

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER 2008
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, Mr N. Timberlake, Mrs C. Dakin (from 8.50pm)
Mr N. Phillips – The National Trust Mrs S. Henson - Clerk

Dist Cllrs Mrs J. Teesdale, Dist Cllr I. McEnnis

3 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: Mrs A Harris

TO DECLARE ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

Cllr Mrs Smith, Cllr Seymour and Cllr Timberlake declared a prejudicial interest in the item relating donations to the West Wycombe Community Association and West Wycombe Community Library. Cllr Seymour declared a prejudicial interest in the item relating to the Old Folks Christmas Party. Due to the inclement weather they were allowed to stay in the building but took no part in the discussion or decision.

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Clerk has attended a meeting with BCC re the new bus routes/times and a copy of the new timetable should be in Contact in January.

Clerk attended a BCC meeting covering transport, speeding and updates on Pathfinder/GC2C. BCC introduced a new idea for real time information at bus stops and would like an indication if parishes would be interested in buying into the scheme. They also advised us that they are looking at buying electricity cheaper and hope to be contacting the parishes in the new year

Cllr Mrs Smith attended the WDALC Meeting.

Cllr Mrs Smith has sat on several Standards Committee hearings.

Cllrs Callaghan and Seymour and the Clerk attended the Pathfinder Pilot Trial meeting.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

MEETING REOPENED

146.1 Correspondence received from 13th November – 11th December 2008

1. Buckinghamshire Pathfinder – WDC Engagement Pilot Newsletter no 8
2. Chilterns Conservation Board – Chilterns AONB Management Plan 2008-2013
3. BCC Acknowledgement of Temporary SID. Clerk will ask if the Chorley Road unit can be used to indicating speeding in both directions
4. Chiltern News magazine
5. WDC have advised us that there are only 9 extra houses to be allowed for in 2009/2010. 42 were added last year.
6. Journal of the Institute of Cemetery Management
7. Information from BCC on Roadside Shrine policy – this will have priority over the Parish policy.
8. Winter Salting Route maps
9. The Playing Field Magazine
10. Community Speedwatch leaflets
11. Lawrence Landscapes – price of £5702 to create a wildflower meadow. We will apply to the Leader Fund for a grant to undertake the project.

12. BCC –Buckinghamshire in 2026 – how will it shape up – consultation answers required by end of January – passed to Cllr Callaghan
13. Confirmation from BCC that our Delegated Scheme bid has been submitted
14. Telephone conversation with Jacobs Babbie indicating it will cost £50 per light to replace the photocell to change the timing on lights. We have 57 lights. We may be able to buy our electricity at a lower price.
15. Creative Memorials request for permission for wording on memorial for Mr Travis – no objection.

146.2 PLANNING

Application

MJD/08/07533/FUL – land rear of 10 Beechwood Road – erection of 1 x 2 bed bungalow and detached garage with alterations to existing access, demolition of existing garage and erection of new detached garage with creation of parking space for no 10 Beechwood Road (amended scheme to pp 08/05474/FUL) construction of single storey front extension and insertion of front bay window in connection with a garage conversion – no objection

MJD/08/07580/FUL – 355 West Wycombe Road – const of part two storey, part single storey rear extension and alterations and conversion of existing dwelling into 4 x 1 bed flats with new shared access with no 353, provision of 4 x car parking spaces, individual balcony and communal amenity and bin and cycle stores – no objection

GMG/08/07629/FUL – 12 Bradenham Road – construction of single storey front extension – no objection as long as it comes within the 50% rule.

PECS/08/07652/CTREE - The Car Park, Church Lane –crown lift to 5m, clean out crown of dead/dying weak or crossing branches to 1 sycamore tree – no objection

ELH/08/07377/FUL – Kingscote, Park Farm Road (amended) – construction of single storey front extension and insertion of front bay window in connection with a garage conversion – although the applicant has made a modification to the plan the Parish Council still feels the area for parking is inadequate for a 5 bedroomed property

Decisions -None received

146.3 Finance

To recommend an increase in the Standing Order for the Old Folks Christmas Party

The current s/o has been at £50 for at least 10 years. It was resolved to increase this to £100 per annum.

To discuss Community Donations

It was resolved to donate £1000 to West Wycombe Community Library and £2000 for West Wycombe Community Association.

To consider the proposed NALC/SLCC interim pay rise backdated to April 08.

The pay rise will mean an extra £13.36 per month backdated to 1st April 2008. Mileage is 58.7p per mile. It was resolved to pay the interim pay rise.

To set the Precept for 2009/2010

Cllr Callaghan proposed a Precept of £30,000, this was seconded by Cllr Downes and unanimously accepted. It was resolved to set the Precept at £30,000.

146.4 Highways issues

Mr Phillips reported on the highways situation relating to the proposed maintenance work to the properties in the High Street, BCC wanted 17 parking spaces blocked off which would have affected the traders prior to Christmas. They have re-phased the work and this part of the village will now take place after Christmas for 4 – 6 weeks.

Clerk has been in contact with BCC re the new bollards at the top of Copperfields but at the moment BCC say they are fine and just make people sit and observe more before they exit the road. Clerk will forward photo illustrating the problem.

Light outside no 12 Chorley Road not functioning.

- 146.5 To discuss the requirements of the revised Freedom of Information Act and to resolve to adopt the new scheme
It was resolved to adopt the revised Freedom of Information Act and to add one page to the web site to provide a 'map' of where everything can be found.
- 146.6 To discuss the recent Civil Contingency Act Emergency Exercise
Cllrs Mrs Smith, Mr Seymour and the Clerk attended WDC and carried out a paper exercise to deal with the problem of the parish cut off by snow for three to four weeks. We were congratulated on our local knowledge and the Clerk is to attend a National Conference on the subject.
- 146.7 To approve the accounts for December 08 and signing of Cheques
Standing Orders for Mrs S. Henson and Bucks County Council; Mrs Henson (expenses) Southern Electric, Festive Lighting, Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council (share in purchase of paper) BT, Thames Water, SLCC subscription.
It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment.
- 146.8 Matters Raised by Councillors
Cllr Callaghan reported on the Pathfinder pilot trial meeting and noted that there was no constitution and defined membership which questions the validity of the process. We will provide feedback to WDC.
- 146.9 Date of next meeting
Thursday 8th January 2009 at 8pm in The Church Room.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm and invited everyone to celebrate Christmas with mince pies.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 1.12.2008

Opening balance as at 1.11.08	9216.67
Plus burial of ashes – Mr Travis	100.00
Less November cheques	932.91
Closing balance	8383.76
Business Premium Account balance as at 30.6.08	131.19
Bank of Ireland Account as at 30.10.08	16565.49
Total Funds	25080.44

Accounts to be paid in December

Mrs S Henson (s/o)	541.04
Mrs S Henson expenses	118.63
BCC School Crossing Patrol	129.06
BT (dd) refunds from other PC's	147.93
SLCC subs (1/3 of cost)	44.34
Piddington & Wheeler End PC 10% refund on paper purch	4.99
Thames Water	8.10
Southern Electric (dd) feeder column 2	19.81
Southern Electric (dd) feeder column 1	381.44
Festive Lighting – extension cable	47.00
Total	1442.34