

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
9th SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 8.00 PM.
IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Chairman, Mr R. Seymour, Mr D. Callaghan,
Mr N. Timberlake, Mrs C. Dakin, Mr N. Harris Mrs S. Henson - Clerk

Chairman of WDC: Cllr B. Bendyshe-Brown

4 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: Cllr F Downes

TO DECLARE ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS: None declared

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

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Cllrs Smith and Callaghan and the Clerk attended the WDALC meeting where issues relating to the new government's plans for local government were the main topic of discussion.
2. All the play equipment was installed during August and is being extremely well used – we have had many verbal thanks from parents, grandparents and children. Work will start on the Car Park/barrier on Monday 13th September. The Clerk has asked Network Rail to clear the embankment which is coming through the fencing.
3. Work on the laurel trees on The Dower House will commence once the works on the houses opposite are complete.
4. Community Impact Bucks will have a stand at the fete to find out any 'needs/wants' from parishioners.
5. The Clerk attended a meeting at WDC re 316 West Wycombe Road – everything that can be done is in place.
6. Clerk has been in contact with WDC/BCC re works on Ripon, Cookshall Lane as the lane was blocked for 45 minutes by a tipper lorry and caused problems with farming vehicles.
7. The Clerk has asked WDC when the works on the recycling facility at Plant & Harvest are going to take place.
8. The Clerk issued to all Councillors a copy of the list of areas where BCC would delegate work to Parish Councils – all of the items listed are very minor and currently BCC carry out the work to an acceptable standard.
9. The Clerk has written to BCC asking for the results of the Winter Maintenance survey – proposals will be presented to the next round of LAF's..
10. The Chairman attended a Standards Committee meeting
11. The Chairman attended the local NAG – asked for link to NAG on our website

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

165.1 Correspondence from 16th July – 9th September

1. Letter from the new CEO of BALC
2. Matters Arising Newsletter
3. The Playing Field Magazine
4. Invitation from the local NHS to a Health Fair on 29th September from 4.30pm at the Kings Centre. Notices on Noticeboard and on website.
5. Notification of Bucks Debate - Notices on Notice boards and on website – important that people give an input.
6. Request from Mazars to adjust our Annual Return end of year figure as the VAT refund did not go into our account until 7th April.
7. NALC booklet on 'Being a Good Employer

8. WDC – request for suggestions to be considered by the Independent Remuneration Panel – the Clerk has asked for guidance on funding Councillors for printing documents sent by email.
9. BCC – email re LAF Funding to be used on road repairs – we have responded that we do not feel that it should be used for this purpose.
10. Proposal for local referendums to be held to veto excessive council tax increase.
11. Question from Mike Henson Presentations asking if we want to create a new 'Menu' to cover pages for Allotments and Pedestal Play Area and move the Burial Ground into it. Clerk will explore costs. Clerk issued a summary of the website usage since 2007
12. County Training Partnership workshop – 30th September, Aylesbury - £45
13. Launch of the Wycombe Community Stadium & Sports Project consultation (17th September – 29th October) – posters on notice boards and link on our website
14. 'Are you Ready Booklet' – issued to every property in the parish and Link on website.
15. WDALC Agenda and notification of training morning on 16th October – Cllrs Smith, Dakin and Seymour will attend.
16. Local Council Review
17. Clerk has asked WDC to organise removal of Gerrard Court sign by Ardgowan – they have been written to by an Officer.
18. Chiltern News magazine
19. We have received a complaint form an allotment tenant – Clerk has emailed tenants (those on email) and put a sign in the Allotment Notice Board

165.2 Planning

Applications

GG/10/07054/FUL CL – 34 Chorley Road – construction of single storey front, side and rear extension and detached summerhouse to rear – no objection

Decisions

VJB/10/06270/FUL – 5 Bradenham Road – construction of two storey side extension extending over the existing ground floor addition and single storey rear extension – permit.

AD/10/06286/FUL – 17 Beechwood Road – construction of single storey side extension – permit

TG/10/06060/FUL – Chorley Farm – erection of 900sqm agricultural grain store – permit.

165.3 To discuss and adopt a report on the A40 which passes through the parish of West Wycombe

Cllr Timberlake produced a report which was presented to a meeting held at BCC to discuss the recent fatal accident and also ways of slowing traffic as it enters the village . All Councillors had received a copy of the report prior to the meeting. Many of the suggestions would be very costly however we produced some lower cost interventions which could be implemented more quickly and more cheaply. We want something to happen as soon as possible and we will keep pushing for more in depth solutions to be implemented. Through the LAF we have requested funding for a Vehicle Activated Sign. We suggested moving the 30mph limit, changing the signage to make it more visible; installing a rumble wave; creating a chicane and central island. We would like a study undertaken to see if vehicle activated traffic lights would be a possibility. Cllr Mr Callaghan proposed the adoption of the report, this was unanimously agreed. It will go on to the website after 22nd September.

165.4 Highways issues which need reporting or acting upon

Complaint about the speed of tractors travelling through the village; zebra crossing light not working; cut back the tree near 30 mph sign on the Western entrance to the parish. Clerk will chase Network Rail re the damage to the pavement by the bridge.

- 165.5 To consider the government proposal for Local Referendums to Veto Excessive Council Tax Increases and to consider a response to the Bucks Debate
 Bucks CC is already in deficit and therefore the budget planning is vitally important to running of the county over the next 4 years. By careful budgeting WDC is not in a serious financial position at the present time.
 BALC and WDALC have responded on the Parish Council's behalf re the Local Referendum idea. Councillors were encouraged to complete the Bucks Debate forms and to attend the local meetings.
- 165.6 To discuss the West Wycombe Fete
 The Red Cross will be in attendance, all public liability insurance certificates are held by the Clerk and the Clerk has carried out a Risk Assessment.
- 165.7 To approve the accounts for August/September 2010: Signing Cheques:
 It was resolved to accept the accounts. See end of Minutes
- 165.8 Members Questions – none raised
- 165.9 Date of Next meeting
 Thursday 14th October at 8pm in The Church Room West Wycombe.
 There being no other business to conduct the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm . The Parish Council offices will be closed from 15th September and re open on 4th October.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 1.9.2010

Opening balance	12143.11
Plus Hambleden & Piddington telephone refund	115.67
Plus donation from Mike Henson Presentations	500.00
Plus donation from Mike Beattie	50.00
Less July/August cheques s/o,dd and cheques	4825.29
Closing balance as at 31.8.2010	7983.49
Business Premium Account balance as at 31.8.10	3131.84
Bank of Ireland Account as at 31.8.10	11372.64
Total funds	22487.97
<u>Accounts paid in August</u>	
Mrs S Henson (s/o)	511.54
BCC Pension	153.46
Tax & NI	11.52
Peter Ansell – Pedestal Maintenance 3/12	136.00
Rose Coleman – circus workshop	250.00
Mrs S Henson – refund of book vouchers	30.00
Lannie Staff – refund of banner costs	141.00
Elizabeth Stillman – weed killer and Pedestal Area	75.00
BT (dd)	240.72
Total	1549.24
<u>Accounts to be paid in September</u>	
Mrs S Henson (s/o)	511.54
BCC Pension	153.46
Tax & NI	11.52
Peter Ansell – Pedestal Maintenance 4/12	136.00
Great Kingshill School – marquee	200.00
D & P Luxury Toilets	176.25
Southern Electric (dd)	35.11
Thames Water	7.95
David Stocks – allotment fence (50%) & installation of gate	481.75
The Chiltern Society	25.00
West Wycombe Estate - allotment rent	100.00
Mrs Henson – fete and admin expenses	335.98
Total	2174.56