

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
11th FEBRUARY 2010
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, Mrs A. Harris, Mrs C. Dakin, Mr F. Downes, Mr. N. Harris, The
National Trust Mrs S. Henson - Clerk Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale

2 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: Dist Cllr McEnnis

TO DECLARE ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS: None

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY PARISH COUNCIL
These were agreed by those Councillors present and signed by the Chairman

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Clerk has been advised that we have been granted Quality Status again – the official presentation will be at the March meeting

The Clerk has been advised that a full credit has been given for the disputed service/repair bill for the Brother printer.

The Chairman and Clerk attended the Local Area Forum Priorities workshop on 20th January – currently waiting for the results of the event.

The Chairman, Cllr Downes and the Clerk attended the Local Area Forum which covered transport issues and concerns over dealing with severe weather conditions. All our concerns were taken on board and a three month timescale to resolve issues was given.

The Clerk has contacted Hithercroft Football Club and we are able to use the Pedestal Field for a Community Fete to raise funds and awareness for the play area on Saturday 11th September. Clerk has also contacted our NAG and put a piece in Contact asking if anyone is interested in joining a committee to organise an event. Hithercroft are happy to join in.

Clerk has not been able to obtain any bus timetables for the new Tiger Line service – a piece was put in Contact about the bus service.

PC O'Driscoll has made an appointment to visit a local resident regarding parking. We have asked BCC to carry out a feasibility study for a crossing on the Bradenham Road.

The Chairman and Clerk have completed a questionnaire via BALC on how BCC works with the parishes.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

159.1 Correspondence received from 14th January – 11th February 2010

1. Response from BCC re possible crossing at the Pedestal Playing Field – need to provide evidence of number of people who would use it – already has school children but would have greater numbers once the play area has equipment on it – approximate cost - zebra crossing £20,000, pelican £35,000.
2. BCC consultation on Parking and Enforcement Policy – comments by 31st March.
3. WDC Planning acknowledgement of complaint – Telephone Repeater station
4. BT letter in which they are suggesting the permanent removal of the phone box near the Pedestal – suggesting that the closest one is in the village .
5. Copy letter to WDC from a resident complaining about the state of the recycling area at Plant and Harvest – pass letter to Sir Edward Dashwood.
6. NALC briefing on the costs of Church of England burials to act as a comparison for PC's.
7. BCC advice on Self Directed Support – Clerk will provide link to website
8. Bucks Community Action – community led planning – training course on 1st March at Lane End Conference Centre.
9. Press release from Chiltern Railways on new developments

10. Bucks Community Action – questionnaire about Post Office services – Clerk will complete
11. Southern Electric Contracting – list of prices for maintenance for coming year
12. Newsletter from HS2 the high speed train link – government has to respond to their report by end of March.
13. BCC Freight Consultation – comments by 5th March
14. Matters Arising
15. Advance notification of WDC Planning Forum on the 17th June
16. WDALC Training session – Saturday 13th March at Downley Village Hall – 9.45 – 12.00 - £10 for first attendee, £5 for subsequent attendees.
17. SLCC Regional Training session – 16th March - £55
18. Local NAG report – no anti social behaviour issues – speeding still a major concern – Have Your Say – West Wycombe Village Hall, 6 – 7pm , 22nd February
19. Chiltern Society Newsletter
20. Local Council review
21. Email from an allotment holder requesting permission for a greenhouse – Councillors agreed that a shed or cold frame could be constructed but not a greenhouse. Clerk will write to the allotment holder.
22. Update from WDC re BT consultation on phone boxes. BT acknowledge receipt of the objections from WDC on Listed boxes but nothing else at this stage.

159.2 Planning

MJD/10/05039/FUL – Ripon, Cookshall Lane – demolition of existing dwelling and redevelopment of site to provide 1 pair of 3 bed detached dwellings with associated access and alterations – no objection but we want a traffic management plan to deal with the size of lorries, the narrowness of the lane and mud on the road

Decisions

MJD/09/07439/FUL – 355 West Wycombe Road – construction of part single storey rear extension and alterations and conversion of existing dwelling in 4 x 1 bed flats and 1 x 1 bed duplex (5 in total) with new shared access with 353. Provision of 5 x car parking spaces, individual balcony and communal amenity and bin and cycle stores –permitted with conditions.

The Clerk has been in contact with planning enforcement over the failure to comply with planning conditions at the BT repeater station on the West Wycombe Road. The Case Officer has started to investigate and make contact with the owners of the land advising them of a planning breach

159.3 To consider a request from BT for the complete removal of the phone kiosk in Bradenham Road which has been demolished by a vehicle

The phone box has been removed as it was so badly damaged by a vehicle. They state that the nearest available box is in the village. It was agreed that we would accept the removal of this box on the condition that the one in the village is no longer under threat and remains usable.

159.4 To consider an offer from Bucks Community Action for assistance in Community Leadership

Chairman and Clerk will attend the training course on 1st March. Clerk will contact BCA.

159.5 Highways issues which need reporting or acting upon

Category 1 potholes are being filled by BCC gangs. All non working lights and belisher beacons have been reported. We will look at the positioning of bollards by the Pedestal.

159.6 To consider making a contribution to the delegated budget bid for lights near the school

It was resolved to contribute £2000 towards this project should it be selected by the Local Are Forum under the Delegated budget scheme.

159.7 To receive a report on the Pedestal Play Area and to agree on future action
All the fencing has been erected along the front boundary and by the side stile entrance. The top entrance is currently open. We are waiting for a price to create a solid but temporary firm area for cars to park on within the field; when this is received and an order is placed the top opening will be levelled and the gate we have saved will be installed. We will arrange to have play companies to visit the site and make recommendations and give us some idea of a total project price. We will organise a Community Fund Raising Fete on Saturday 11th September.

159.8 To approve the accounts for February 2010 – Appendix 2; Signing Cheques;
It was resolved to accept the accounts. See end of Minutes

159.9 Matters Raised by Councillors

The National Trust will be organising a Village Event on Saturday 10th July in West Wycombe Park.

West Wycombe Library Quiz on Friday 26th February

Coffee Morning on Friday 27th February in aid of Florence Nightingale House, and Cancer Research.

159.9 Date of Next meeting

11th March 2010 at 8pm in The Church Room.

There being no other business to conduct the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

Appendix 2

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 1.2.2010

Opening balance as at 1.1.10	9907.26
Less January s/o,dd and cheques	3593.93
Closing balance	6313.33
Business Premium Account balance as at 31.12.09	131.42
Bank of Ireland Account as at 31.1.10	13641.84
Total Funds	20086.59

Accounts to be paid in February

Mrs S Henson (s/o)	508.88
BCC Pension	153.46
Tax & NI	13.84
Mike Henson Presentations – Domain name renewal	70.50
Chiltern Paving – salt	44.06
David Stocks – fencing works at Pedestal and b/ground	2197.25

Total **2987.99**