

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 11th JANUARY 2007
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, Mr N. Timberlake, Mrs C. Dakin (from 9.05pm) Mr Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

5 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:
Dist Cllr Mrs Teesdale, Dist Cllr Mr McEnnis, Mr N. Phillips – The National Trust.

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 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. Clerk has attended a Flood meeting – ground water levels are going up slowly but we need next winter to be as wet as this one before the levels will be back to a normal level. Reservoirs are up to 92% filled and at the moment the whole of the Bucks/Berks/Oxon section of the Thames is on Flood watch. Draft of the Self Help Community Plan is to be presented to WDC by the end of January.
2. Clerk has ordered 100 empty sand bag cases and 20 full sand bags.
3. Cllrs Mrs Smith and Mr Seymour, the Clerk and Mr Nick Phillips attended the 'Official Opening' of the Air Pollution Monitoring Station. Press release, photos and report have been released. The air conditioning unit is to be covered in silencing material.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

MEETING REOPENED

- 125.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 15th December – 11th January
1. 1 WDC Letter stating that the Planning application needed for the polytunnels at Plant and Harvest has to be in by 19th January.
 2. BALC Module 3 of Councillor Training - circulated
 3. BCC Area 8 update – we have until the end of January to add any other roads in our local area which we feel should be considered for a change in speed limit. We are happy with the proposals.
 4. BCC invitation to lunch on 1st February to all Clerks and Chairman for Area 8 Speed Review Parish Councils. Cllr Seymour and the Clerk will attend.
 5. WDC Big Lottery Bid Portfolio
 6. In Focus magazine – passed to the WW Community Association
 7. Matters Arising magazine from BALC
 8. WDC Imagine the Future meetings, this can be important as this is looking at Site Allocations. Tuesday 6th February, 7pm WDC Main Chamber.
 9. email from WDC explaining how new houses come into the precept process
 10. Prices from BCC for gully emptying – 2 days - £768; weed killer work and 2 grips to be cut – day works gang would cost £164.82 for half a day.
 11. Thank you letter from Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust.

12. Thank you letter from West Wycombe Brass Band for the donation we made to them – they plan to use it for purchasing music.
13. Southern Electric Contracting – updated schedules of rates for both maintenance and rechargeable repairs. Coming into effect from 1st April 2007.
14. Forms for paying the BT bill by Direct Debit
15. Email from Stephen Harris re the muddy conditions by the Recycling Bins – Clerk has already spoken to WDC about this and they will ask if the Garden Centre has any objection to the wood chippings being spread onto the affected area.
16. Email response from Jerry Unsworth, Head of Planning, re our request for traffic control at the junction of Copperfields, although it is planning that has caused the problem he has passed the issue entirely over to BCC at Aylesbury.
17. Minutes of Rider on Call meeting held in November with a proposed timetable for a regular bus service to start in April as well as a report on Rider on Call. The next meeting is on Monday 15th January at 6pm – 7.30pm in The Church Rooms, West Wycombe.
18. Bucks Community Action AGM – 22nd January.
19. Notification of WDALC Meeting on 29th March WDC, Room 1, 7.30pm.

125.2 PLANNING

Applications

AHC/06/07960/TPO – West Wycombe Park - tree works to 5 horse chestnuts, 1 ash tree, 1 sycamore, 1 beech tree, 1 poplar, 1 larch. Fell group of willows – no objection.

SDN/07/05030/FUL -Friend at Hand – demolition of existing former public house and erection of 2 storey building to include 4 flats, conversion of outbuilding to create 1 x 1 bed dwelling, creation of new access and associated car parking -no objection

Decisions

SDN/06/07627/FUL – 395 West Wycombe Road – demolition of existing dwelling & erection of new building to form 6 x 1 bed flats with car parking – refused.

06/07469/FUL - 502 West Wycombe Road – construction of part two storey part single storey side and rear extension - permit

AHC/-6/07775/CTREE – The Dower House –cut back along footpath by 1 metre to group of yew trees. Crown lift to 3 metres to 2 cherry trees. Formative prune 2 lilac trees – not to make a TPO.

125.3 TO REPORT ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES INCLUDING LIGHTING

All lighting is now complete. Clerk will ask for a back baffle behind the lights on the Chapel and 53a and send a thank you letter to Jacobs Babbie.

The Pedestal Roundabout has been planted up.

All the lights along Bradenham Road have been mended.

125.4 TO DISCUSS WHETHER THIS PARISH WOULD LIKE TO HAVE POWERS DEVOLVED TO THEM BY BUCKS COUNTY

Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council, would in principal, be prepared to work with West Wycombe PC to benefit for devolved powers. Radnage PC would also like to meet with West Wycombe to discuss working with us in the same way. This would produce a natural cluster with Radnage. The principal of accepting devolved powers was accepted and the Clerk will write to BCC showing our interest, although it could be quite a while before this happens as the trial Councils are Town Councils and there will be a large number of items to be sorted out before a legal agreement could be drawn up.

124.5 TO DISCUSS FUTURE WORKS FOR THE BURIAL GROUND

The resurfacing of the burial ground car park will take place in early April and replacement trees will be planted later this month.

124.6 RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR JANUARY 2007 AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Cheques and standing orders for Mrs S. Henson, Bucks County Council Crossing Patrol, Old People's Party and cheques for Southern Electric, Southern Electric Contracting, BCC – School Path, SLCC – third of subscription, Lawrence Landscapes – final third of annual contract. WDC will be repaying the electricity for the air pollution control unit. It was resolved to approve the accounts.

124.7 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Timberlake announced that some of the volunteers have been partially trained as librarians. John Lewis is prepared to redecorate and provide some furniture. Official Opening - Saturday 3rd February – 11.00am. A limited company has been set up to sign the lease with BCC who have been very supportive in setting everything up. They have received a wonderful selection of good quality books.

Cllr Callaghan asked if we could advise people in Contact that the drainage ditches in Bradenham Road are for drainage not dumping rubbish.

Cllr Callaghan has received reports of a noxious bonfire in Bradenham Road. The Environment Department of Wycombe District Council can deal with this.

Cllr Downes gave a brief report on the County Council's view on the Government White Paper for either being a unitary authority or working a two tier system. There are financial implications if no action is taken.

124.8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 8th February in the Church Room at 8pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm