

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
11th MAY 2011 AT 8.00 PM
IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

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

5 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:

Dist Cllrs Mrs J Teesdale, Mr I. McEnnis

The Parish Council congratulated Cllr Mrs Teesdale and Mr McEnnis on their re-election

TO DECLARE ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS: None declared

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Network Rail/Chiltern Railway has confirmed that the crossing and VAS signs have now been agreed by Bucks CC.
2. The lighting columns have been installed and are working in Church Lane.
3. No children/youths have come forward showing any interest in developing a Youth Council.
4. Cllr Harris has put taller tree guards around the new trees in the Burial Ground field.
5. The Union Flag was flown for the royal wedding.
6. The Clerk will write to Bucks CC, Arriva and Carousel about the proposed Saturday/Sunday changes to the 40 bus service for West Wycombe and the route changes for the 40 serving Piddington. We will ask BCC is there could be de minimis negotiations and suggesting that Parish Council Transport representatives are needed as Parish Councils have not had any official notification of the proposed changes. We will also request a bus service to the railway station from the west side of the town.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

173.1 Correspondence received from 15th April – 11th May 2011

1. BCC Local Transports Plan – copy to Cllr Timberlake.
2. Insurance renewal
3. WDALC Minutes – circulated to Cllrs Mrs Smith and Callaghan.
4. ROSPA Inspection booking form – Clerk has put The Pedestal Playing Field forward for an inspection.
5. Emails about the sheep eating the trees in the field above the Burial Ground.
6. Email from a resident re Car Boot traffic.
7. Email from Cllr Letheren re the Capital Road works programme for BCC – circulated to all Councillors
8. Chalk & Trees Magazine
9. The Playing Field Magazine
10. Email from BCC re Buckinghamshire Armed Forces Day – Saturday 25th June at Aylesbury Rugby Club.

173.2 Planning

Application

11/05695/FUL - 74 Copperfields - amended **plans** - Householder application for raising of roof over garage and insertion of front dormer window to create habitable accommodation with loft space and construction of single storey rear extension to garage – site visit to view the effect of the proposed amendments.

11/05805/FUL – 15 Beechwood Road & amended plans – Construction of a ground floor single storey rear extension, a car port over the existing driveway which comprises of a summer house and additional storage – no objections.

Decisions

11/05602/CTREE -St Pauls Church - Reduce crown by 20% to one Horse Chestnut tree (T1), reduce crown by 35% to one Horse Chestnut (T2), reduce to form monolith at 8m one Horse Chestnut (T3), cut to ground level Thorn Ivy (T4), clean out crown of dead wood to one lime (T5), thin by 10% and clean out crown of any dead wood to one Horse Chestnut (T6), clean out crown of any dead wood to one Cherry Tree (T7) and cut to ground level Ivy (T8) – not to make a TPO.

11/05452/FUL - 15 Bradenham Road, West Wycombe - Householder application for a front bay window extension – permit.

173.3 To consider requesting a survey by Thames Water for the allotments and to arrange an inspection date

We have had complaints about the state of some of the allotments – the Clerk has emailed all holders asking them to make sure their weeds do not effect neighbouring allotments and that the paths must be tidy. One tenant has relinquished their plot and it has been taken on by the last person on the waiting list. We will inspect in May. We also need to book weed killing of the parking area and the perimeter. The school will be asked about their intentions as they have planted some raspberry canes but nothing else is happening.

The Clerk will write to the allotment holders advising of the ‘water options’ as it was felt that the rest of the parish should not have to fund this. Thames Water would want £250 to carry out a feasibility survey and quotation.

173.4 Highways issues which need reporting or acting upon and to discuss the effect of the Car Boot Sales on the Parish

1. A car accident on Good Friday demolished the post box on the West Wycombe Road between Rosemary Close and Portway Drive - it has been reported to Royal Mail and the West Wycombe Post Office
2. The Clerk has asked BCC Highways on Call to tidy the blackberry bushes and weeds outside Heyfordian – this request was originally made in September 2010
3. Road signs in Chapel Lane and Chorley Road need trees clearing from them as well the sign by the camera and the pelican crossing on the West Wycombe Road.
3. The Clerk has reported that the pelican crossing is timing out.
4. Manhole at the pelican crossing is raised on left hand side.
5. Cars parked on Bradenham Road verges are blocking visibility and at another property they are blocking the pavement
6. Need to chase BCC re the review of parking as we have put in several requests but there does not seem to be any action taking place.
7. Pavement from Gerrard Court needs inspecting as it is extremely uneven.
8. Email from Mr Hughes re 314/316 and lack of obvious action by planning enforcement on this and the removal of the sign at Gerrard Court. The Clerk will try to arrange a meeting with the case officer.

The Car Boots Sales are causing unacceptable tail backs with the consequent pollution caused by fumes. The standing traffic is affecting local businesses and is trapping residents throughout the parish in their homes on Sunday. It can take over an hour to travel from High Wycombe to local homes. The Clerk will write to

the Police and West Wycombe Estate. The Clerk will investigate legal requirements.

173.5 To consider making a bid for funds from the BCC Delegated Budget
Need to extend work to the pavements; intelligence studs or 'side' white lines on A4010

173.6 To discuss the Fete and The Pedestal Playing Field
We will be having the ROSPA inspection in May – it was agreed to carry out an inspection of the field to check the trees, hedge, pavilion, bins and seats.

The Clerk has written to Mr Baker MP about opening the Fete. A group of Parish Councillors had an informal discussion about the Fete. It will run from 12.30 – 4pm on 10th September. The Clerk has put a piece in the June issue of Contact asking for Tug of War Teams, potential stall holders etc. The marquees, Katy Cartwheel and the food van have been booked. The WI had concerns about water and heating the water and free food. It was agreed that we would ask for a voluntary donation at the entry points.

Cllr Callaghan has negotiated printing the advertising flyers for free as long as the sponsoring company can be advertised.

Fete meeting - Monday 27th June 7.30pm – Cllr Seymour's home

173.7 To approve the accounts for May 2011: Signing Cheques;
It was resolved to accept the accounts. See end of Minutes

173.8 Members Questions
None raised.

173.9 Date of Next meeting
Thursday 9th June at 8pm in The Church Room

There being no other business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 1.5.2011

Opening balance as at 1.4.11 –	6062.66
Plus refund from Southern Electric	20.83
Less April cheques s/o, d/d and cheques	5341.07
Closing balance as at 30.4.2011	742.42
Business Premium Account balance as at 31.3.11	132.81
Bank of Ireland Account as at 31.3.11	1130.15
Total funds	2005.38

Accounts to be paid in May

Mrs S Henson (s/o)	517.99
Mrs S Henson – expenses (acc book & APM refreshments)	82.32
BCC Pension	151.06
Peter Ansell – Pedestal Maintenance 2/12	176.00
Lawrence Landscapes difference in VAT charge	16.75
AON Ltd – insurance renewal	1657.07
ICCM subs	90.00
RBS Allotment software support	118.80
Wycombe District Council – balance on recycling base	725.00
West Wycombe PCC – Church Room hire	120.00

Total **3654.99**

WD C is late with its precept but we have been advised it should be in the account by 5th May.

