

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
11th OCTOBER 2012 AT 8.00 PM
IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Mr N. Harris, Mr R. Seymour, Mr F. Downes,
Mr N. Timberlake, Mrs L. Cook, Mrs K. Cheshire (from 9.50) Mrs S. Henson – Clerk

Dist Cllr I. McEnnis, Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale No members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: Cllr Mrs K. Cheshire until 9.50.

TO DECLARE ANY PECUNIARY OR PRIVATE INTERESTS: Cllr Harris declared a pecuniary interest in the planning application for 10 Copperfields.

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

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

All the Declarations of Pecuniary Interest have been submitted to Wycombe DC and are on our website.

Allotment rent renewal letters have been issued. One person has given up his tenancy and this has been offered to another person on the waiting list. 7 rents are still outstanding.

Clerk has booked hedge cutting for the allotments and Cookshall Lane.

Clerk has chased the grass cutting contractor for The Pedestal Field and sent him the new keys for the barriers.

The Clerk is obtaining prices for grass cutting in the Parish for next year.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

188.1 Correspondence Received from 7th September – 11th October

1. WDALC Agenda – passed to Cllr Mrs Smith.
2. Annual Chilterns Forum – 16th November
3. Chiltern Society Newsletter email
4. WDC Rural Forum agenda – 11th October – passed to Cllr Mrs Smith
5. Community Impact Bucks Newsletter - email
6. Invitation to Bucks Paying Field AGM – Tuesday 9th October
7. Update from BALC on the LAF Consultation/Review – report being created.
8. Final 50% of Precept from WDC.
9. LAF Minutes of July meeting.
10. ICCM Magazine
11. Local Council Review Magazine
12. BALC street lighting bulk purchase scheme
13. BRAG meeting on 20th November – Cllr Timberlake will attend.
14. BALC Invitation to Parish Liaison Meeting on 17th October and a Chairman's Training Session
15. Wycombe Air Park JCC Minutes – passed to Cllr Timberlake
16. Letter from BCC explaining that the adverse weather has affected the work of the Community Gangs this year and they are very behind.
17. WDC Wycombe Revised Statement of Community Involvement consultation.
18. Thank you letter from St Lawrence PCC Treasurer for the War Memorial restoration.

188.2 To receive reports on the NAG, Rural Forum and WDALC

Cllr Mrs Smith gave a short report on the NAG. The police were in attendance and agreed to deal with issues raised.

Cllr Mrs Smith attended the WDALC where a presentation on the Chilterns Commissioning Board which is replacing the Primary Care Trust was given.

Cllr Mrs Smith and the Clerk attended the Rural Farm where there were two main talks.

Laceys Farm had been helped by the Leader Fund and how they want to ensure that their farm will exist for future generations.

Robin Page of the Rural Conservation Trust and ex 'One Man and his Dog' also gave a presentation on the loss of bird and wild life in the country side and the reasons for this.

188.3 Planning

12/07173/FUL-10 Copperfields High Wycombe -Householder application for construction of a single storey detached outbuilding to rear – no objection however it will contravene National Trust covenants

12/07016/FUL – 2 Chapel Lane, High Wycombe - single storey rear extension and rear conservatory extension – no objections

Decisions

12/06797/CTREE - West Wycombe - Monolith to 4m one Ash (T1) and Fell or monolith to 5m (depending on condition of tree once work commences) one Ash (T2) – permit.

12/06796/TPO -14 High Street, West Wycombe - Reduce sections of crown overhanging gardens by 20% (4m approx) to 5 x Yew Trees (G1) – permit

12/06342/CTREE - Plant and Harvest Chorley Road West Wycombe - Remove to ground level one Yew tree (T1), crown reduce by 2 metres approximately overall to entire canopy & remove the lowest limbs on the opposite side of the tree to the building resulting in a crown lift by 2.5 m to Group 1 (2 Yew trees) – not to make a TPO.

12/05682/REN - 395 West Wycombe Road High Wycombe - Proposed extension of time limit to permission granted under reference 08/05160/FUL for Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new building to form 6 x 1 bed flats with car parking, bin store & cycle store - permit

188.4 To Highways issues which need reporting or acting upon including the parking problems near The Caves and up Church Lane towards the church

BCC costing for double yellow lines in Church Lane – approx. £4,500; probably in the region of £5,500 for single yellow lines and signs. We will write to the Bucks CC LAF for a single yellow line scheme through the delegated budget – it has a chance as long as it meets the SW Chilterns LAF's Local Priorities.

Clerk has met with our new Local Area technician – Robert Sumner and gone through everything that we want completed.

