

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 9th OCTOBER 2008
AT 8.00 PM. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Chairman, Mr R. Seymour, Mr D. Callaghan,
Mrs A Harris, Mrs C. Dakin, Mr N. Timberlake, Mrs S. Henson, Clerk
Dist Cllrs Mrs J. Teesdale

4 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:
Cllr Mr F. Downes, Dist Cllr I. McEnnis, Mr N. Phillips

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 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 will be having another machine to clear the gullies in Chorley Road and the Church lane and the gang will clear the weeds on the fence and pavement along the West Wycombe Road as well as cutting back the trees by the pelican crossing and re-setting the crossing signals.

Clerk has asked WDC to look at how they sweep the pavements in the village.

Cllr Mrs Teesdale reported that WDC do not get involved in roadside shrines.

BCC do not support road side shrines but because of PR issues they tend not to enforce the removal of them. It was agreed to have this as an agenda item.

BCC advised the Clerk that it would cost £100 to hire a mobile SID for any two weeks in a three month period. It was agreed that the Clerk would book it four times for the next twelve month period.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

144.1 Correspondence received from 12th September – 2nd October 2008

1. Notification from WDC that they circulating a questionnaire to 3,500 householders.
2. WDALC Minutes – passed to Cllrs Mrs Smith and Mr Callaghan
3. Chiltern Society asking for reciprocal links on our website – this was agreed.
4. WDC Invitation to a session on Economic development in Wycombe – Tuesday 21st October 6.30 – 8.00pm in the Council Chamber.
5. Bucks NHS Independent Sector Treatment Centres for NHS procedures
6. WDC letter re Plant & Harvest planning enforcement issues
7. Standards Board Newsletter
8. Chiltern Views Newsletter – issued to each Councillor
9. Communities and Local Government – the making & enforcement of byelaws – a consultation
10. BALC Document about Indemnities for Members and Officers in connection with Standards Board issues
11. WDC Pathfinder no 6 Newsletter
12. Note from WDC stating that extension of the Green recycling will not happen for a while and Sands, Cressex, Booker and Castlefield will be the next area.
13. In Focus Newsletter – passed to Cllr Mrs Smith
14. Playing Field Magazine – passed to Cllr Seymour
15. WDC Permitted Development changes come into effect on 1st October

144.2 PLANNING

Decisions

DBL/08/06737/FUL – 361 West Wycombe Road – alterations and conversion of dwelling to 2 x 1 bed flats with bin storage to front and balcony to rear – permit

ELH/08/06806/FUL – 484 West Wycombe Road – construction of single storey rear extension – permit

EHD/08/06855/FUL – 51 Bradenham Road – construction of two storey rear extension and conservatory – permit

VJB/08/06745/FUL – 29 Portway Drive – conversion of integral garage to habitable room – permit

Secretary of State – Appeal for 349 West Wycombe Road – appeal granted

144.3 To consider future plans for the Pedestal Playing Field

We have been advised that, for the present time, we will not receive any documentation from West Wycombe Estate for legal reasons; however it will go ahead as soon as they are able. This means that we may well not be able to undertake any maintenance until our next financial year.

144.4 Highways Issues – including the BCC delegated budget

We can only apply for small projects as £33,500 has to be split between several Parish Councils. It was agreed that we would not bid under the Delegated scheme but would put in a request to County for all the pavements in the High Street and from the pedestal to be resurfaced.

144.5 To discuss maintenance work required in the Burial Ground area

Trees in the shelter belt need thinning. We need a final grass cut and if we want to encourage wild flowers we need to have the grass picked up. If the soil is too enriched then wild flowers do not grow so well. We will talk to the Chilterns Conservation Board. The shelter belt hedge needs cutting as well as the area around the top gate. We need to have the kissing gate entrance adjusted to ensure that livestock cannot get underneath it. It was agreed to ask Lawrence Landscapes to carry out the work. Clerk will ask for tenders for the next 5 years.

144.6 To have a general discussion in relation to next year's precept and projects

It was generally agreed that we would not increase the precept and would run the Parish Council as economically as possible.

144.7 To receive reports on the Local Community Partnership and the WDC Play Partnership

A lengthy discussion was held on the purpose of the meetings and what level we are working at. The general feeling was that instead of less meetings there appear to be more and all covering the same subjects.

The Clerk attended the WDC Play Partnership meeting where we have made a bid for £40,000 from the Government scheme for play areas for children.

144.8 To approve the accounts for October 08 and signing of Cheques

Standing Orders for Mrs S. Henson and Bucks County Council and cheques for Mrs S. Henson, Southern Electricity (dd), Air Ambulance, Southern Electric Contracting, Lawrence Landscapes, WDC – burial ground refuse collection, Festive lighting – Christmas tree lights transformer
It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment.

144.9 Matters Raised by Councillors

Pothole by garages still has not been repaired and a pedestrian has recently fallen 'in' one of them. The National Trust has the repair planned.

144.10 Date of next meeting

Thursday 13th November at 8pm in The Church Room.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm