

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16th JULY 2009
AT 8.00 PM. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

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

8 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:

Dist Cllrs Mrs J. Teesdale, District Cllr I. McEnnis

TO DECLARE ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

Cllr Downes declared a personal interest in the item relating the Pedestal Playing Field due to its proximity to his property.

Cllrs Mrs Harris and Mrs Dakin declared a personal interest in the planning application for 490 West Wycombe Road as they were know to the applicant.

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE PARISH COUNCIL

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

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Chairman and Clerk attended the BCC Local Community Partnership.

The Clerk attended the ROSPA Play Area Management and Inspection Training Session at Watlington.

The Clerk attended the TVP NAG.

The Clerk attended the BCC/WDC Creating a Sustainable Wycombe event where new bus timetables were issued as well as discussion about new homes, infrastructure, the A4010, the town centre and transport were discussed.

The Chairman attended the BALC Executive Committee.

The Clerk has reported all Highways issues to the Local Area Technician

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

153.1 Correspondence received from 12th June – 16th July 2009

1. BCC Community Resilience request – Clerks contact details will be supplied
2. WDC request for articles for Community Voice – Clerk has submitted a piece on the allotments and the Pedestal Playing Field
3. BCC Network Hierachy – a reference document on Transport in BCC
4. BCC new bus timetable and Urban Transport Strategy
5. In Focus Magazine
6. Email from Planning Enforcement stating that the filter lane at Gerrard Court is due to be created in the school summer holiday
7. Request from a resident of Park Farm Road asking if we can replace the trees – BCC has said no – Cllr Downes will investigate the actual policy.
8. Planning Inspectorate – refusal of the appeal for Ripon, Cookshall Lane
9. SW Chilterns & Marlow Local Community Partnership Agenda for meeting on 14th July at Radnage Village Hall
10. BCC Adult Social Care Newsletter
11. Letter from a resident of Copperfields with problems of parked cars and emergency vehicle access. Cllr Mrs Dakin and the Clerk have had a site visit. BCC has agreed to investigate placing white hatching over the area which is designated as an overrun for emergency vehicles.
12. Air Quality Status Report - circulate
13. Matters Arising – new car allowances are shown in this – the Clerk will come in the 60.1p per mile category. NALC producing new Standing Orders which will affect public participation.
14. Request from a resident of Chairborough Road for an allotment – they will be first on the waiting list.
15. Email from residents of Church Lane re the triangle of land asking for maintenance work and a replacement tree.

153.2 Planning

Applications

ELH/09/06205/FUL – Autumn House, Beechwood Road – householder application for construction of single storey side extension, front porch, fence at rear and pergola (part retrospective) – No objection to the extensions however we are concerned that this site has had extensive development. We feel that the pergola is disproportionate and too dominant for the size of the garden and is visible from West Wycombe Hill. We would want a condition that it could not be made into another permanent structure.

GMG/09/06264/CLE - 314 West Wycombe Road – Certificate of Lawfulness Application from existing detached timber building used for storage – we cannot confirm the date of the erection of this building. We are concerned about the general development of the site and the number of vehicles currently parked and gaining access to the A40 at this difficult and dangerous junction.

VJB/09/06302/FUL - 490 West Wycombe Road – householder application for construction of part 2 storey, part single storey side and rear extension – to be considered.

Decisions

09/05832/FUL – 14 High Street , West Wycombe – change of use of part of ground floor from business use to residential use – permit

09/05951/FUL – Dalewood, Park Farm Road – householder application for 2 storey rear extension, construction of conservatory and demolition of existing garage and construction of a new garage – permit.

153.3 To receive a report on the Chorley Road Allotments

The land has been chisel and disc ploughed and the tenants will take occupancy at the end of July . Sir Edward has given permission for the hedge to be cut to 6 feet – we are waiting for a price from Brian Turney. The back fence is about to be constructed.

153.4. To receive a report on the Pedestal Playing Field

We have received a tree report and briefed a grass cutting contractor for an annual price. We will be having a meeting with Sir Edward over the summer to discuss tree works and access issues.

153.5. Highways issues which need reporting or acting upon

1. Church Lane from the junction to the top of the hill has been resurfaced to an excellent standard. Mr Paul Morgan rang to give his thanks to both the Parish Council and The National Trust for the work carried out on the road and the top of the hill. The grips need to be checked to ensure that the water is flowing properly into the grips.

2. The shrubs at the Pedestal Monument have been pruned and the weed killer has been sprayed along Bradenham Road, Chorley Road and the High Street.

3. We will make contact with BCC re a request to BCC for double yellow lines along sections of the West Wycombe Road

4. The Mix FM sign needs to be removed.

5. The 'large vehicle use the middle of the road' sign near the Bradenham Road Bridge has been moved round and the height sign is dirty and is obscured.

6. The triangle of land at the top of Church Lane is overgrown as is the footpath by the side. The path is due to be cut imminently. The bank will be cut twice per year. The reflector posts have been moved back a little from the road which is allowing cars to be parked there. Cars are being parked over the access to the footway.

7. The bus stop is now totally invisible – BCC has been advised.

8. The weeds and brambles by Hansons Motors have been reported to BCC.

9. The vision splay at Gerrard Court has been reported.

10. Concern over fast flowing rain water from The Caves onto a private property.

153.6 To approve the accounts for July 2009 – Appendix 2; Signing of Cheques and to agree to pay the annual Chairman’s Allowance and the Internal Auditor’s Honorarium

It was resolved to pay the Chairman’s Allowance of £100 and the Internal Auditor’s honorarium of £75.

See accounts at the end of the Minutes

It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment.

The Clerk issued a spreadsheet showing this first quarters expenditure and balances.

153.7 Matters Raised by Councillors

The National Trust was thanked for the work they have done to the trees behind Gerrard Court.

The work over the railway steps has not been carried out by BCC.

WDC has carried out a very good grass cutting of St Lawrence Church Yard.

The yew trees at the rear of the Village Hall need cutting back

We have had lead removed from properties in the village.

Cllr Timberlake reported that he had not attended the recent JCC meeting.

153.8 Date of next meeting

Meeting to discuss Quality Council status on Thursday 30th July in The Church Room at 7.30pm

Next Parish Council meeting, Thursday 10th September 2009 at 8pm in The Church Room, West Wycombe

There being no other business to conduct the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 1.7.2009

Opening balance as at 1.6.09	9015.15
Plus refund for telephone bill HamPC & PWEPC	92.05
Less June cheques	2087.98
Less transfer to Bank of Ireland	5000.00
Less cheque for Fair Print (Annual Report)	241.50
Less d/d for Southern Electric	374.32
Closing balance	1403.40
Business Premium Account balance as at 31.03.09	131.38
Bank of Ireland Account as at 30.6.09	18641.77
Total Funds	20176.55

Accounts to be paid in July

Mrs S Henson (s/o)	554.00
Mrs S Henson expenses	50.42
BCC School Crossing Patrol	129.06
Miss L. Hewitt – internal auditor honorarium	75.00
Mrs J.P. Smith – Annual Chairman’s Allowance	100.00
SLCC – copy of Charles Arnold Baker	55.60
WDC – Burial Ground refuse collection	28.33
Southern Electric Contracting repairs & maintenance	965.52
Southern Electric – energy	470.25
Lawrence Landscapes	834.33
Elizabeth Stillman (weed spraying and pruning)	254.29
P & T Groundcare Ltd – Pedestal grass cutting	120.00

Total **3636.80**

Transfer from Bank of Ireland - £4000