

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
12th NOVEMBER 2009
AT 8.00 PM. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Chairman, Mr R. Seymour, Mr F. Downes,
Mr N. Timberlake, Mr D. Callaghan, Mrs A. Harris, Mrs C. Dakin,
Mr. N. Harris, The National Trust Mrs S. Henson - Clerk
Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale
4 members of the public 2 member of the press

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:
District Cllr I. McEnnis

TO DECLARE ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:
Mr Harris declared a personal interest in the planning application for 22A High Street

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER PARISH
COUNCIL

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

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cllr Mrs Smith attended the NAG and has asked for help with poor parking around the school.

Cllr Timberlake attended the JCC – some residents associations and Parish Councils are still boycotting the JCC. Dept of Transport and WDC have recommended that they reinstate a public participation session at the beginning of the meeting. There is a move from WDC to be more in support of better controls over aircraft movements from WAP and it being run in a more environmentally friendly manner.

The Clerk has been working with WDC and Southern Electric over the sponsorship of the telephone box. December agenda item

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

156.1 Correspondence received from 9th October – 5th November 2009

1. Request from BCC for Delegated Budget applications – to be submitted by December 11th.
2. BCC Lighting section – price of £3177 for changes to 57 photocells on our lights to allow night time switch off. Information for Precept and budget discussions. Clerk will try to find out how much electricity/money we could save
3. BCC Local Area Forum workshop to create a Local Area Community Plan – January 12th at Longburrow Hall, Stokenchurch 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Need to complete a form and submit with concerns by 11th December. Clerk to complete.
4. BALC AGM – Friday 13th November 7.30pm
5. Confirmation that we have been awarded £1500 from BCC Locality Services for the hard standing at the allotments.
6. BCC changes to contracted bus services – does not affect our area
7. BCC confirmation that the School Crossing Patrol no longer has to be sponsored by the Parish Council. A refund has been paid into our bank account for the months of August, September and October
8. Open Spaces Magazine
9. Request from M40 Group for financial help when setting the precept
10. Arrhythmia Alliance information about defibrillators
11. Community Voice Magazine with two articles on our recent projects.
12. WDC Planning has responded to Miss Barry in a positive and helpful way over a request for advice on the installation of a barrier for Ness Cottage.
13. Pedestal Playing Field - We have a price of £1630 to supply and erect 170m of 3ft6in equine fencing on the road frontage, the return and a diagonal to create a safety barrier fence to enter and exit the field, to repair one section of fence and to supply 2 x 4ft wooden gates.

14. Brochures from Greenbarnes for a man made timber Notice Board for both the Pedestal Field and the allotments.
15. Matters Arising magazine – Councillors to complete the questionnaire.
16. Email with drawing to show the plan for Park Farm Road trees
17. WDALC Training session on Saturday 28th November – Cllr Dakin will be attending.
18. The Playing Field Magazine
19. Email from WDC Planning Dept – we will no longer be consulted on minor amendments to planning applications.
20. War Memorials Trust magazine
21. BCC – Rights of Way – request to parishes to organise a local walk your footpaths weekend which could be a way of checking all the paths and listing any maintenance and improvements – suggest Spring/Easter 2010
22. BCC third Local Transport Plan – seeking our comments and giving our local issues – passed to Cllr Timberlake.

156.2 Planning

Applications

GMG/09/06870/FUL – 85 Bradenham Road – householder application for construction of first floor rear extension – no objection

JREMMI/09/06989/CTREE – 22A High Street – fell group of ash trees – no objection

Decisions

GM/09/06821/FUL – Dalewood, Park Farm Road – householder application for construction of two storey rear extension, rear conservatory and new detached garage (alt scheme to pp 09/05951/FUL) – permit

EC/09/06528/FUL – Kingscote, Park Farm Road – householder application for replacement rear conservatory – permit

JREMM/09/06656/CYREE – West Wycombe House – fell 1 cypress tree – application permitted under TPO

AD/09/06681/FUL – 8 Copperfields – householder application for the conversion of existing garage to living accommodation and alterations (retrospective) – permit

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) - permit

Permission has been granted for the Telephone Repeater Station

156.3 To report progress on the Pedestal Play Field and Chorley Road Allotments

The work has been carried out at the Pedestal Playing Field and looks very good. Hithercroft Football Club is now in communication with us and have been very good about parking and have promised to clear their litter.

We are currently waiting for prices for placing scalplings/hardcore for the parking area.

We have had a response from the school relating to the allotments. It was felt that it was not a viable project due to too much administrative red tape. We have divided up the last full allotment to make two half size plots and these have been allocated to residents of the parish. We still have two plots not being worked on by their tenants and we will check with them after Christmas (6 months) to see whether they are going to work them – on whole plot, one half plot.

156.4 To consider a request from Park Farm Road Residents for a contribution of £500 towards the cost of replacement trees

The complete cost of the project to replace 8 trees is £3157 and WDC are donating a two of them. County Cllr Downes has pledged £250 as has Dist Cllr Mrs Teesdale (£250) and Dist Cllr Mr McEnnis (£250). The Clerk approached Sir Edward Dashwood and he has agreed to match the Parish Council's contribution for the replacement of these trees. It was resolved to make a donation of £500.

156.5 Highways issues which need reporting or acting upon and to consider projects for the BCC Delegated Budget Scheme

The Clerk has reported all Highways and lighting issues to the Local Area Technician we just have one light not working and need the missing column replaced but we have been told that could take 5 weeks.

The drain covers need clearing of leaves as the blocked drains are causing flooding.

Gerrard Court – residents are not turning left which was part of the planning conditions. Cllr Mrs Teesdale will take it up with planning

The Clerk has had a site visit with BCC to see what could be suggested to improve the safety of Ness Cottage – there are limited options however they will replace and add to the bollards on the triangle, paint a new SLOW sign and if possible place some bollards on the road before the triangle. In their opinion the only product strong enough to protect the house from cars travelling at high speed is Armco placed on the piece of land in front of Ness Cottage.

Mrs White representing the school as the School Travel Plan co-ordinator had advised the Parish Council of the plans to improve parking in and around the school and the safety of children travelling to and from school by the introduction of Parent Parking Permits, carrying out a Travel Survey of cars and how many children are walking to school. She is looking for support for anything to help improve child safety and improved driver behaviour. There are problems with children try to cross at the Pedestal Roundabout – a crocodile is not allowed unless there is an official crossing point. Clerk will make contact with BCC – possibly a Delegated Budget project.

We will ask for lighting near the school from the BCC delegated budget.

156.7 To approve the accounts for November 2009 – Appendix 2: Signing Cheques: to place an order for fencing at the Pedestal Playing Field (front fence line and entrance area)

The Clerk issued spreadsheets prior to the meeting showing expenditure to date against budget.

See accounts at the end of the Minutes. It was resolved to approve the accounts.

Pedestal Playing Field - It was resolved to place an order for the work with Mr D Stocks.

156.8 To consider the budget and Precept for 2010/2011

The Clerk has issued documents prior to the meeting showing expenditure to date, projected year end expenditure and suggestions for 2010/2011. The general feeling was that we would keep the Precept the same as last year. Full discussion at the December meeting when we have the Band D figure from WDC.

156.9 Matters Raised by Councillors

Cllr Downes will discuss with Mrs Burslem the possibility of changing the meeting about the Local Area Partnership 24th November, 4pm as he has to attend another commitment. Cllr Downes to keep the Parish Council informed.

156.10 Date of Next meeting

10th December at 8pm in The Church Room . The Clerk issued a calendar of dates for 2010

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

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 1.11.2009

Opening balance as at 1.10.09	15620.44
Plus allotment rents	144.00
Plus BCC school crossing patrol refund	387.18
Less October s/o,dd and cheques	2790.58
Closing balance	13361.04
Business Premium Account balance as at 31.03.09	131.40
Bank of Ireland Account as at 30.7.09	13641.81
Total Funds	27134.25
Accounts to be paid in November	
Mrs S Henson	508.88
BCC Pension	153.46
Tax & NI	13.84
NALC – Quality status application	57.50
WDALC Training – Cllr Mrs Dakin	10.00
P & T Groundcare Ltd	740.00
Park Farm Road Residents	500.00
Total	1983.68