

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 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
Mr N. Phillips – The National Trust, Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

4 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:
Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale & Dist Cllr Mr I McEnnis

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE JULY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING

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

TO DECLARE ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:
None to declare

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

BCC has cleared and concreted the grips on the top section of Church Lane. All the potholes have been marked up and will be repaired.

BCC have started clearing all the gullies along the first section of the Bradenham Road. All the ditches are clear but the gullies leading to them were blocked. The soak ways at the bottom of Portway Drive are completely blocked and an order has been issued to have them cleared. Gully outside 460 WW Road is to be jetted. Sett repairs have been booked for near the Park Gates and near The Sweet Shop. Further setts damaged outside no 3 High Street and near The Pedestal.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

MEETING REOPENED

132.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 19th July – 13th September 2007

1. BCC letter with statistics re traffic flow from The Pedestal in relation to the pre-signals showing a reduction in traffic volumes.
2. BCC letter re 473 West Wycombe Road and traffic issues.
3. BCC letter re Vehicle Activated signs and info sheet taken of the BCC website showing costs at either £4000 or £8000
4. Letter from Banner Homes re traffic at Copperfields they would support any request we made for traffic lights.
5. WDC letter advising us that the new development at The Friend at Hand will be called Old Station Place – the development at 473 WW Road will probably be called Gerrard Place
6. Notification of a Play Funding Workshop at WDC on 26th September.
7. BCC request for Local Committee scheme bids – agenda item for October.
8. BCC Stokenchurch & Marlow Community Accessibility Partnership – next meeting on Tuesday 25th September – Lane End Youth & Community Centre 2pm – 4.30pm or Lane End Village Hall 6pm – 8.30pm – Cllr Timberlake and the Clerk will attend.
9. Notification of 1 day (10am – 3.30pm) course on new Code of Conduct on Tuesday 2nd October, Green Park, Aston Clinton
10. WDALC Minutes and agenda for 20th September meeting – Cllr Timberlake will attend.
11. BCC Rights of Way consultation document also an open even at Adams Park on Wednesday 10th October 1 – 8pm
12. Notification that WDC Planning will be online only from 1st October – we will print out on A4 for now and see how we progress.

13. Chilterns Planning Conference on 3rd October at Whipsnade Zoo – Mr Nick Phillips is attending.
14. BCC notification of a change in rules re road closures for Events on the Highway – this will also affect filming.
15. Chiltern News Magazine
16. Notification of The Chiltern Society AGM – 3rd November, Green Park, Aston Clinton
17. WDC Together we Can Newsletter - circulated
18. The Playing Field Newsletter
19. South East Plan report
20. BCC letter on Bucks Car Share
21. Chilterns Commons Training Day – 15th September at Hughenden Manor
22. Letter from WDC asking if we have any comments on how the new Licensing Act is working in relation to our parish – we have not suffered any adverse effects.
23. Local Council Review
24. Theatre in the Village
25. Email from Elizabeth Ross asking if we want September weed killing to take place at a cost of £161 - we will order this. She is investigating The Pedestal planting.
26. Email from West Wycombe School advising us that they have terminated the lease on the Pedestal Playing Field and that Hithercroft Football Club will be taking it on. The school has also been given by Doreen Maddon (Scannappeal) a large painting of The Church Room and The Sweet Shop. Mrs Cobb wondered whether the Parish Council would like it and make a donation to the Scannappeal .
27. Information on joining the CPRE

132.2 To discuss the lack of action by Senior Executive Officers of The National Trust in response to our complaint about the state of West Wycombe Village
 All Councillors agreed to pursue The National Trust on the appalling state of the village and chase them for a Senior Executives meeting. Mr Phillips was able to report that painting has started on some cottages and more are planned next year as well as some general maintenance work.

132.3 PLANNING
Applications

07/06665/FUL – 427 West Wycombe Road – construction of ground floor extension to rear of property over existing lower ground floor kitchen – no objection.

ELH/07/06914/FUL – 488 West Wycombe Road – construction of new side porch and conversion of garage to living accommodation – no objection

VJB/07/06941/FUL – 74 Copperfields – raising of roof, insertion of two dormer windows to rear and external alterations in connection with loft conversion – objections on the grounds of a detrimental effect on 72 Copperfields and has the potential to be overdevelopment. We have strong concerns on raising the roof, not only from an aesthetic point of view but also because the property backs onto the Conservation Area of West Wycombe Park and we are aware that The National Trust Covenants would prevent this type of development.

