

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
10th MARCH 2011 AT 8.00 PM
IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

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

4 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:

Dist Cllrs Mrs J Teesdale, Mr I. McEnnis

TO DECLARE ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS: None declared

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING

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

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. The Clerk gave a presentation to the Wycombe Partnership on the role of Parish Councils.
2. The Clerk met with Robert Harrison (WDC Planning Enforcement) and Mr Hughes re 314 and 316 West Wycombe Road.
3. We have created another half plot allotment which has been allocated and we now have one person on the waiting list.
4. We have had one more burial – Mrs Catherine Drew.
5. Cllr Seymour and the Clerk have started work on the Risk Benefit Document for the Play Area – present at the April meeting.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

171.1 Correspondence received from 11th February – 10th March 2011

1. BCC Consultation on the proposal to divert footpath 10- further to a request from the Chiltern Society they have asked for the footpath across the field leading to Church Lane to be diverted. Councillors were not in favour of the modification on the grounds that it is not a suitable access as there is a very deep ditch; locals will still use the existing path making it highly likely that the farmer will have two footpaths crossing his land; it is too close to the access to the Network Rail Depot; it is currently planted with winter wheat and the existing path is well defined and well used; school children regularly use it and the new path would be longer and more time would be spent walking on the field. We have written to Chiltern Rail asking that if they go ahead with creating a new crossing point, something which we do not feel is safe, then we would insist on having two VAS signs installed either side of the bridge – they have agreed to this.
2. Email from a local resident complaining about the rubbish and state of the land created by Network Rail – Clerk has responded and passed on to the relevant authorities. Subsequent emails have asked for a suitable parking site for the Network Rail employees working over the weekends. The Pedestal Playing Field site would be an option if we could obtain either hardcore or some finance to supply hardcore to make the surface more stable. Clerk will make contact with Network Rail/Chiltern Rail
3. Southern Electric Contracting – street lighting charges to take effect from 1st April.
4. SW Chilterns & Marlow Local Area Forum Newsletter
5. Chilterns Society Newsletter
6. Notification of the HS2 Consultation
7. Chiltern News Magazine
8. BCC Delegated budget requests for 2011/2012 required by 2nd May – April agenda.
9. Letter to Parish Council Chairmen from the three Leaders of WDC, South Bucks DC and Chiltern DC advising them of the plans to work together and create a single CEO and Senior Management structure.

10. ICCM Magazine – passed to Cllr Seymour.
11. Notification of a meeting to explain setting up a Community Car Scheme on 22nd March at 6pm in Lane End Youth and Community Centre, Edmonds Road.
12. Letter from Mr Ansell – grass cutting contractor for Pedestal Playing Field stating that he will be increasing his prices to £176 per month from £136 to cover the increase in petrol prices and for strimming around all the play equipment.
13. Telephone conversation with the Clerk Downley Parish Council re the use of The Pedestal Playing Field for Downley Dynamos from September 2011. Fete date would need to be avoided and we could not bear any extra costs – April agenda.
14. The Clerk provided information on the forthcoming elections on May 5th. All nominations have to be with WDC by noon on 4th April. Clerk will put a piece in Contact and on the website.

171.2 Planning

Application

11/05397/FUL - 436 West Wycombe Road - Householder application for erection of 2.2 metre wall & piers with lattice panels inserted to front & partial side elevations to balcony (retrospective) – we object – not a suitable fence for the height of the structure; amenity noise will be more intrusive on the neighbouring property due to the level of the lawn; inappropriate structure for the style of these Edwardian houses; lack of privacy for the neighbouring property as amenity area is at such a high level.

11/05292/CTREE, St Pauls Church High Street West Wycombe -Heavily reduce overhanging limbs and reduce height by approx 14m Horse Chestnut (T1), pollard to approx 8m Horse Chestnut (T2), heavily reduce Horse Chestnut (T3) and remove to ground level Horse Chestnut (T4) – no objections and we would recommend that a *tilia cordata* is planted to replace T4 and this should be suitably protected against nearby parking for a 2m radius of the tree. We would expect to see the percentage being applied to the phrase ‘heavily reduced’ on T3 – we would recommend 25% - 30% crown reduction. Our expert would recommend that there should be a cessation of bonfires under T1/ T2.

11/05452/FUL - 15 Bradenham Road, West Wycombe - Householder application for a front bay window extension – no objection.

Decisions

VJB/10/07926/CLP – 48 Chorley Road – Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed erection of single storey rear extension and erection of shed to rear – granted

171.3 To adopt a Child Protection Policy and a Play Policy and to consider the Risk/Benefit document for The Pedestal Play Area

It was resolved to adopt the Child Protection Policy and the Play Policy. The Clerk is still preparing the Risk Benefit document.

171.4 Highways issues which need reporting or acting upon.

The pelican crossing is timing out and keeps failing when the overnight temperature drops to a minus figure. Clerk will write to BCC to have the issue sorted before next winter.

Parking at the junction of Portway Drive and West Wycombe Road is causing a real problem and safety issues for residents – yellow line needs extending. 22 Chorley Road – light not working.

171.5 To discuss the Annual Parish Meeting

The following Councillors will produce reports on:

Cllr Downes – BCC

Cllr Harris - The National Trust

Cllr Timberlake – West Wycombe Community Library

Cllr Mrs Smith – West Wycombe Community Association.

The Clerk will invite the following parish organisations:

Friends of West Wycombe School; Pre-School; West Wycombe School

West Wycombe PCC; West Wycombe Estate

171.6 To approve the accounts for March 2011: Signing Cheques:

The Clerk has submitted a claim for VAT - £4867.91 and produced the first draft of the year end accounts. If the VAT is repaid in March we will have a year end balance of £7325.24.

It was resolved to accept the accounts. See end of Minutes

171.7 Members Questions

Cllr Downes asked if we could develop an up to date Parish Plan as the last one was carried out in 2006. It will be a June agenda item.

Cllr Mrs Smith asked if any Councillors could attend West Wycombe School on Thursday 7th April 10.30 to watch a presentation on litter, traffic and dog mess - Cllr Downes, Cllr Mrs Dakin and the Clerk will attend.

Cllr Mrs Smith reported that St Lawrence Church has been broken into three times in three weeks.

171.8 Date of Next meeting

Thursday 14th April 2011 and Annual Parish Meeting on 28th April at 8pm in The Church Room West Wycombe.

There being no other business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 1.3.2011

Opening balance as at 1.2.11	5587.07
Plus burial fees for Mrs Drew & Mrs Jordan	491.00
Less February cheques s/o, dd and cheques	2683.16
Closing balance as at 28.2.2011	3394.91
Business Premium Account balance as at 28.2.11	132.62
Bank of Ireland Account as at 28.2.11	1129.96
Total funds	4657.49

Accounts to be paid March

Mrs S Henson (s/o)	511.54
BCC Pension	153.46
Tax & NI	11.52
Mrs S Henson – expenses	18.48
Peter Ansell – Pedestal Maintenance 12/12	136.00
Thames Water	9.02
Mike Henson Presentations – annual renewal	1440.00
Piddington & Wheeler End Parish Council – refund for toner	30.55
Total	2310.57