

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 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, Mrs C. Dakin, Mr N. Phillips, The National Trust
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk
Dist Cllrs Mrs J. Teesdale

4 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:

Cllrs Mr N Timberlake, Cllr Mrs Dakin (until 8.40pm), Dist Cllr I. McEnnis

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE JULY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

TO DECLARE ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

Cllr Mrs Harris declared an interest in the planning application for 484 West Wycombe Road, Cllr Callaghan declared an interest in the planning application for 51 Bradenham Road.

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

BCC has cleared the gullies in Chorley Road and other roads in the Parish.

Cllr Seymour reported that the Chorley Road gullies still appeared to be blocked.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

143.1 Correspondence received from 18th July – 11th September

1. BCC Review of Bledlow, Marlow and Stokenchurch Rider Bus Service.
2. WDALC Minutes, agenda and subscription renewal form. Agenda and Minutes passed to Cllr Mrs Smith
3. BCC Marlow Area Newsletter
4. Matters Arising Newsletter
5. JCC Minutes – passed to Cllr Timberlake
6. BCC – Criteria for Bucks Approved Councils
7. South East England Regional Assembly Newsletter
8. BCC delegated budget scheme request – we feel that it is an inadequate amount of money for the area. October agenda.
9. Government for the South East proposed changes to the draft Regional Spatial Strategy
10. The Playing Field Magazine
11. Chilterns Conservation Area Guidance notes on the Planning System.
12. WDC Play Partnership meeting 30th September at 6.15 in Committee Room 1
13. Postwatch – news on closing Post Offices – Loudwater and Bourne End are now safe.
14. Request from Age Concern for help with funding.
15. Request from Air Ambulance Berks Oxon Bucks for financial help – it was agreed that we would donate £100.
16. WDC Standards Committee Hearing Report and agenda
17. Notification and agenda of next Local Community Partnership Meeting on 16th September at 7pm in West Wycombe Village Hall and Minutes of previous meeting.
18. NALC Policy & Parliamentary Briefing
19. Acknowledgement of our letter to National Express
20. Acknowledgement of our letter to Jacobs re lighting economies
21. News of the Woods Newsletter
22. Notification from Mazars, external auditors have signed off our accounts without any comments.

23. BCC Road closure orders for Remembrance Day parades
24. Chilterns Conservation Board – notification of a Planning Conference on 8th October at £25 per delegate
25. BCC consultation on Healthy Communities Strategy for Buckinghamshire – consultation closes on November 5th – passed to Cllr Mrs Harris.
26. Buckinghamshire Pathfinder Wycombe District Community Engagement Pilot Newsletters numbers 4 & 5.
27. Wycombe Air Park JCC – Agenda for September meeting – passed to Cllr Timberlake
28. Chiltern News Magazine
29. Inst of Cemetery Management magazine
30. Local Council Review
31. Buckinghamshire Playing Fields Association – AGM on 29th September at Aston Clinton Bowls Club at 7.30
32. RAF High Wycombe invitation to celebrate their 90th birthday on Wednesday 26th November at 7pm. Those Councillors wishing to attend to advise the Clerk.

143.2 PLANNING

Application

VJB/08/06726/FUL 492 West Wycombe Road – construction of front porch and two storey rear extension – no objection

ELH/08/06948/FUL – 389 West Wycombe Road – construction of single storey rear extension – no objection

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 – no objection

ELH/08/06806/FUL – 484 West Wycombe Road – construction of single storey rear extension – no objection

AD/08/06855/FUL– 51 Bradenham Road – construction of two storey rear extension and conservatory – no objection

VJB/08/06745/FUL – 29 Portway Drive – conversion of integral garage to habitable room – no objection

Decisions

08/05474/FUL – land to rear of 10 Beechwood Road – erection of 1 x 2 bed detached bungalow and detached garage with alterations to existing access, demolition of existing garage and erection of new detached garage with creation of parking space for 10 Beechwood Road – permit

08/06303/FUL – 4 Copperfields – creation of driveway and dropped kerb - refused

DBL/08/06444/FUL – 25a Portway Drive – construction of two storey side extension and provision of additional car parking space – permit

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

Plant and Harvest has removed the poly tunnel, other issues are being discussed with Planning Enforcement.

143.3 To consider the BCC proposals for revising some of the bus services in this Parish

Cllr Timberlake was thanked in his absence for the time he had devoted to this issue. A response will be sent stating that we still question the accuracy of usage due to particular method of operating the contract, that a blanket figure of £3 subsidy is unrealistic for rural areas and lastly that WDC are encouraging people to use buses but BCC would appear to be discouraging usage and by creating a better timetable we may, by good marketing get more people to use the services provided.. We will also remind them that all our residents are Council Tax payers and should receive exactly the same service as everyone else. Dial a Ride costs the passenger, buses can be used with the free bus pass.

- 143.4 To consider the Chilterns AONB Management Plan
Concerned that a major part of the AONB i.e. West Wycombe was not included which was worrying as The National Trust is working with them to create a policy for managing West Wycombe Hill. No other comments.
- 143.5 Highways Issues – including double yellow lines and Community Speedwatch
It was agreed that we would request for double yellow lines in front of Old Station Place as cars have started to park on the pavement and restrict the width of the road opposite Rosemary Close and visibility in front of the pelican crossing as the Parish Council predicted in their planning response.
It was agreed to investigate the possibility of renting a VAS sign from BCC.
The issue of roadside shrines was discussed and it was agreed that we would investigate creating a policy on handling this issue. Cllrs Downes and Teesdale will investigate if policies currently exist within BCC and WDC.
- 143.6 To receive reports on the Thames Valley Police NAG
Nothing further to report. The next one is to be held on October 21st at West Wycombe Village Hall at 7pm.
- 143.7. To approve the accounts for September 08 and signing of Cheques
The Clerk was able to report that Mazars, the external auditors had signed off the accounts without comment.
Standing Orders for Mrs S. Henson and Bucks County Council and cheques for Mrs S. Henson, Southern Electricity, British Telecom (dd), Thames Water, Chiltern Society, Mazars, WDALC subscription
It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment.
- 143.8 Matters Raised by Councillors
Road sweeping in the village is causing problems blocking air bricks as the machine does not pick up the dust and pushes it into the doorways.
Cutty Alley needs weeding and the area in front of the Pedestal monument needs strimming.
Cllr Mrs Harris reported that there was a long delay on getting pest control to deal with rats.
The National Trust will start re-decoration work in October and have applied to BCC for traffic management.
Mr Philips offered to help with an update on the Emergency Plan prior to the exercise on November.
Cllr Mrs Smith asked what was the position regarding the disease affecting horse chestnuts – the trees will not recover.
Cllr Seymour reported that light no 24 in Chorley Road is on 24 hours a day as is the light above one of the belisher beacons in the High Street.
- 143.9 Date of next meeting
Thursday 9th October at 8pm in The Church Room.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm