

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 10th APRIL 2008
AT 8.00 PM. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Chairman, Mrs C. Dakin, Mr D. Callaghan,
Mr. F. Downes, Mr N. Timberlake Mr N. Philips, The National Trust
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

Dist Cllr I. McEnnis, Dist Cllrs Mrs J. Teesdale, Mrs C. Burslem - BCC GC2C

5 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:
Cllrs Mr R. Seymour and Mrs A. Harris

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING

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

TO DECLARE ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

Cllr Downes declared a personal interest in the planning application for Rose
Cottage.

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Clerk has issued a list of works required by BCC Maintenance in our Parish and
also had her first meeting with Bill Horwood our new Area Technician.

West Wycombe Estate confirmed that we should be able to have Christmas Trees
from the Estate this year.

Cllr Mrs Smith and the Clerk attended the inaugural meeting of the BCC Local Area
Forum for Rural Marlow.

Clerk has booked places for Cllrs Mrs Smith, Mrs Dakin and Mr Callaghan at the
planning training meeting on 17th April. Cllr Timberlake will also attend.

Clerk has invited the Sir Edward, the PCC, the school, the Community Library and
the Police to the Annual Parish Meeting

Elizabeth Ross has planted up the area in front of The Pedestal Monument and the
garage has stopped parking their cars at that point and the bus stop.

PG Smith has confirmed that he would be placing the window in the bus shelter in
Bradenham Road in the next 2 -3 weeks.

The Clerk has written to some residents of Bradenham Road about parking and
blocking the pavement.

The Clerk has been in lengthy discussions with BCC re the repainting of the zebra
crossing but it seems unlikely that it will be repainted as a high priority. Officers' view
is that its position is the main cause for motorists ignoring pedestrians. Passed to
Carole Burslem.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

139.1 Correspondence received from 14th March – 10th April 2008

1. BCC – Because every Adult Matters – Our Vision booklet
2. Allianz Cornhill insurance renewal – £1075.39 -add new PC and printer
3. Southern Electric Contracting – lighting charges and inventory
4. In Focus Magazine
5. Town and Parish Standards newsletter
6. BCC Area 8 Speed Limit orders
7. WDC Invitation to a training session on parking issues in planning – 29th April. Cllr Mrs Smith and the Clerk will attend.
8. The Wycombe Partnership – Spring Conference – May 13th 10 – 3 Adams Park
9. BCC Timetable for maintenance gangs in our area. – Clerk has submitted list of work to be carried out.
10. WDC Invitation to Chairmen for the launch of the Pathfinder Pilot Trial on 21st April Cllr Mrs Smith will be attending.
11. Community Voice
12. Planning Appeal Decision – refusal for the BT Repeater Station
13. The Chiltern Society information for areas where they may lose their Post Office. Chiltern Society Newsletter
14. SEERA – Regions Housing Need Report
15. Audit papers from Mazars –this will be on the May agenda as books are with the internal auditor.
16. WDC notification of refund of electricity charges for air pollution station
17. Renewal of subscription for the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management - £75. After a discussion it was agreed that we renew this for another year.

139.2 PLANNING

Applications

AD/08/05661/FUI – 468 West Wycombe Rd – erection of replacement garage – no objection however we do have a concern over the pitch/height of the roof which as the garden is on a steep slope could be imposing for neighbours.

AHC/08/05669/CTREE – Farthing Cottage – various tree works – no objection

AHC/08/05670/TPO – The Malt House - works to yew trees and remove 1 ash tree – no objection

AHC/08/05673/CTREE – 24 High Street - remove 1 eucalyptus tree – no objection

AHC/08/05672/CTREE - 21a High Street – remove 1 Norway spruce – no objection

AHC/08/05671/TPO – Park Farm House – various tree works – no objection

AD/08/05698/FUI & 05699/LBC – Rose Cottage, Bradenham Road – conversion of garage to ancillary accommodation – no objection

MJD/08/05804/FUL – Ripon, Cookshall Lane – demolition of existing dwelling and redevelopment of site to provide one pair of semi-detached dwellings.

Construction of vehicular access – object strongly. The existing house line for Cookshall Lane should be retained. This is an extremely narrow lane used, with difficulty, by large farm vehicles, without passing places or any area for turning for about 1 mile unless they reverse onto the A4010. Insufficient parking allowance for 2 x 3 bed properties as there is absolutely no street parking and it is also directly opposite one of the entrances to the Playing Field. We find the design less than inspiring for a property on the borders of the AONB.

