

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2007  
AT 8.00 PM. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

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

4 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:

Mr N. Phillips, Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER PARISH  
COUNCIL MEETING

These were agreed by those Councillors present and signed by the Chairman

TO DECLARE ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

Cllr Mr Timberlake declared a personal interest in the item relating to West Wycombe  
Library Action group.

Cllrs Mrs Smith and Mr Seymour declared a personal interest in the discussions on  
the Village Hall.

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cllrs Mrs Smith and Mr Seymour and the Clerk had a meeting with six members of  
the National Trust where all the issues relating to the appearance of the village were  
discussed at length and they fully agreed that something had to be done. Once the  
budgeting process is completed we will be advised on how much will be undertaken.  
Most importantly they think they have found a way of dealing with the removal of the  
plastic paint. Mr Fillmore has met with BCC and orders have been placed for  
remedial work on Swan Yard. Work will start on clearing gutters.

Cllrs Mrs Smith, Mr Downes and the Clerk attended the first group NAG meeting run  
by Insp Dave Evans.

Vandals have cut through several strings of the Christmas Lights and cut off cables  
and connections. The incident has been reported to the police and we have a PRN  
for the insurance claim.

The Clerk and Cllr Mr Seymour attended a GC2C meeting on Service Excellence  
Cllr Callaghan attended the JCC meeting. Lease renewal is due in 2014 and WDC  
will try to address all the issues raised by local residents.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS  
MEETING REOPENED

135.1 Correspondence received from 9<sup>th</sup> November – 13<sup>th</sup> December

1. BCC letter about the resurfacing of the A4010 – no real reasons given.
2. WDC letter from Planning Enforcement re 43 Bradenham Road.
3. Agenda and papers for the WDALC Meeting. Cllr Mrs Smith and Clerk  
attended
4. Report written by a Hambleden Parish Councillor on the recent meeting on  
the bridge closures over the M40.
5. Report written by a Hambleden Parish Councillor on the recent meeting at  
WDC on NAGS and Drug and Alcohol Abuse
6. WDC Corporate Plan
7. Report from Ian Sharp – BCC Highways Technician, stating that they have  
checked the structure of Chorley Road and cannot find a problem.
8. Rural Housing Trust Annual Report
9. Chilterns Conservation Board offering free light bulbs for parish buildings.
10. Bucks Fire Service asking if we have any markets or fairs as they must now  
be inspected. We will have to report next years Festive Fair.
11. BCC report on the Stokenchurch Accessibility forum
12. BALC report that the Joint County & District Agreement should be issued to  
Parish Councils in February 2008.

13. Chiltern News Magazine
14. A new electoral roll has been produced and 51 extra names have been added.
15. Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management magazine.
16. Bucks Strategic Partnership Consultation
17. BALC Councillor Training on 2<sup>nd</sup> February – booking forms and info given to each Councillor
18. BCC acknowledgement about our request for information on an energy audit scheme.
19. Letter from ACC Gargan Thames Valley Police re NAGS.
20. WDC letter stating that the planning application for Summer Cottage, Beechwood Road has been withdrawn. A new application has been submitted.
21. Thank you letter from Mrs Clarke for her gift of hyacinths from the Parish Council for the time she spends on looking after our Notice board in Bradenham Road.

135.2 PLANNING

Decisions

**GM07/07368/FUL – 34 Chorley Road** – constr of part 2 storey/part single storey rear extension – refused

**VJB/07/06941/FUL – 74 Copperfields** – raising of roof, insertion of two dormer windows to rear and external alterations in connection with loft conversion - refused

Applications

**GMG/07/07896/CLP – 16 Rosemary Close** – construction of single storey rear extension – no objection

**MJD/07/07991/FUL – Summer Cottage, 15 Beechwood Road** – erection of detached double garage/store room – no objection as long as the roof line does not affect neighbours or the views from the AONB.

- 135.3 To consider Highways issues including the planting of shrubs on the verge by the Pedestal Roundabout and planting bulbs in the verge  
 It was resolved to place an order with Elizabeth Ross for planting daffodil bulbs by the park wall at a cost of £451.10.  
 The National Trust made their comments on the proposal for the Pedestal Monument Area – suggested removing 'box' from the planting scheme and checking the prices of the hawthorn whips as it was thought that there was a typing error in the costings.  
 Cutty Alley has been cleared.
- 135.4 To consider the use of the Pedestal Playing Field  
 Sir Edward has supplied a cost of £500 per annum to lease the field.  
 Hithercroft Football Club pay a further £100 pa for the use of the pavilion. It was resolved that we would approach Sir Edward to discuss a short term lease.
- 135.5 To consider our response the Special Parking Area Document  
 Generally supportive as it should ensure that pavement parking issues and long term parking outside our shops
- 135.6 To consider paying a working from home allowance for the Clerk  
 It was resolved to pay an allowance of £600 pa.

- 135.7 To receive a report from Cllr Timberlake on West Wycombe Community Library  
BCC closed the library a year ago.  
By raising money from donations, cash, in kind and support from local organisations the Community Library was opened in February 2007 and they are immensely grateful for the local support. They have an excellent selection of books and have been overwhelmed by the number and quality of books donated.  
They have chosen to remain and pay to be in the Bucks County Council network to enable users to use the West Wycombe Community Library and the Bucks County Council libraries.  
There is a service level agreement with BCC and all librarians are trained by BCC and they work well with the County Library Service. Around 200 book issues a month although this does not include manual issuing. Open for three sessions per week. Costs £6000pa to run of which £2000 is rental. They have raised over £9000 and they continue to raise funds by organising successful local events.
- 135.8 To consider giving a donation to West Wycombe Village Hall and West Wycombe Community Library  
The Village Hall requires funding for specific projects e.g. heating, electrics. The Library requires funding for ongoing running costs.  
Cllr Downes suggested that we donate £500 in the current year and £500 for the year 2008/09 for the West Wycombe Community Library.  
It was resolved that £500 be given to West Wycombe Community Library and £1500 to West Wycombe Community Association.
- 135.8 To consider the budget and precept for 2008/09  
Extra items for inclusion.  
Cleaning the bus shelter every two to three months at £15 per time.  
Burial ground bin and weekly collection £600pa  
New lights down West Wycombe Hill Road could be in the region of £6000  
The Pedestal Field to rent and maintain - £1000  
Planting the area in front of The Pedestal Monument - £1500  
The Clerk will wait for the Precept letter from WDC and then ascertain the increase in the number of houses in the Parish and how it will affect our Precept allocation. Precept will be set at the January meeting
- 135.10 To approve the Accounts for December 2007; Signing of Cheques  
Cheques and standing orders for Mrs S. Henson and Bucks CC School Crossing patrol Thames Water, Southern Electric, Lawrence Landscapes, Elizabeth Ross, Curran Cleaning Company, British Telecom. It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment.
- 135.11 Matters Raised by Councillors  
Cllr Downes reported that residents of Sands would like to have their community name put on some road signs and wanted to identify our boundaries.  
A school coach stops and waits on the Bradenham Road every day causing traffic hold ups. The Clerk will talk to County Council about the problem.  
Cllr Mrs Dakin notified everyone that she and a friend were organising a Parish New Years Eve Party in the Village Hall from 8pm at £5.00
- 135.12 Date of next meeting and those for 2008  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 8pm in The Church Room.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00 pm and invited everyone to stay for mince pies.