

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

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Mrs C. Dakin, Mr N. Harris, Mr D. Callaghan,
Mr F. Downes, Cllr Mr R. Seymour, Mr N. Timberlake (from 8.50pm)
Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale Mrs S. Henson - Clerk

3 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: Dist Cllr I. McEnnis

TO DECLARE ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS: Cllr Harris declared a pecuniary interest in the two planning applications being considered.

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 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 VAS signs are installed – the Bradenham Road ones are working but it will be December before the one entering the village – we will check the calibration of the Bradenham Road VAS sign closest to the bridge.
2. 1 allotment rent is outstanding.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

178.1 Correspondence received from 14th October – 10th November 2011

1. The Playing Field Magazine
2. Proposals and consultation from BCC re planned street light switch offs – 17th October – 11th December
3. Insurance company Parish newsletter
4. Matters Arising Magazine
5. WDC Information on exhibition for the redevelopment of Handy Cross and related sports proposals - 31st October – 18th November
6. Air Ambulance request for a donation when planning the budget
7. BCC Posters asking local people to help others if we get more bad weather.
8. Chalk & Trees
9. BCC email advising Parish Councils that BCC will supply them with 600m of red white and blue bunting free of charge and asking if we would be willing to be brokers for other organisations within the Parish.
10. Up to date price from Playground Services for Phase 2 of the Pedestal Playground project - £15,943 plus VAT.
11. Request from West Wycombe PCC to see whether we could help fund repairs to the War Memorial in St Lawrence Churchyard. Quotes have been submitted at £1560 and £1700.
12. War Memorials Trust magazine
13. Letter from two local residents on the subject of The Pedestal Playing Field and future involvement in the fete and supporting the Parish Council.

178.2 Planning

Application

11/07474/CTREE - Cave Cottage, Church Lane -Remove 2 x decaying branches from one Judas Tree (T1) – no objection

11/07408/TPO - Stable Cottages, West Wycombe Park - Remove dead wood, reduce by 15% to contain at previous points of pruning, 1-2 m reduction of lateral and apical growth to 1 x Lime tree (T1); Reduce all round 25% to promote reactive growth and more compact form, 2 m reduction approx of apical and lateral growth to 2 x Yew trees (T2); sectional fell 2 x Horse Chestnut trees (tag no 7074 and tag no 7073) – no objection

Decisions

11/07078/CTREE – West Wycombe School – tree works as per schedule for trees marked T10 – T25: in addition crown reduction by 50% to 7 limes (T19 to T25) and fell 1 apple trees (T26) – not to make a TPO.

11/06923/FUL – 65 Bradenham Road - householder application for the construction of single storey front and rear extensions – permit.

11/5521/FUL 316 West Wycombe Road – erection of 2 metre high fence to boundary with planting behind (retrospective) – permit

178.3 To discuss the Parish Plan

We will ask for volunteers from the community to help with the process. It will be included in the next Contact article.

178.4 To consider the Bucks County Council budget consultation

The Clerk read out all the questions and statements and Councillors completed the form.

178.5 To discuss Remembrance Sunday

We have been given a Poppy Wreath and Cllr Mrs Smith will lay it during the service to be held at St Lawrence Church on Sunday 13th November at 10.45am. It was resolved to make a donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion using S137. It was resolved make this an annual event.

178.6 To discuss the Christmas trees and lights

Complete Tree Services have provided a price of £85 per tree plus VAT to install the lights on the growing tree on the triangle and for the Christmas tree donated by West Wycombe Estate for the Village Hall. It was resolved to accept the price and give CTS the order to undertake the work. The Village Hall tree will be delivered on Monday 21st November and the lights will be installed during that week. Mr Dakin will be undertaking the electrics.

178.7 To discuss the fete and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

After discussions on the different benefits to the individual groups involved in a community event it was agreed that we would work with The National Trust, all the businesses and local organisations to hold a joint celebration for the community on Saturday 14th July. Cllr Harris in an 'independent' capacity will chair the committee to organise this. Cllr Harris will make contact with Great Kingshill School to see if the large marquee is available.

