

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
14th JANUARY 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. N. Harris, The National Trust
Mrs S. Henson - Clerk

5 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: None accepted

TO DECLARE ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS: None

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 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 in regular contact with BCC to ensure that the grit boxes are filled as quickly as possible however many of the boxes have been emptied by non residents taking the grit away in vans. The Clerk tried to get BCC to clear Church Lane as oil deliveries could not be made and the residents are elderly, however no exceptions for special gritting were being made and authorisation was not being given to get local farmers to clear roads which would have made insurance policies invalid. Clerk will contact BCC re this policy on self help.

The response to the BCC Transport plan (LTP3) was submitted by the end of December.

The Clerk is currently in dispute over a service/repair bill for the Brother printer and the invoice will not be paid as previously indicated.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

158.1 Correspondence received from 11th December 2009 – 14th January 2010

1. In Focus magazine – Bucks Community Action
2. Notification of change of date of Local Area Forum Workshop – not 12th January, now 20th January – Longburrow Hall, Stokenchurch at 7pm
3. Cancellation of January Local Area Forum meeting – now 3rd February – venue to be confirmed
4. Community Care Guide
5. Gypsy & Traveller Consultation
6. Thank you card from the residents of Park Farm Road for the donation towards the trees which have been planted
7. Regular emails from BCC and the Met Office with weather warning and latest positions re gritting.
8. Email from Mrs Hathaway relating to gritting and clearing Church Lane and the lack of coordination with residents by the school when the road was cleared for the school. She is also asking if residents could have individual grit bins and if a policy could be considered about clearing Church Lane of snow in the future by local farmers.
9. Copy of an email from a resident to the school over the poor parking behaviour.

158.2 Planning

EC/9/07354/FUL – Hillbury, Park Farm Road – householder application for construction of two storey rear extension and detached new single storey garage – no objection.

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 – we object on the grounds of over intensification of the site with insufficient car parking spaces allocated. This Parish is being totally ruined by planning applications for multi occupancy dwellings with inadequate parking – our pavements look like a car park with little care or concern about the pedestrians who are suppose to be able to walk along them.

Decisions

AD/09/06845/FUL - 37 Portway Drive – householder application for construction of part single/part two storey side extension – permit

- 158.3 Finance: To agree to pay the Clerk's Working from Home Allowance
It was resolved to pay £500 for the Clerks Working from Home Allowance.
- 158.4 Burial Ground: To agree to place an order for tree works and fencing
The weight of the snow has caused trees on the boundary of the burial ground to be uprooted and they have landed in the top field and the actual burial ground damaging the fence. The other fence in the Burial Ground has not been repaired so that the new damage can be added to the work. It was resolved to proceed with the repair work without having a price prior to starting the work. Currently the field is not stock proof.
- 158.5 Highways issues which need reporting or acting upon
The Clerk is waiting for a price to replace the damaged lighting column no 4 in Bradenham Road- the Clerk will put it through as an insurance claim depending on the price supplied. Two further lights in Bradenham Road are faulty and have been reported to Southern Electric Contracting.
All the grit bins have been refilled and Category 1 potholes (40mm deep) are being repaired as quickly as possible.
There is a new bus service T3 run by Tiger Line along the Bradenham Road – Clerk will put a piece in Contact and try to obtain copies of the time table for issuing.
WDC signs for Christmas Shopping and the new Civil Parking Enforcement need to be removed. Clerk will make contact with WDC.
- 158.6 To approve the accounts for January 2010 – Appendix 2: Signing Cheques:
The Clerk issued a spreadsheet showing our current financial position. It was resolved to accept the accounts. See end of Minutes
- 158.7 Matters Raised by Councillors
Cllr Callaghan asked what progress was being made about Pathfinder and Community Engagement.
Cllr Callaghan suggested that we consider the creation of a Fete to raise funds for play equipment for the Pedestal Field and to engender community spirit.
Clerk will contact BALC to confirm that we can raise money in this way. Local organisations and The National Trust would be invited to attend and donate a percentage of the funds raised. Clerk will write a piece for Contact and contact local organisations. Suggested dates September 11 or 18th.
The Old Folks Christmas Party has been postponed.
Councillors agreed that we should look at our Emergency Plan in light of recent events.
- 158.8 Date of Next meeting
11th February 2010 at 8pm in The Church Room.

There being no other business to conduct the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 1.1.2010

Opening balance as at 1.12.09	11431.36
Plus allotment rent	6.00
Tel bill refund Hambleden and PWE	112.92
Less December s/o,dd and cheques	1643.02
Closing balance	9907.26
Business Premium Account balance as at 31.12.09	131.42
Bank of Ireland Account as at 31.12.09	13641.83
Total Funds	23680.51

Accounts to be paid in January

Mrs S Henson (s/o)	508.88
Mrs S Henson – expenses & room allowance	552.09
BCC Pension	153.46
Tax & NI	13.84
Old Folks Christmas Party (s/o)	100.00
Post Office	60.00
Lawrence Landscapes 3/4	748.58
Southern Electric Contracting	963.35
WDC burial ground rubbish collection	28.94
Southern Electric d/d	465.29

Total **3593.93**