

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 19th JULY 2007
AT 8.00 PM. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Chairman, Mr R. Seymour, Mr D. Callaghan,
Mrs C. Dakin, Mr N. Timberlake
Mr N. Phillips – The National Trust, Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale, Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

4 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:
Cllr Mr F. Downes, Mrs A. Harris, Dist Cllr Mr I McEnnis

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING

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

TO DECLARE ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

A prejudicial interest was declared by Cllrs Mrs Smith and Seymour relating to the
planning application and the item on finance for West Wycombe Village Hall.

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Cllrs Mrs Smith and Mr Seymour and the Clerk attended an 'Understanding the Planning White Paper' training session – the devil will be in the detail and enforcement will be a much bigger issue.
2. Cllr Mrs Smith and Cllr Callaghan attended the WDALC meeting.
3. Cllr Callaghan spoke at the WDC Development Control Committee re 15 Bradenham Road.
4. The Dower House hedge has been cut.
5. Clerk attended a SLCC Training Course at which Quality Councils, the Code of Conduct, the Planning White Paper, Britain in Bloom and engaging with the community were talked about. The best paper was on Playgrounds, it was an excellent paper. boils down to giving children risks to learn from but not being negligent.
6. WDALC Training Course – well attended with at least 35 new Councillors.
7. Cllr Mrs Smith and the Clerk attended the Rural Forum.
8. Mr Phillips confirmed that the small kissing gates referred to previously is made from wood. He also stated that the potholes on the top of the hill would be repaired and that he was addressing the issue of inconsiderate parking in Church Lane.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

MEETING REOPENED

131.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 10th May – 7th June 2007

1. Request from WDC for assistance in naming the development at The Friend at Hand site.
2. BCC response re the proposed relining of West Wycombe Road.
3. Email from Mr Eric Meek, BCC re proposals to carry out flood alleviation work.
4. New Code of Conduct.
5. Letter with charts from BCC re A40 pre-signals.
6. BALC Councillor Training - £37 per Councillor to be held at Green Park, Aston Clinton on 25th September.
7. Local Council Review - circulate
8. BCC letter confirming receipt of our requests re salting of roads and grass cutting.
9. BCC/WDC Consultation on Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs in Bucks – we do not have sufficient knowledge about this subject to give an informed comment, we will complete the questionnaire accordingly.

10. Bucks CC Waste Development Plan Document
11. Bucks CC Local Access Forum - circulate
12. Journal of Trading Standards - circulate
13. email from Ailsa Harris about BCC Highways and 473 West Wycombe Road
14. Requesting permission for a memorial for Mr Keith Beale – it has been refused as it is too wide. The design has been resubmitted and it acceptable.
15. Local Area Meeting agenda for 19th July – we have sent our apologies.
16. Copy letter and photos from Mr & Mrs White relating to the planning application for their next door neighbour.
17. Rural Forum Newsletter – circulate
18. In Focus magazine - circulate
19. Notification of SLCC Annual Conference – special day rate for the Saturday, 27th October of £30 for smaller Councils – the Clerk will attend and ask for the cost to be split three ways.
20. Hacker Young have signed off the external audit but did ask why our reserves were low and what we planned to do about this and what level we plan to have at the end of this year. Clerk/RFO has responded that we like to have about £6000 and that as we do not have any major projects this year this should be the case.

131.2 To resolve that the Parish Council adopt the revised Code of Conduct (Model Code of Conduct for Parish Councils including the optional paragraph 12 (2) appended to this report in place of the Council's existing Code of Conduct
 The Clerk explained the pertinent changes to the Code. Councillors resolved to accept the New Code of Conduct and to complete the Declaration of Acceptance. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute towards the cost of the WDC advertisement required by law. All Councillors completed new Registers of Interest.

131.3 PLANNING
Applications

VJB/07/06451/FUL – West Wycombe Village Hall – construction of single storey side extension to village hall – no objection.

07/06702/FUL – Copperfields – amendment to cartilage boundary of plots 15 & 16 and revision to boundaries of adjacent car parking area – no objection.

Decisions

07/05718/FUL – 15 Bradenham Road – construction of part 2 storey/part single storey side and rear extension and single storey front extension – permit

DBL/07/058865/FUL – The Friend at Hand – demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of 2 storey building to include 4 x 1 bed flats and 1 x 1 bed dwelling (5 in total) creation of new access and associated car parking (alt scheme to pp 07/05030/FUL) – refused

AD/07/05980/FUL – 34 Chorley Road – construction of 2 storey rear extension – refused

AD/07/06275/FUL – 53 Bradenham Road – construction of single storey rear extension – permit

AD/07/06260/FUL – 92 Chorley Road – construction of detached garage and store, insertion of one dormer window to rear elevation in connection with conversion of roof space to form habitable accommodation – withdrawn.

131.4 TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE VILLAGE HALL

The Community Association will be applying for grants to fund their new building project and the Parish Council will be approached for financial support.

The Village Hall has recently had some difficult 'lets' which have seriously affected the environment and quality of life for neighbouring residents.

131.5 HIGHWAYS ISSUES – including suggestions for names for the new development on The Friend at Hand site and a report of a recent meeting re flooding in the centre of the Parish

The developer has suggested Hillcrest Mews or Hillcrest Place. Councillors resolved to put forward Gerrard Place, Old Station Place

The Clerk had a site visit with Eric Meek, Russell Crockford and Ian Sharp of BCC re flooding issues in the High Street. As a result of this some remedial works will be undertaken – grips lined and cleared, two gully clearings per year at BCC cost and Parish will pay for any extra at a cost of £100 per time; alterations to the footway at Swan Yard to prevent water running into the Yard, they will also put in a capital bid to install a slot drain in the same area.

BCC has responded that the pre-signals have reduced the queuing time along the Bradenham Road.

BCC has stated that they do not plan to introduce double yellow lines when they carry out relining of the West Wycombe Road. They feel that by extending the hatching as far as the safety camera delays for Copperfields residents should be alleviated. The break in the hatches will allow large vehicles room to use the BRS Yard. Claire Gayle of BCC who is negotiating with Henry Homes has been advised of the proposals.

They believe that by extending the right turn lane should reduce the amount of traffic backing up.

BCC Area Engineer Ian Sharp will have a regular monthly meeting with the Clerk.

Drainage ditches along Bradenham Road need clearing as they have become overgrown.

Steps over railway are overgrown – BCC Rights of Way.

131.6 TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR JULY AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Cheques and standing orders for Mrs S. Henson, Bucks County Council Crossing Patrol, Mrs S Henson – expenses, Southern Electric Contracting, Southern Electricity, Cllr Mrs Smith – refund of training, Hacker Young audit fee, Elizabeth Ross – weed killing, WDC election cost WDC has refunded the electricity costs of the pollution monitor (£268.08)

The Clerk issued expenditure compared to budget sheets covering the period April – July. It was resolved to approve the accounts.

131.7 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

None raised.

130.8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 13th September at 8pm in The Church Room.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.