Possibly plant a tree/trees and name a piece of play equipment to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

Consider inviting Her Majesty to the Parish.

Consider having a beacon on West Wycombe Hill.

It was agreed that we would be brokers for the BCC bunting offer. We will indicate that we could purchase 2km of bunting and 300 union Jack flags.

We still have not received the final cheque from stall holders at the fete in September

178.8 Highways issues which need reporting or acting upon

Bucks County Council has advised the Clerk that the bollards in front of The Pedestal will be installed by the end of January at the latest. They are checking on the bollard installation near the Bradenham Road Bridge.

BCC has stated that there is only money for emergency works on trees until the end of the financial year. If there are any real concerns they will inspect these and possibly get the work carried out in the beginning of the new financial year. There is no money for general inspections. Cllr Harris undertook to look at the trees in our parish and we will then report any which he considers dangerous to BCC.

BCC have issued an order for the renewal of all faded lining and damaged cats eyes on Bradenham Road from West Wycombe to Princes Risborough. This is being funded from the Capital Budget and will take place in the next 4 – 6 weeks.

Cllrs Callaghan and Seymour have heard a rumour that Tigerline are withdrawing their service from Bradenham Road meaning that residents will not have a bus service. Cllr Timberlake will investigate. Clerk will contact John Clark at BCC to see if there is a solution.

Trailer training vehicle in lay by Flint Hall Farm has returned.

Granite kerbstone near Pedestal has lifted.

West Wycombe Estate trees opposite the first houses on Chorley Road are now causing a problem for high sided vehicles.

The Clerk will report the poor state of the road at the junction of Plomer Hill

178.9 To discuss the budget for 2012/2013

The Clerk had issued a projected end of year spreadsheet prior to the discussions and to help with budget discussions for 2012/2013. We have had requests from the Air Ambulance and Chilterns Conservation Board; pay more on the tree works at St Paul's Church (£450). We will have to pay out about £16,000 for the play equipment; we have decided to carry out a Parish Plan; we need to allow £300 towards a new laptop computer. We will have a balance of just under £19,000 to start the year. Basing it on this year's budget it we need to allow £32,000 for our basic budget. We can therefore keep the precept at the same level as this year i.e. £37,500.

It was resolved that we would donate £500 towards work on the War Memorial and £200 as the final balance for the work on St Paul's Church trees;

178.10 To approve the accounts for November 2011: Signing Cheques:

See financial statement at end of Minutes.

It was resolved to accept the accounts.

178.11 Members Questions

We will formulate a response to the local residents who have shown an interest in working with the Parish Council in the future.

Cllr Downes raised an issue about commercial premises paying for their own refuse collections. He will raise this with WDC.

Cllr Downes raised concerns about the reduced quality of service by Chiltern Rail. Clerk will write to Chiltern Rail.

The Clerk reported that the meetings next year in June and July will have to have their dates changed to the 7th June and 12th July

178.12 Date of Next meeting

Thursday 8th December in The Church Room at 8pm

There being no other business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 1.11.2011

Opening balance as at 1.10.11	26437.49
Less October s/o,d/d and cheques	3885.91
Plus telephone refund PWE & HPC	110.65
Plus allotment rents	162.00
Plus burial fee - Potter	250.00
Southern Electric – energy refund	321.13
Closing balance as at 30.9.2011	23395.36
Business Premium Account balance as at 30.9.11	932.85
Bank of Ireland Account as at 30.9.11	1130.76
Total funds	25458.97

Accounts to be paid in November

Mrs S Henson	517.99
Bucks County Council	153.46
Peter Ansell 8/12 plus verge	176.00
Staples	11.37
David Stocks – posts at Pedestal Playing Field	336.00
Buckinghamshire Playing Fields Association – subs	20.00
Royal British Legion – S137	50.00
Southern Electric Contracting	272.03
Southern Electric – energy – new contract	176.65
Total	1713.50