All non-functioning lights and lifted setts have been reported as well as signs that need washing and trees/hedges cut back. The Community Gang is due in our area next week.

Cllr Downes is trying to get some action taken on the house on the corner of Chapel Lane.

Cllr Timberlake reported that the Arriva 40 bus will no longer go to the railway station as from 13th October –we will try to find out if the trial could extend throughout the winter. A stop at Sainsbury's would be more useful for bus users.

188.5 To receive a final report on the Fete

A fantastic community event which was a great success. This year it was the intention to provide the opportunity for the majority of local groups who have lost or had their grants reduced and have had less financial support to raise money for themselves. The Parish Council supported it by £500 and the figures, so far, show that the money raised by selling space at the fete have covered all the extra costs, some of which were repeated due to the postponement from July.

A set of preliminary accounts was issued to all Councillors. We have had several donations for the Pedestal Playing Field since the Fete.

Cllrs Cheshire, Cook and Harris and the National Trust team were thanked for their extremely hard work.

The Clerk/RFO has been given permission to pay out any claims for refunds to non-attending stall holders if they make a request.

The Clerk/RFO has permission to submit the Gambling & Lottery form for the Raffle to Wycombe District Council.

Next year's fete will be held on 13th July.

188.6 To discuss the Pavilion on The Pedestal Playing Field

Cllr Seymour and the Clerk met with Sir Edward Dashwood who would like a fund raising project created to carry out the work as long as the Parish Council are able to project manage this. If there is no interest in this then the building would gradually decay and be non-existent. He would contribute funds towards the project if the Parish Council would match his figure.

Cllr Cook reported that the 4C charity group may be interested in such a project.

The Parish Council has to decide whether it wants to take on the project and no further action will take place until questions have been asked of the community via the Parish Plan. Lawrence Landscapes have been asked to provide a price for the bund and it was resolved that we would use a maximum budget of £1000 for this project.

188.7 To discuss arrangements for Christmas in the Parish

The Christmas tree will need to be erected on either 26th or 27th November as the pantomime is to be held during the first week of December and the Festive Fayre is on 12th December. We will ask West Wycombe Estate if they could kindly donate one Christmas tree. We need to test the lights in the island tree. Cllrs Cheshire and Cook have been invited to attend the next Festive Fayre meeting.

188.8 To begin the discussion process for the Precept for 2013/2014

Councillors were asked to start thinking about the budget and precept for 2013/2014. Items to consider: No waiting scheme; sun/wet weather shelter for The Pedestal Playing Field; extra grass cutting.

188.9 To agree to purchase a Remembrance Day Wreath under S137.

It was resolved to purchase a wreath through the Royal British Legion. The Clerk had been advised by Wycombe Air Park that the management will stop flying from 10.30 – 11.15am.

188.10 To approve the accounts for October 2012 and signing of cheques – appendix 2

See financial statement at end of Minutes. It was resolved to accept the accounts. The Clerk issued a spreadsheet covering the first six months expenditure against budget. The Parish Council needs a new cheque signatory. Scottish and Southern Electric have confirmed our new contract fixed prices for 12 months from 1st September 2012.

188.11 Members questions

Cllr Mrs Smith reported that the Art Group have asked if we can change our meeting date in June next year. Councillors agreed to change it to the third week in June. Cllr Seymour presented a price of £21 plus VAT for sheep protection per tree. It was felt that we needed more detail of what was included in the price. Cllr Downes raised concerns over the scaffolding in the village. The Clerk reported that the Local Area Technician has been involved and wants to avoid traffic lights and has recommended that cones be put on the other side of the road to ease traffic flow.

188.12 Date of next meeting

Thursday 8th November at 8.00pm in the Church Room.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15pm

Accounts to be paid in October

Mrs S Henson	517.99
Bucks County Council	153.46
Peter Ansell 7/12	176.00
Staples	26.18
Chiltern Society subscription	25.00
E R Meakes – repairs for barrier	141.72
Cllr R Seymour – refund for key cutting	27.50
Scottish & Southern Electric - repairs	119.71
Scottish & Southern Electric - Maintenance	903.53
Southern Electric – dd	131.91
The Henna Press – fete flyers	205.00
Lawrence Landscapes 2/4	804.00
Total	3232.00
Balance on 1 st September	3980.63
Plus precept	18750.00
Plus telephone refund Ham PC & PWE PC	165.00
Less September cheques	1946.45
Balance	20949.18
Plus Deposit Account	933.32
Bank of Ireland	1131.65
Total	23014.15