07/07122/LBC – 45 High Street, West Wycombe – removal of internal first floor partition wall – no objection.

Decisions

VJB/07/06451/FUL – West Wycombe Village Hall – construction of single storey side extension to village hall – permit

07/06384/FUL – 74 Copperfields – erection of conservatory – permit

07/06665/FUL – 427 West Wycombe Road – construction of ground floor extension to rear of property over existing lower ground floor kitchen – permit

07/05269/FUL – Plant & Harvest – erection of 2 polytunnels (retrospective) - refused

- 132.4 To discuss placing a window in the Bradenham Road bus shelter
It would cost £120 - £150 to have this work carried out. It was resolved to go ahead with the work. We need to order No smoking sign for the bus shelters as they are three sided buildings and we could be fined up to £1000.
- 132.5 Highways issues – including : the condition of the top section of Church Lane and to seek a meeting with all relevant parties at BCC/WDC re the traffic flows/volumes on the West Wycombe Road and the affect of the M40 closures
The M40 is being closed on an ever more regular basis and our Parish is the official alternative route. We need police help on these occasions not only on a safety issues but also for directional purposes. We will write to the Highways Agency and BCC asking for a meeting to discuss this and other issues relating to the A40 – projected volume of traffic and highways in relation to planning.
Bradenham Road sign still has not been removed as part of the Area 5 speed Review follow up action. Clerk will chase BCC.
Area 8 Speed Review is going out to public consultation on 28th September until 22nd October.
The Clerk will write to Cllr Mrs Letheren to push for white lines and/or intelligent cats eyes on the A4010. Our previous request was dismissed by BCC in the Summer of 2006.
- 132.6 To consider whether any extra maintenance work is required in the Burial Ground
It was agreed to investigate costs for bin to be emptied by a contractor. We are waiting for an up to date price for the installation of a kissing gate. A cut on the shelter belt hedge is included in our maintenance agreement. It needs to have 3 – 4 feet cut off the top.
- 132.7 To report on GC2C
The existing GC2C's areas are being considered a success and they now want to roll it out to the wider area. For our proposed area, Anne Davies will be in overall charge with Carole Burslem interacting with the parishes. Cllr Downes has suggested dividing the area – Radnage, Stokenchurch, Piddington & Wheeler End, West Wycombe and then Marlow, Lane End, Hambleden.
Cllr Downes has had a site visit of his area with AD and CB and highlighted some of the issues.
Delegated powers may be given to parishes other than Quality Parishes.
- 132.8 To resolve to approve the accounts for August and September and signing of cheques
Cheques and standing orders for August: Mrs S. Henson, Bucks County Council Crossing Patrol, Wycombe District Council – Code of Conduct Advert Cheques and standing orders and direct debit for September: Mrs S. Henson, Bucks County Council Crossing Patrol, Mrs S Henson – expenses, Southern Electricity, Thames Water, FairPrint (Annual Report), British Telecom, SLCC Conference, Lawrence Landscapes.
It was resolved to approve the accounts.
- 132.9 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS
Cllr Downes – St Lawrence Church Trust have decided to abandon idea of a visitor centre although the toilets would go ahead. The National Trust would be interested in exploring the idea of combining with the St Lawrence Church Trust and the PCC to use The Church Room for such a centre.
The National Trust has applied for replacement brown tourist signs for West Wycombe Park; the St Lawrence Trust would also like directional signs. The National Trust would not object to all the signs being on one post. Cllr Downes will pass on this information to Simon Cope.

Nick Phillips reported that The National Trust propose replacing the coping stones around the triangle at the top Church Lane – National Trust will email Highways on Call asking for permission to do this work, Clerk will advise Highways Engineer at her regular meeting. When the warning posts were erected a cable was found to be running close to the verge hence the reason the posts are set further in to the triangle.

Several residents have raised the issue of speeding traffic up and down Church Lane.

Cllr Timberlake on behalf of the West Wycombe Community Library Action Group thanked Cllr Mrs Smith for opening the BBQ and serving teas all afternoon.

Cllr Callaghan reported that there have been issues with passengers on the 105/106 service along the Bradenham Road. The Clerk will write to Wycombe District Council and Bucks County Council.

The Dog Warden will be asked to pay a visit to the High Street as there is a large amount of dog fouling.

132.10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 11th October at 8pm in The Church Room.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.47 pm.