

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 10th JANUARY 2008
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, Mr N. Timberlake. Mr N. Phillips, The National Trust Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

4 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:

Cllr Mrs A. Harris, Dist Cllrs Mrs J. Teesdale and Mr I. McEnnis, Mrs C. Burslem

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 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 blue Christmas tree lights were vandalised. Now they have been removed from the tree we believe 5 strings were affected. Due to the relatively low value we will not make an insurance claim. We are investigating tree suppliers for the coming Christmas.

The service 909 bus by Motts serves John Hampden, Wycombe High and St Bernard's. The Bradenham Road stop is the first stop and it should pick up at 7.53 – he can wait until 7.55. If he gets there earlier and does not wait he then is too early for all other pick ups. We need to note whether the children (3) are not coming out of their homes until they see the bus hence it has to wait or whether it just arrives a bit early. If it is consistently early then BCC will ask that he waits further back at the bus stop near the Red Lion. The children will also have to be told to be waiting for the bus.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

136.1 Correspondence received from 14th December – 10th January 2008

1. Email from Jacobs Babbie giving a guide price for 4 lights near the school of £13,000
2. Report from Mike Henson Presentations re updating the website
3. Letter from Rural Housing Trust re affordable housing in the Parish – Clerk will respond that we have explored all avenues open to us.
4. BCC/SLCC invitation for a Councillors/Clerks Conference on 28th February at Halton House 10 – 3 – cost £20 per person as long as Clerk is member of SLCC – Cllr Mrs Smith and the Clerk will attend.
5. SLCC Membership renewal - £129 between three parishes - £43.00
6. BCC letter advising Parishes of a Sustainability Fund for loans to help with Climate Change activities.
7. BCC notification of Wycombe Transportation Symposium on Friday 29th February at Adams Park – 9am – 4pm – Cllr Seymour and the Clerk will attend.
8. WDC letter asking for our Precept figure
9. Journal from Training Standards
10. Matters Arising magazine from BALC
11. Local Council Review
12. Letter from the consultants dealing with the Special Parking Area
13. Notification from WDC re Planning Training – 22 January at 19.00hrs – this has now been cancelled due to staff shortages at BCC.
14. WDALC Planning Training on 17th April

15. Chilterns Conservation Board – AONB Management Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment Draft Scoping Report – opportunity to comment.
 16. \Refund from WDC for electrical power for Pollution Control unit
 17. WDC Annual Monitoring report is available for viewing online or can be purchased for £10.
 18. WDALC Minutes and dates for future meetings.
 19. WDC/Parish Chairman meeting minutes
 20. BCC Notification of resurfacing work in New Road to the Turnpike – nighttimes closure from 19.30 – 6.30, 28th January – 8th February.
 21. Minutes from the BCC Service Excellence meeting.
 22. Letter from Mrs Russell regarding parking along the West Wycombe Road
- 136.2 PLANNING
Decisions
DBL/07/07609/FUL – 349 West Wycombe Road – extension and conversion of existing dwelling to form 4 x 1 bed flats – refused
ELH/07/07634/FUL – 16 Bradenham Road – construction of single storey rear conservatory – permit
Applications
SVW/07/08052/CONSA – overhead lines Chorley Road; Chorley Farm; Toweridge – consultation under Dept of Environment Circular 14/90 regarding replacement of overhead lines across the district. – no objection.
- 136.3 To consider Highways issues
 Lights nos 3 & 4 in Copperfields are flashing.
 Lights on the public toilets – one on the ladies side has been shorting/flashing.
 The National Trust has placed an order for works on Swan Yard.
 The house gutter clearing has not as yet started.
- 136.4 To set the Precept
 Mike Henson Presentations issued a report on our website. It was agreed that we would ask if the Agenda and Minutes could be archived together as a PDF file; we will move to Google maps and incorporate the CAPTCHA security/spam system
 It was resolved to continue with the contract at a price of £1200 for the coming year.
 It was agreed that we would build up a reserve for the lighting project.
 It was resolved to set the Precept at £35,000
- 136.5 To approve the Accounts for January 2008; Signing of Cheques
 Cheques and standing orders for Mrs S. Henson and Bucks CC School Crossing patrol, Southern Electric, Southern Electric Contracting, West Wycombe Community Association, West Wycombe Community Library, SLCC, Chiltern Paving. It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment.
- 136.6 Matters Raised by Councillors
 Councillors asked Mr Phillips if all the heating systems in properties in the village had been checked for safety due to the recent inquest report relating to the death of a child caused by a failure in the heating system.
- 136.7 Date of next meeting
 Thursday 14th February 2008 at 8pm in The Church Room.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm