

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 8th MAY 2008
AT 8.00 PM. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Chairman, Mrs C. Dakin, Mr D. Callaghan, Mr N. Timberlake, Mrs A. Harris, Mr. F. Downes (from 8.20), Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

2 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:

Cllrs Mr R. Seymour, Dist Cllr I. McEnnis, Dist Cllrs Mrs J. Teesdale, Mr N. Phillips, The National Trust

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 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

BCC has carried out all the work on the Gang Sheets and a new list is about to be issued.

Cllrs Mrs Smith, Mrs Dakin, Mr Callaghan, Mr Timberlake and the Clerk attended the planning training meeting on 17th April.

Cllr Mrs Smith and the Clerk attended the WDC Planning training on parking policy. As a result of this meeting WDC will be reviewing its current policy.

Cllrs Mrs Smith and the Clerk attended the launch of the Pathfinder Pilot Trial and are currently waiting for notification of its first meeting.

Cllr Mr Callaghan attended the Local Area Committee meeting.

Cllr Mr Timberlake attended the JCC meeting.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

140.1 Correspondence received from 3rd April – 8th May 2008

1. War Memorials Trust information and newsletter.
2. BCC – booklet on The Harms caused by Alcohol in Buckinghamshire.
3. Chilterns Conservation Board – Newsletters, Planning Training for Parish Councillors and notice of the new grant scheme - £250 for a full grant and £500 if it represents 75% of the project cost.
4. Request from a local resident to explain our precept – Clerk has replied to the letter
5. Chiltern Society leaflets, newsletter and information.
6. Price of £150 from Peter Gomme for cutting the grass on the Pedestal Playing field every 2 weeks.
7. Allianz – revised insurance policy - £1,075.39
8. Matters Arising Newsletter – contains notification of new mileage rate
9. Lawrence Landscapes – surface under kissing gate - £126; to cut the Pedestal Field - £192. We will place an order for the surface under the kissing gates. It was also agreed to write to the shepherd asking them to ensure that in future the field is properly stock proofed as there have too many issues with 'escaping sheep' this year.
10. Stop the Jets Campaign – letter about the NATS consultation

11. BCC confirmation that the bollards on the corner of the Copperfields junction will be installed under the Local Area Committee Delegated Scheme
12. Local Council Review

140.2 PLANNING

Application

VJB/08/06051/FUL – 337 West Wycombe Road – conversion of lower ground floor from storage area to 1 bed flat & constr of rear extension. Installation of external staircase at rear from ground floor flat – no objection

Decisions

AD/08/05661/FUI – 468 West Wycombe Rd – erection of replacement garage – permit

AHC/08/05669/CTREE – Farthing Cottage – various tree works – permit

AHC/08/05670/TPO – The Malt House - works to yew trees and remove 1 ash tree – grant consent

AHC/08/05673/CTREE – 24 High Street - remove 1 eucalyptus tree – permit

AHC/08/05672/CTREE - 21a High Street – remove 1 Norway spruce – permit

AHC/08/05671/TPO – Park Farm House – various tree works – grant consent

VJB/08/05574/FUL – 64 Chorley Road – construction of detached single storey summerhouse/workshop in rear garden – permit.

Planning Enforcement has been advised of building works on 99 Bradenham Road.

Concern about the readability of some of the plans. Clerk will contact WDC.

140.3 To receive the Internal Auditors Report and to sign off the External Auditors document.

The Internal Auditors report raised no issues other than the Clerk had a received one months extra pay increase – a total sum of £12.92. Councillors accepted this and chose not take any action.

The Chairman read out the Statement of Accounts and Councillors were able to answer in the affirmative. The Chairman signed off the External Auditor document.

140.4 To consider items relating to the playing field

Councillors have visited the site and it was generally felt that there would be sufficient space for a play area and the football pitch. We need to consider creating a long term plan. Fencing is required between the Pedestal Field and the farmed field; we would need to consider whether to fence off the play area; safe parking etc. Clerk will contact West Wycombe Estate to draw up a five year lease at annual rent of £500 pa. The first year's fee would be waived. The biggest on going cost will be grass cutting and hedge maintenance. Clerk will investigate several other contractors for this work.

140.5 To receive reports on the, WDC Planning Training, the Local Area Committee and the Thames Valley Police NAG and the JCC

Planning training was very good and informative. The Planning Policy for Urban Parking was very good and it was agreed that they will review the parking policy. Local Area Committee was informative. Discussion about the name of the Local Area Forum/GC2C. Discussion about the 'lights switch off'. The last meeting of the Local Area Committee will be on 3rd July. NAG is getting very constructive and is working well as a group. Cllr Timberlake attended the JCC meeting. Lengthy discussion about reporting of complaints, no complaints from West Wycombe Parish. Complaints have to be recorded officially to be considered. Cllr Downes, Cllr Timberlake and the Clerk attended the West Wycombe Community Library AGM.

- 140.6. To approve the accounts for May 08 and signing of Cheques
Standing Orders for Mrs S. Henson and Bucks County Council and cheques for Mrs S. Henson, Clarity Copiers, Allianz Insurance, Shaw & Son, Miss L. Hewitt and Elizabeth Ross
It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment.
- 140.7 Matters Raised by Councillors
The National Trust has received the extra funding for maintenance work.
We have received complaints about the oil on the Bradenham Road pavement outside number 77. Clerk will contact Environmental Health and BCC to inspect footway for oil.
Cllr Mrs Dakin reported that the residents of the new section of Copperfields are driving too fast through the old section of Copperfields even with parked cars narrowing the road. Children are now playing in the road with the lighter evenings and some form of traffic calming is required.
- 140.8 Date of next meeting
Thursday 12th June at 8pm in The Church Room

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10 pm