

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11th JUNE 2009
AT 8.00 PM. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Chairman, Cllr 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

6 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.

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE MAY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING, THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND THE ANNUAL PARISH
MEETING

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

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Annual Report was delivered to every household in the Parish with the June issue of Contact.

The Clerk attended the BCC/WDC Clerks meeting where the Comprehensive Area Assessment was explained, the need for more Foster parents, Allotments in Wycombe District, Community Showcase Awards, the timetable for Parishes to purchase electricity through BCC, Sale of Cars from the Highway, Community Self Help Plans, BCC Devolved Budgets other than Highways, WDC Delivery & Site Allocations Development Plan.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

152.1 Correspondence received from 15th May – 11th June 2009

1. New edition of Charles Arnold Baker available - £53.60
2. WDC Local Development Framework – Imagine the Future – Consultation on Delivery and Site Allocations Development Plan Documents – from 16 June to 14th August.
3. WDC Note on Cars Offered for Sale on the Highway
4. BCC email covering the position re the Stokenchurch M40 bridge works
5. Chilterns News magazine
6. Agenda for WDALC meeting on 16th June – Cllr Callaghan will attend
7. Pathfinder Newsletter No 13
8. Invitation to the Rural Forum Farm Walk on 25th June at Handy Cross Farm
9. WDC Standards Committee Agenda
10. Letter from Mr Campbell re trees for The Pedestal Playing Field – we are not able to accept his generous offer due to the amount of care and attention the young trees would require.
11. Letter from resigning Committee of Hithercroft Football Club with new contacts
12. Newsletter from West Wycombe School
13. Price from Elizabeth Stillman for spraying herbicide along pavement curb stones to cover Bradenham Road, The High Street and both side of Chorley Road - £224.20 per application. It was resolved to place an order for the work.
14. The Playing Field Newsletter
15. ICCM magazine
16. Clerk has been advised that we were unlucky with a grant application to the O2 Community Fund
17. Minutes of the BCC SW Chilterns & Marlow Local Community Partnership
18. BALC Finance Training Course - £48, 28th July
19. BCC Consultation on : Policy on Planning Obligations for Educational Provision
20. WDALC Training on Emergency Planning – 18th July - £10 for first attendee, £5 per subsequent person

21. Creating a Sustainable Wycombe – BCC conference, Town Hall, High Wycombe, Tuesday 7th July
22. SE England Partnership Board – formal submission of partial review to the South East RSS in relation to : Somewhere to Live: Planning for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the South East

152.2 Planning

Applications

VJB/09/05943/FUL715/FUL – 47 Bradenham Road – householder application for construction of single storey extension and ramp – no objection

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 – no objection

Decisions

AD/09/05715/FUL – 50 Chorley Road – householder application for erection of front entrance porch – refused

GMG/09/05548/FUL – 367 West Wycombe Road – conversion of dwelling to form multiple occupation providing 6 letting rooms – permit with conditions.

Clerk attended and represented the Parish Council at the Planning Inspectorate for the application for Ripon, Cookshall Lane

152.3 To discuss the Development and Management of Allotments in the Parish

The land has been sprayed and it was agreed to delay ploughing until the greenery has died off.

Clerk has now set up the Allotment Software and has a proper record of all tenants. Clerk will write to tenants to keep them informed of progress.

WDC are carrying out an allotment survey which the Clerk will complete.

152.4 To discuss the management of the Pedestal Playing Field

Mr Ansell has carried out 2 cuts on the playing field and Mr Stocks has completed the fencing and gate. Concerns from some residents of Cookshall Lane about the possibility of youths being attracted to the area and behaving in an anti social way.

152.5 Highways issues which need reporting or acting upon

Clerk has asked BCC Highways to clear weeds along the fence line from Old Station Close to Hansons Motors.

Clerk has requested BCC Highways to repair the timing on the pelican crossing. BCC will be resurfacing the top stretch of Church Lane leading to the top of the hill on 29th June. Clerk has advised Windy Haugh, School, Caves, Church and NT. BCC will be carrying out a letter drop to affected residents.

WDC dealt with the Cars for Sale issue.

BCC has repaired all the reported street lights.

BCC will be asked to check the grips up Church Lane

The bus stop opposite the Village Hall is totally obscured by the laurel and the belisher beacon is becoming obscured by the laurel – Clerk will write to property owner.

Drain outside no 492 West Wycombe Road is loose.

Light number 24 along Chorley Road is constantly on and the dead tree by it is shedding branches.

152.6 To formally adopt a Training Policy to support our existing training ethos

The Parish Council has to re-apply for Quality status by November. There are several new elements which we have to consider – Training being one of them as well as promoting local democracy. It was agreed to have an informal meeting to plan our Quality Accreditation submission.

152.7 To agree to purchase and share a copy of the new edition of Charles Arnold Baker

It was resolved to purchase the new edition and to share the cost three ways.

- 152.8 To receive the internal auditors report and to sign the Annual Governance Statement
 The Clerk issued the internal auditors report prior to the meeting. No issues were raised. It was agreed to adopt the report.
 The Chairman read out the Annual Governance Statements and these were completed in the affirmative.
- 152.9 To approve the accounts for June 09 and signing of Cheques
 See accounts at the end of the Minutes
 It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment.
- 152.10 Matters Raised by Councillors
 Cllr Callaghan reported that the steps over railway were badly overgrown, the Clerk will ask Elizabeth Stillman to cut and spray.
 Cllr Mrs Smith reported that the Play School are having a fund raising fun day with walk on 11th July.
 Cllr Mrs Harris asked if we knew anything about the Sands Petrol Station site.
 Cllr Downes was congratulated on being re-elected as our County Councillor with an increased proportion of the vote.
 Cllr Callaghan asked if anyone knew about the new high speed train link.
 Cllr Seymour reported that the Bledlow Ridge Bus Group has been advised that the bus company has been asked to quote on some alternative and extra times.
 Cllr Timberlake reported that the Line 40, a joint bus service with BCC and Oxfordshire CC will be carrying out a survey in the autumn.
- 152.11 Date of next meeting
16th July 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 1.6.2009

Opening balance as at 1.5.09	13020.67
Plus Burial fee – Elizabeth Clifton	100.00
Less May cheques	3929.10
Less BT dd	176.42
Closing balance	9015.15
Business Premium Account balance as at 31.03.09	131.36
Bank of Ireland Account as at 30.5.09	13641.76
Total Funds	22788.27

Accounts to be paid in June

Mrs S Henson (s/o)	554.00
Mrs S Henson expenses – print cartridges	136.22
BCC School Crossing Patrol	129.06
Post Office (200 x 2 nd class stamps)	60.00
Cash for heating in Church Room	20.00
NSALG Ltd (Allotment Association)	63.35
Oxfordshire Play Association (Playground training)	50.00
Thames Water	6.35
B.J. Turvey – allotment spraying	80.00
David Stocks – Pedestal fencing	989.00

Total **2087.98**

Transfer to Bank of Ireland - £5000