

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 14th JUNE 2007
AT 7.00 PM. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

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

5 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: Cllr Mr F. Downes,
Mr N. Phillips, Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale, Dist Cllr Mr I McEnnis

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING AND THE MAY 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 Cllr Timberlake on the item relating to West
Wycombe Library.

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
Cllr Mrs Smith and the Clerk attended Standards Training – the main changes are
that if you have an interest it is either personal or if there is some form of financial
benefit then it becomes prejudicial; anyone with an interest is allowed, as any
ordinary member of the public, to say their piece and then they must leave the room.
Councillors are no longer obliged to report fellow Councillors. Councillors will need to
study the new book issued at the meeting.

Cllr Mrs Smith and the Clerk attended a workshop run by WDC on Healthcare Issues
in our District – the final result was a remit to investigate drug and alcohol related
health issues, however this was a skewed result as the majority of professionals
present represented this group, other attendees representing the wider population
made 'access to services' their priority – either sites of GP surgeries, travelling
issues, distance of hospital from the community which needs them.

The Clerk attended a Thames Valley Police Workshop where we stated our priorities
in future planning. Where Neighbourhood Action Groups exist they seem pleased
with the way it works. We will eventually be in such a group.

The Clerk attended a SLCC training session on Quality Parish Councils.
Clerks meeting with WDC and BCC covering issues on Pathfinder, devolution to
Parish Councils, the new bus routes and accessibility, recycling in general and more
recycling centres in rural areas, Bucks waste issues, new library times for some
areas and housing issues.

The Clerk attended a training session for the new system of Eplanning. West
Wycombe is one of five guinea pig parishes and we will be operating the system from
now on.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

MEETING REOPENED

130.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 11th May – 14th June

1. Notification from BCC that they propose to change the road markings on
the West Wycombe Road
2. Letter from 467 West Wycombe Road stating their objections to 473 West
Wycombe Road planning application
3. Hacker Young confirmation of receipt of our audit forms
4. BCC confirming receipt of our request for more information on VAS
5. BCC confirming receipt of our comments on winter salting and rural grass
cutting.
6. Services plans for The Pedestal verge – passed to Elizabeth Ross
7. Chiltern News
8. JOTS Newsletter

9. Notification of a Planning Training session on July 2nd at 17.45 in WDC Council Chamber to explain the Planning White Paper. Cllr Mrs Smith is unable to attend. Cllr Seymour may be able to attend.
10. WDALC Agenda passed to Cllr Mrs Smith
11. Notification that 15 Bradenham Road is going to development Control Committee on 20th June – Cllr Callaghan may be able to speak at this
12. Plans for 216 and 233 West Wycombe Road from Mr Jeff Emmett – these are not in our Parish but we will make comment as this and the application for 233 West Wycombe Road are for demolition of family homes to create flats and this is going to make the entrance into High Wycombe look like bed sit city and is going to increase the volume of residential traffic on a road which is struggling now.

130.2 PLANNING

Applications

AD/07/06275/FUL – 53 Bradenham Road – construction of single storey rear extension – this appears to be over the 50% rule in the Green Belt although the design statement says it is under 50%.

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 – no objection.

07/06384/FUL – 74 Copperfields – first floor extension over garage and erection of conservatory to rear – check on covenant re extensions on the properties within the first few years of construction. Will have an impact on 72 Copperfields.

Decisions

AHC/07/05887/CTREE – The Rectory, Church Lane – various tree works – not to make a TPO

07/05532/FUL – The Granary Barn – Towerage Lane – erection of all weather ménage with a fence – permit

07/0564/FUL – 4 Woodview Close – construction of conservatory to rear – permit

07/05650/FUL – 2 Beechwood Road – erection of part single storey/part two storey rear extension – permit

07/05747/FUL – 395 West Wycombe Road – demolition of existing building and erection of new building to form 6 x 1 bed flats with car parking – refused

130.3 TO CONSIDER THE USE OF THE LIBRARY FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The West Wycombe Community Library Action Group has given a price of £15 per session. Councillors discussed the issue and instructed the Clerk to find out the up-to-date costs of the Church Room. Cllr Timberlake will arrange to have the library set up for a meeting to see if it would be practical. The benefits would be a toilet on site and easier to heat in the winter. Councillors felt it may be confusing for the public to have one venue for the winter and another for the summer; however Councillors would like to be able to support both buildings.

130.4 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

To consider a proposal by Bucks County Council for revised road markings on the West Wycombe Road: After a lengthy discussion the following comments will be put to Bucks County Council:

1. That the entire length of the affected part of the West Wycombe Road should have double yellow lines placed on both sides as parked vehicles will negate any plan to ease traffic flow.
2. We are concerned that residents of our parish living along the section of West Wycombe Road where the double lane is created will be unable to exit right from their homes.
3. That these works need to be considered in connection with the possibility of a right hand filter being created in connection with the Henry Homes

Planning Application near The Pedestal Roundabout currently being considered and discussed by Clare Gayle.

4. Currently residents of Copperfields use the traffic delay created by vehicles entering the old BRS Yard for exiting and turning right.
5. The creation of a total of three narrow lanes and large lorries will just extend the problem.
6. We strongly suggest that the long term works proposed for the Chapel Lane junction, where properties have already be compulsory purchased, be implemented as this is going to be the most significant action to produce a real solution to traffic congestion from The pedestal roundabout to Chapel Lane.

To consider booking the gully jetting machine to clear gullies in the parish

Due to BCC's intention to only clear gullies in our area on a tri-annual basis unless properties are under threat, it was agreed that we would book 2 days gully emptying which we would pay for; we would prioritise those areas where houses are under threat. The Clerk will speak to BCC to see what a realistic timing for the work would be.

The Clerk will ask BCC how long the presignals will be in place as they started working on 15th February 2006 and we cannot see that they have made any difference during the extended '12 month period'.

130.5 TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR JUNE AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Cheques and standing orders for Mrs S. Henson, Bucks County Council Crossing Patrol, Allianz Cornhill, Mrs S Henson – expenses, WDALC subscription, Thames Water, BT, Chairman's Allowance, Miss Hewitt – Internal audit honorarium, Post Office, Lawrence Landscapes – burial ground car park resurfacing and third of annual maintenance contract

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

130.6 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

The Clerk will write to the Dower House asking for work to be carried out to the laurel hedge.

The work party from Goldman Sachs are working with The National Trust to tidy up sections of the village.

The National Express 737 will be stopping in Stokenchurch from 22nd June, Clerk will write to BCC/National Express asking if it could stop in West Wycombe.

Clerk will investigate taxi vouchers.

130.7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 19th July at 8pm in The Church Room.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.12 pm.