WDALC Minutes and receipt for subscription
4. BCC – Getting Closer to Communities – meeting at Adams Park on 27th November 7 – 9pm - 4
5. Acknowledgement of receipt of our letter to The National Trust
6. BCC Minerals & Waste Local Development Framework
7. The Rural Housing Trust – new contact, Patricia Rowe as Jean Fox has left.
8. Open Space Magazine
9. Journal of Trading Standards
10. Local Council Review Magazine
11. Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine – circulate
12. 02 Local Community Grant paperwork – circulate
13. Notification from WDC that between 2011 – 2016, SEERA plans to build a coachway at High Wycombe alongside a local park and ride.
14. Congratulations letter from Karen Satterford CEO of WDC for our Annual Report and the excellent work of the Parish Council.
15. WDC Appeal decision for permission for signs on the Pedestal Roundabout
16. Local Area Meeting Newsletter
17. WRVS request for financial help
18. Leaflet about EBucks – a project to ensure everyone in Bucks is within 10 minutes of a Broadband hotspot.
19. BCC Bucks and Milton Keynes Historic Landscape Characterisation Report

123.2 PLANNING

Decisions

DBL/06/07181/FUL – Pound Cottage, Church Lane – construction of garden shed (retrospective) – permit.

SN/06/07071/FUL – 349 West Wycombe Road – extension & conversion of existing dwelling to form 4 x 1 bed flats – refused.

Applications

DBL/06/07469/FUL – 502 West Wycombe Rd – const of part two storey part single storey side and rear extension – no objection.

MJD/06/07562/FUL – 373 West Wycombe Road – Engineering alterations to create ambulant disabled access necessary to support planning permission 05/06401/FUL – no objection.

Appeal hearing for 473 West Wycombe Road was postponed for another month and Henry Homes have put in an appeal for non determination of the first application as WDC will not determine the second application until the first one has been decided upon.

123.3 TO REPORT ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES INCLUDING LIGHTING; TO REFLECT ON THE AREA 5 SPEED REVIEW; TO CONSIDER THE FOOTWAY BETWEEN WEST WYCOMBE & PIDDINGTON

The Clerk has started negotiations with Southern Electric for energy prices. Southern Electric has agreed that all lighting will be connected during the week beginning 20th November.

BCC have asked for our views and those of the public on the effect of the speed limit reductions. We need to decide what we want to do with the signs

along the Bradenham Road. It was agreed that we just want the wording 'Welcome to West Wycombe' on the signs approaching Bradenham Road

bridge on the West Wycombe side removed. This will not happen until all comments are in – probably February. General perception that the speed reduction has worked on Bradenham Road but not so sure on Chorley Road. Chorley Road and the entrances to the village would be good 'speed gun' sights.

Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council have put in a bid to create a new footway from the entrance on the Oxford Road to Piddington to Myze Farm, this is approximately 400m and will be tarmac at a cost of £25,000. They will be making a contribution. Clerk will ask BCC to cost out creating a path from Myze Farm to where the path is set back from the road.

The Christmas tree lights will be delivered the week beginning 13th November. We have had to purchase 2 external double sockets. The trees will be delivered and put up on Wednesday 22nd November.

123.4 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PLANS FOR WEST WYCOMBE LIBRARY

BCC have accepted WWLAG business plan and it is hoped that they will have all the legal paperwork signed by 1st January and all outstanding decorations/works for the library building will be completed by that time. It is planned that it will be open for 24 hours per week. For users there will be little change as the majority of the services currently offered will continue to be provided. Want to develop a Book Club and Story Telling Time as well as a Home Delivery service. The Clerk has sent a letter of congratulations to the Committee. There will be a 60s dance in West Wycombe Village Hall on 2nd December.

Cllr Mrs Smith proposed that we purchase a gift for the Jane Temple who has been our excellent librarian and will be leaving on the closure of the library at the end of November. A figure up to £75 was suggested and unanimously agreed upon. The Clerk will invite her to attend our Christmas meeting.

123.5 TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET AND NEXT YEAR'S PRECEPT

The Clerk/RFO had, prior to the meeting handed out spreadsheets showing the current income and expenditure position, the projected year end position and a suggested budget for 2007/08. We have to allow for an election, grips, jetting, new computer equipment, resurfacing the Burial Ground Car Park and paths, donations to the community and an increase in insurance once we have insured all our new lights in Bradenham Road as well as the usual rate of inflation increases.

Cllr Mr Callaghan suggested that we may need to increase the amount of money suggested for clearing grips and gullies and that we build up a reserve for the proposed Village Hall modernisation.

Cllr Mrs Dakin asked if the Parish Council could contribute towards roundabout/lights at the top of Copperfields on the West Wycombe Road – the Clerk will write to WDC/BCC to start lobbying for the Copperfield developer fund to be used to create a mini roundabout/priority traffic light. BCC have always said that the West Wycombe Road can cope with all the extra traffic and have had no consideration for those residents living off this road. The Parish Council may well need to pay for the bollards we have requested for the top of Copperfields.

123.6 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A DONATION TO THE CHILTERN AIR AMBULANCE; TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR NOVEMBER 2006 AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

It was resolved that the Parish Council would make a donation of £100 towards the Chilterns & Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

Cheques and standing orders for Mrs S. Henson, Bucks County Council Crossing Patrol and cheques for Electric Installations(sockets), West Wycombe Brass Band, Post Office (stamps) and cash for heating the Church Room.

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

123.7 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Mrs Dakin has been asked and she has been officially appointed as a governor at West Wycombe School for a period of 4 years. The delay had been due to not receiving a letter of resignation from Cllr Downes.

Cllr Mrs Dakin reported a dead tree outside St Lawrence Churchyard on National Trust property; Mr Phillips will request an inspection.

The Clerk had issued dates for next year. Cllr Timberlake asked about the meeting on 3rd of May next year as it will be polling day. As it is a meeting where we report on the last year's activities and is a more social event and no official business takes place there is not a problem. The meeting on May 10th will be the first official meeting of the new Parish Council.

123.8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.20 pm