

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2008
AT 8.00 PM. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Chairman, Mr R. Seymour, Cllr Mr F. Downes,
Mr D. Callaghan, Mrs A Harris, Mrs C. Dakin, Mr N. Timberlake
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk Mrs C. Burslem -BCC

2 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:

Dist Cllrs Mrs J. Teesdale, Dist Cllr I. McEnnis, Mr N. Phillips

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 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

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

145.1 Correspondence received from 10th October – 13th November 2008

1. Revised Freedom of Information Act - agenda for December
2. Letter from National Express stating that our request has been forwarded to the Route Management Team
3. South West Chilterns Area Newsletter (GC2C BCC)
4. Invitation to BALC AGM on 14th November in the Judges Lodgings at 7.30pm
5. Clerks Interim Pay rise and mileage rates. Agenda item for December.
6. WDC Planning – Plant & Harvest has withdrawn its appeal re breaches of planning regulations
7. Buckinghamshire Rural Action group report
8. Local Council Review magazine
9. Communities and Local Government – A consultation document – Codes of Conduct for local Authority members and employees.
10. Invitation to attend the first meeting of the pilot Pathfinder Group – 25th Nov, Stokenchurch – Cllr Callaghan, Cllr Seymour and Clerk will attend.
11. Standards Board Agenda
12. Review of NHS Services for Buckinghamshire
13. WDC Community Voice
14. West Wycombe School Newsletter
15. BCC Road Traffic Order for High Street for National Trust 'renovation' of houses.
16. Refund of electricity costs from WDC for air pollution monitor
17. Community Speedwatch – latest information from Thames Valley Police
18. Revised price for 2009 from Elizabeth Ross for spraying herbicide along Bradenham Road, Chorley Road and the High Street - £212.99 per time, recommend that we repeat every 8 weeks between April – September.
19. Application for premises licence: Plant & Harvest. We have no objection to this application.

145.2 PLANNING

Application

ELH/08/07377/FUL – Kingscote, Park Farm Road – construction of single storey front extension and insertion of front bay window in connection with a garage conversion – we object on the grounds that there is insufficient parking for a property of this size (5 bedrooms) with the garage being converted and the front of the property being very small.

Decisions

VJB/08/06726/FUL 492 West Wycombe Road – construction of front porch and two storey rear extension – permit

ELH/08/06948/FUL – 389 West Wycombe Road – construction of single storey rear extension – permit

MJD/08/05804/FUL – Ripon, Cookshall Lane – demolition of existing dwelling and redevelopment of site to provide one pair of semi-detached dwellings. Construction of vehicular access – refused

MJD/08/06663/FUL – Autumn House, 11 Beechwood Road – construction of single storey side extension and rear conservatory – permit.

145.3 To consider our policy on Roadside Shrines

It was resolved that we would write to Bucks County Council, stating that we are adopting a road side shrine policy. Although the Parish Council does not control the situation we would ask BCC to follow our policy. If any fatal motoring accidents occur in our parish we would allow roadside floral tributes for 30 days. As flowers deteriorate they would be removed, however if the floral tributes are considered to have an adverse affect on safety then they would be removed immediately. Floral tributes placed on the anniversary/birthday would be removed after 1 week.

145.4 Highways issues – including a request for a dropped kerb near Cookshall Lane and a report on portable Speed cameras

The Clerk had received a request for a dropped kerb to be created near The Pedestal Garage. It was resolved to request this under the Delegated Budget Scheme.

BCC have, under the Tranquil scheme, already put Bradenham and Chorley Roads on a speed monitoring programme for four times a year over the next year, they have returned the cheque we issued for £400 as we would not need to pay for these two roads. The Clerk will re submit a cheque for £200 for the West Wycombe Road and the approach to the High Street.

A local resident has asked if the Parish Council can help solve the issue of cars parked on the pavement near the football field at the Pedestal. Clerk will contact the police asking that we have an obstruction issue.

145.5 To discuss revising the Burial Ground Rules/regulations/Fees and maintenance work required in the Burial Ground area

Prices for tree works and a wild flower meadow by Lawrence Landscapes have, to date, not been received. We could consider applying to the Leader Fund for the wildflower meadow.

We will modify item 11 to include 'green' coffins. Item 20 to state that memorials 'shall be' a wedge shaped stone. All sizes to include metric measurements

Our prices will remain until September 2009. The glass in the Notice Board will be replaced in the Spring.

145.6 To consider next year's precept and projects

The Clerk had issued spreadsheets of year to date and projected year end and suggested budget proposals. If the lease comes through for the Playing Field we have been advised that we could have the first year rent free; we would start maintenance work on the fences, grass and trees. Most items have been increased in line with inflation. It was felt that we should encourage community activity to raise funds for play equipment.

145.7 To approve the accounts for November 08 and signing of Cheques

Standing Orders for Mrs S. Henson and Bucks County Council; Elizabeth Ross and Southern Electric Contracting, Bucks County Council (SID) and cash for heating The Church Room.

It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment.

145.8 Matters Raised by Councillors

1. Cllr Mrs Harris asked if there were any plans for the house owned by BCC at the top of Chapel Lane.
2. It is possible that the Total Garage will be closing.
3. The new bollards at the top of Copperfields would seem to be too high therefore restricting driver's visibility. Clerk will ask BCC if they could be lowered.
4. Cllr Timberlake asked if we knew anything about the proposed bus changes. There is to be a meeting to update us on the situation which the Clerk will attend.
5. Residents in Church Lane have complained about parking by parents from the school. Mrs Burslem stated that this was currently being considered the School Governors.

145.9 Date of next meeting

Thursday 11th December at 8pm in The Church Room.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 1.11.2008

Opening balance as at 1.10.08	18971.15
Plus electricity refund from WDC	324.00
Plus burial of ashes – Mr Andrews	125.00
Less October cheques	10203.48
Closing balance	9216.67
Business Premium Account balance as at 30.6.08	131.19
Bank of Ireland Account as at 30.10.08	16565.49
Total Funds	25913.35

Accounts to be paid in November

Mrs S Henson (s/o)	541.04
BCC School Crossing Patrol	129.06
Elizabeth Ross	30.00
Southern Electric Contracting – repairs	12.81
Cash for heating Church Room	20.00
Bucks County Council – TSID	200.00
Total	932.91