

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 12th JUNE 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, Mrs A Harris, Mr N. Timberlake,
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

Dist Cllr I. McEnnis

4 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:

Cllrs Mrs C. Dakin, Mr N. Phillips, The National Trust, Dist Cllrs Mrs J. Teesdale

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH
MEETING, THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND THE MAY PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING

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

TO DECLARE ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

Cllr Timberlake declared an interest due to proximity, on 361 West Wycombe Road
and Cllr Downes declared an interest on the Flint House application for the same
reason.

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

BCC has carried out all the work on the Gang Sheets and a new list has been
issued.

WDC has announced a new parking card scheme where residents of the District can
have £40 worth of tickets for £30.

The Parking SPA is on track to be effective from 1st September.

The Clerk reported that the Annual Report would go out in the July issue of Contact.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

141.1 Correspondence received from 9th May 2008

1. BCC Definitive Map
2. Chiltern Society Subscription - £25
3. WDC Community Safety partnership Newsletter
4. Chiltern News magazine
5. Notification of the Rural Marlow Local Forum – 7pm, 15th July in the
Hambleden Room, Henley Management College
6. WDALC Minutes and Agenda– passed to Cllr Mr Callaghan.
7. BCC Travel Choices Newsletter – passed to Cllr Mrs Harris.
8. WDC Standards Board agenda and hearing minutes.
9. Bucks Pathfinder WDC Community Engagement Newsletter No 2 – Cllr
Downes as County Councillor had not been circulated. Clerk will raise this.
10. SEERA Partial Review of sub regional allocation of land-won aggregates.
11. Chiltern Conservation Board Parishes Fund
12. Letter and list of 16 signatures from West Wycombe Toddler Group
supporting the Parish Council's plan to create a play area and to not be put
off by the traffic and main road.
13. Pathfinder Community Engagement Wycombe District Pilot – meeting in
Sycamore Room, Lane End Village Hall on 23rd June at 6.45pm for 7pm start.
Cllrs Mrs Smith, Mr Seymour, Mr Callaghan and Mr Timberlake will attend.
14. Notes from the recent WDC Planning Training – Urban Parking.
15. In Focus Magazine

16. SEERA – The South East Regional Sustainable Framework
17. WDC Planning Bulletin – from now on, if front gardens are paved over this will only be permitted development if the material used is permeable.

141.2 PLANNING

Application

DBL/08/06249/FUL – 361 West Wycombe Road – alteration and conversion of dwelling to 2 x 1 bed flats – no objection

ELH/08/06303/FUL – 4 Copperfields – creation of driveway and dropped kerb – no objection as we think this is a sensible solution for the parking problem which has been aggravated by the recent planning permission granted for 395 West Wycombe Road. Other properties have carried out similar work to compensate for the inadequate space for parking created in the original development.

ELH/08/06164/FUL – Flint House, Bradenham Road – demolition of existing summerhouse, kennel and greenhouse and construction of summerhouse in garden – no objection.

Decisions

DBL/08/05796/FUL – 410 West Wycombe Road (Friend at Hand) – demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of 1 x 1 bed dwelling – permit with conditions.

AD/08/05698/FUI & 05699/LBC – Rose Cottage, Bradenham Road – conversion of garage to ancillary accommodation – permit and grant consent.

Plant and Harvest has still not removed the poly tunnel. Planning Enforcement has served a notice on them which they should comply with by 12th July.

WDC Planning dept – 10 Beechwood Road – erection of a bungalow is going to Development Control on June 18th.

WDC Planning - Notification of Appeal to Secretary of State for 349 West Wycombe Road

141.3 Highways Issues

The window has been put in the bus shelter in Bradenham Road and has been well received.

Too many vehicles are driving over the pavements and jeopardising the safety of pedestrians. The lorries from Hawes are one particular culprit. The Clerk will write to Hawes.

Concern was raised over the incorrect traffic signals for pedestrians at Eden. Loxboro Hill hedge needs cutting back. Clerk will write to West Wycombe Estate and ask them to cut back as it is a road safety issue.

Shrub over pavement by Wyclands House – Clerk will ask Area Technician to deal with this.

Belisha beacon at the zebra crossing has an intermittent fault - report to Highways on Call.

Pavements from The George and Dragon are in a dangerous state – Cllr Downes will ask for this work to be done under the County Councillor patching scheme.

141.4 To consider items relating to the playing field

The Clerk has asked Sir Edward Dashwood to draw up the legal documents. The Clerk has found a contractor who cuts West Wycombe Estate's grass and he gave a price of £45 per cut – this could increase in the interim with diesel prices going up. A hedging contractor has quoted £70 per cut. As the previous prices obtained for grass cutting were £192 and £150 the Clerk has advised the contractor that we will be in touch in the near future. Because of his price, he would be a suggested person to cut the Burial Ground top field – this is currently in flower and we will wait until they have seeded before cutting.

The Clerk has a price of £575 plus VAT, this price will be held for three months, for erecting a 4ft high new stock fence leaving a gap for the access gate between the agricultural field and the playing field and a three post and three rail fence with stock fencing on the opening in Cookshall Lane.

141.5 To receive reports on the Thames Valley Police NAG and the WDC Play Partnership

The NAG is now working very well and a letter is to be sent to BCC and WDC on obtaining positive help and support for activities for young people in our NAG area.

The Play Partnership meeting advised attendees that there will be a new tranche of money available for Children and Play Areas from the Government. It is being issued in area blocks through the County Councils. We will be advised when Bucks is on the distribution list.

141.6. To approve the accounts for June 08 and signing of Cheques

Standing Orders for Mrs S. Henson and Bucks County Council and cheques for Mrs S. Henson, Mrs J.P. Smith – Chairman's Allowance, P G Smith – bus shelter window, Southern Electricity, British Telecom, Thames Water and Fair Print – Annual Report.

It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment.

The Clerk issued a spreadsheet showing the first quarter's expenditure against budget.

141.7 Matters Raised by Councillors

The National Trust has substantially increased the budget for the maintenance of the properties in the village. Cllr Mrs Smith went around the village with Mr Phillips with photographs and identified the work that must be carried out.

Cllr Downes raised the issue of the proposals to close Post Offices. There seems a large number under threat (2, 500) to save £45million, but nothing much seems to be known about the criteria. WDC have asked for a meeting with the Post Office to ask questions.

Cllr Downes also used the opportunity to hand over a cheque for £500 for West Wycombe Community Association for maintenance of the Village Hall. Cllr Mrs Harris reported that two schools in the Wycombe Area are on the list for possible closure due to poor results which could have an effect on children in our community.

Cllr Callaghan reported that the gate at the footpath over the railway line is sticking. Clerk will contact BCC Rights of Way.

Cllr Mrs Smith asked that as the National Express 737 service goes through the village could we ask if they would stop in West Wycombe.

Cllr Downes asked if anyone in the Parish uses the Dial a Ride service.

People in West Wycombe do not use it but residents of Radnage and Stokenchurch do use it. It is a door to door service and the average cost is £6 per return trip.

141.8 Date of next meeting

Thursday 17th July at 8pm in The Church Room

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10 pm