DBL/08/05796/FUL – 410 West Wycombe Road (Friend at Hand) – demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of 1 x 1 bed dwelling – this has already been demolished and re-erected prior to the application. We do not object but we note that the design statement states that the building would be timber clad and the current building would appear not to be timber clad.

MJD/08/05838/FUL – Autumn House, 11 Beechwood Road – const of replacement garage to side and single storey conservatory to rear – no objection

Ardgowan have an issue with the development at 473 West Wycombe Road. BCC want a piece of their land in order to maintain the width of the road leading to the roundabout. Ardgowan are stating that because of the electricity sub station they are unable to do this. BCC are suggesting that the pavement goes round the back of the sub station. Still under discussion.

Cllr Downes suggested that County and District Councillors and Officers from both Local Authorities the e.g. Anne Davies, Jim Stevens, Carole Burslem, Jerry Unsworth with Cllrs Mrs Teesdale, Mr McEnnis, Mrs Letheren and Cllr Downes meet to discuss housing development and planning parking policy for our parish.

139.3 The Burial Ground – to consider maintenance

The refuse bin will be delivered by WDC. The kissing gate is being well used which means we need to have a more durable surface laid. Currently the sheep are not grazing the grass as they would escape under the kissing gate. We may need to have the meadow cut twice this year.

The Clerk reported that wild flowers were beginning to establish around the boundary and wondered whether wildflower grass seed could be sown in the area. Clerk will talk to The National Trust.

139.4 To consider any documentation relating to the playing field

Cllr Seymour had an initial meeting with Sir Edward. The Clerk has had a subsequent meeting. He would offer us a 5 year lease – first year would be free and then £500 per annum for the remaining 4 years. We would renegotiate every 5 years. We would be responsible for legal costs but as the basic agreement exists already we hope that this should not be too high. Hithercroft Football Club pay £100 per annum for the rent of the land that their sports building is on and the access to this building has to be retained at all times. They use the field every Sunday from August to the end of April. Since BCC terminated the previous agreement the football club have been cutting the grass, however they are not in a financial position to continue to do this. If we decided to go ahead and install a play area we would need to have fencing erected to prevent children accessing the main road. Sir Edward would have no objection to the fencing or the play area and we would be responsible for the fence, the insurance and would need to seek approval for any signs to be erected. The land must always be available for Community Use.

Clerk is having a site visit with Hithercroft Football Club on 11th April to see whether it would be feasible to 'share' the land.

Clerk has, so far obtained one price for grass cutting - £150 including the area under the trees.

139.5 To receive reports on the WDC Rural Forum, Local Area Forum and the Thames Valley Police NAG

Rural Forum – a very interesting meeting which focussed on Affordable Housing. Local Area Forum – covered planing and patching gangs, community gangs, adult social care, fly tipping, bus passes and taxi tokens and community speedwatch. The NAG was very positive and we were pleased with the way we have moved forward.

139.6. To approve the Accounts for the year ending March 08; to approve the accounts for April 08 and signing of Cheques

The Clerk had issued draft end of year accounts at the March meeting. It was resolved to accept them as a true record of our financial position and the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer signed them off.

Standing Orders for Mrs S. Henson and Bucks County Council and cheques for Mike Henson Presentations, BALC subscription, Southern Electric – energy, Southern Electric Contracting – maintenance, Lawrence Landscapes – first quarter’s maintenance and West Wycombe Community Association – use of refuse bin, Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management. It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment.

139.7 Matters Raised by Councillors

Mr Philips ensured that we were aware of the NATS and the affect it could have on green spaces.

Cllr Downes asked Mr Philips about the state of the heating systems in National Trust properties – a survey is currently being undertaken.

Cllr Callaghan reported that the lights on the 30 mph signs near Towerage Lane were not working and one street light close to them was not working.

The Clerk was able to confirm that the removal of the incorrectly placed Welcome to West Wycombe signs on the Bradenham Road went on the Gang Works Sheet.

Cllr Timberlake thanked Cllr Callaghan for his hard work at the West Wycombe Community Library Quiz.

139.8 Date of next meeting

Thursday 1st May at 8pm in The Church Room – Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 8th May at 8pm in The Church Room – Annual Parish Council Meeting and May meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10 pm