

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2008
AT 8.00 PM. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

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

Mrs Carole Burslem - BCC

3 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:

Cllrs Mr F. Downes, Mr N. Timberlake, Dist Cllrs Mrs J. Teesdale and Mr I. McEnnis,

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING

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

TO DECLARE ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

None declared.

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The work on Swan Yard has been completed.

The Clerk has been given a price of £175 plus VAT for each of the Christmas trees from the Christmas Tree Barn, Christmas Common and single delivery charge of £25. Other options were discussed including growing our own.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

137.1 Correspondence received from 11th January – 14th February 2008

1. Agenda and papers for Local Area Committee – looking for volunteer leaders and new walks for the Simply Walk Scheme. Indicated that road maintenance work may not happen through the Local Area Schemes.
2. BCC Winter Driving leaflet - circulate
3. BCC - update on the Bucks CC Municipal Waste Procurement Project
4. Rural Social Enterprise booklet - circulate
5. BCC Minerals & Waste core strategy development plan document – preferred options consultation for the public at different venues throughout the county.
6. Communities and Local Government – consultation on orders and regulations relating to the conduct of local authority members.
7. BCC School Travel Newsletter
8. Notification of a SLCC Training Conference in Bracknell on 15th April – cost £45 divided by 3 i.e. £15.00
9. Invitation to a Play Partnership training session at WDC on Monday 25th February at 6pm – Cllrs Mrs Smith and Mr Seymour and Clerk will attend
10. WDC Illegal Dumping/fly tipping kit.
11. Invitation from Bucks Community Action to the launch an Affordable Housing Film.
12. Notification that the new auditors will be Mazars LP
13. The Playing Field magazine – passed to Cllr Seymour
14. Notification that the Local Area Forum planned for 26th February has been cancelled.
15. Invitation to attend a training course on the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 as it applies to Parish Councils – 6th May - Clerk will attend.

16. Thank you letter from West Wycombe Community Library for our recent donation.
17. Thank you letter from West Wycombe Community Association for our recent donation.
18. Copy of letter to BCC re the water and bund in Swan Yard
19. Consultation on the NHS – Right Care, Right Place – our NHS Future – passed to Cllr Mrs Harris. Relates to East Berkshire NHS Trust which may take the load off Buckinghamshire Hospitals
20. Together we Can – leaflets on Wycombe Safety Partnership – issued to Councillors
21. Agenda and papers for Wycombe Transportation Symposium –29th February
22. Arriva has made changes to the Route 40 bus. As from 10th March the evening bus service will be 30 minutes later.
23. BCC has issued a document clarifying their treatment/repair of potholes.
24. BCC – consultation on the new law re the change in planning applications – circulate.

137.2 PLANNING

Decisions

GMG/07/07896/CLP – 16 Rosemary Close – construction of single storey rear extension – permit

MJD/07/07991/FUL – Summer Cottage, 15 Beechwood Road – erection of detached double garage/store room – permit

Applications

DBL/08/05160/FUL – 395 West Wycombe Road – demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new building to form 6 x 1 bed flats with car parking, bin store and cycle store – they have not addressed all the issues raised in the previous refusal. We still feel that the parking is still too close to neighbouring properties; the increase in amenity space is very minimal. Over development of the Copperfields area and totally insufficient parking particularly in relation to the proposed SPA. Inaccurate information over frequency of bus times. We will ask for it to go to committee

The Friend at Hand site is now being marketed – already evidence of pavement parking. Parish Council will wait to see what happens as people move in but may need to consider making a request for yellow lines. Clerk is still waiting for a response from the Case Officer re the demolition of the pigeon loft.

Ardgowan have stated that ground works will commence at 473 West Wycombe Road on the 18th February.

Several reports of developers approaching people about selling off land along the West Wycombe Road and Chapel Lane.

137.3 To consider Highways issues

Clerk has reported potholes in the village entry treatment, the junction of the A40 and Chorley Road and in the pavement outside no 12 High Street. The lights in the High Street should be repaired soon as Jacobs were waiting for delivery of the special light bulbs required.

Clerk will raise the issue of parking on pavements along West Wycombe Road and Bradenham Road.

Clerk will contact Area Technician and Highways on Call re the zebra crossing paint, the white time restriction waiting lines by shops, the double yellow lines, loose drain cover outside no 3 High Street, the poor surface of the pavement by the speed limit sign at the Eastern end of the village and the road surface breaking up around a drain cover at the same point – when cars drive over it there is quite a noise made by the drain cover moving.

- 137.4 To consider any documentation relating to the playing field
Nothing has been received to date.
- 137.5 To approve the Accounts for February 2008; Signing of Cheques
Cheques and standing orders for Mrs S. Henson and Bucks CC School Crossing patrol, Mrs S. Henson, Lawrence Landscapes, and SLCC training Course. The standing order for the Old People's Party for £50 was paid out on the 4th January.
It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment.
The Clerk issued a sheet showing the proposed budgets and expenditure for 2008/09 as well as expenditure to date sheets and income and expenditure sheets.
- 137.6 Matters Raised by Councillors
The Clerk will write to remind families with graves in the Burial Ground that artificial flowers are not allowed and that they must remove all items placed on the grass – all floral tributes etc must be on the plinth attached to the headstone. A letter will go out on the 21st February asking that items be removed by 21st March in time for the first grass cutting. Anything not removed by that date will be removed by the Clerk.
Cllr Callaghan visited Botley in Hampshire and commented on their brushed aluminium 'information board'.
Cllr Mrs Harris asked that we should continue to investigate ways of carrying out an Environmental Audit.
- 136.7 Date of next meeting
Thursday 13th March 2008 at 8pm in The Church Room.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm