

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 9th JUNE 2005
AT 8.00 PM. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mr R. Seymour in the Chair, Mr M. Gerrard,
Mr D. Callaghan, Mrs A. Harris, Mr F. Downes, Mrs C. Dakin, Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: Cllr Mrs V. Smith
Mr Nick Phillips – Property Manager, The National Trust

TO DECLARE ANY PECUNIARY, NON-PECUNIARY, PERSONAL OR PRIVATE
INTERESTS: None declared

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF THE MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES, THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND THE ANNUAL PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. The Clerk, Cllrs Seymour and Gerrard and Mr Nick Phillips met with Kevin Allen of Jacobs Babbie to start discussions re the replacement lights in the High Street.
2. Cllrs Seymour, Gerrard and possibly Mrs Dakin will attend the Rider on Call meeting on 11th July at the Rose & Crown at 6pm. Clerk issued minutes to these Councillors.
3. Cllr Callaghan has not yet met with June Churchill of WDC.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

107.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 12TH – 30TH MAY 2005

1. Confirmation of our telephone number for telephone directory.
2. WDC Planning – refusals for 373 West Wycombe Rd and 6 Houses at Copperfields.
3. WDC Planning – notification of Appeal by The Apple Orchard.
4. The Playing Field newsletter.
5. BCC Development Control meeting to discuss the school planning applications.
6. BCC notification of confirmation of No Right turn at Chapel Lane – no right turn sign – Clerk will write asking for a better no right sign on the West Wycombe Road.
7. Letter from West Wycombe WI stating that they have decided not to go ahead with a commemorative tree in the burial ground.
8. Letter from West Wycombe PCC re parking in the burial ground
9. BALC Newsletter – Matters Arising - circulate
10. Letter from Vitalise – formerly Winged Fellowship asking for financial support for carer's holidays.
11. SEERA Newsletter – update on the South East plan - circulate
12. Brochure on Bernwood Forest near Bicester.
13. Letter from BCC re signpost at Slough Lane/Chorley Rd – now repaired.
14. WDALC Agenda for meeting on 16th June, Cllrs Mrs Smith and hopefully Cllr Callaghan will attend – Clerk will issue a copy of the agenda

15. WDC – Standards Training – Code of Conduct – Tuesday 19th July at 6.30pm – Cllrs Mrs Smith and Callaghan and the Clerk will attend.
16. WDC – Grassroots Newsletter passed to Cllr Callaghan.
17. WDC Agenda for Clerks meeting on Thursday 16th June
18. WDC Standards Committee Agenda and report on consultation
19. WDC – Licensing Act 2003
20. Letter from Mr Grinstead of The Dower House congratulating the Parish Council for the Annual Report and its hard work
21. Request from local shopkeepers asking if we can have the Farm Shop sign removed from the roadside – Clerk will contact Highways on Call.
22. CPRE Newsletters - circulate
23. Priorities Newsletter – circulate
24. Countryside Voice – circulate
25. Journal of Trading Standards – circulate

107.2 PLANNING

Decisions

JRC/05/05756/FUL – 10 Copperfields – construction of conservatory to side – permit

AHC/05/05750/TPO – West Wycombe Park – fell one taxus baccata amended to trim back to boundary wall – permit

04/08081/OUT – Land at rear of 365-369 West Wycombe Road – outline application for erection of 6 dwellings – refused

05/05589/FUL – 373 West Wycombe Road – demolition of detached house and dbl garage and erection of block of 6 one bedroomed flats with assoc covered parking, bin store and secure cycle storage - refused

107.3 THE PARISH PLAN AND WEBSITE

A meeting will be held on 14th June at 8pm in the small room in the Village Hall to discuss the website and emergency planning.

Cllr Callaghan reported that we had received 120 main questionnaire responses, 100 primary school, 35 parish users, 8 youth. We had hoped to receive more responses from the youth category, The Clerk will put a piece in Contact and they will be able to get a copy of the questionnaire from the Clerk. The winners of the draw were William Jennings reception class cinema vouchers £25. Adult -Rev Nigel Lacey - £50 M&S vouchers, Youth - Miss Jenny Stocks, - £25 M & S vouchers. Need to form a method for analysis and have a meeting as soon as possible to discuss the results.

Cllr Downes reported that BCC and WDC have combined forces to create Bucks Online we will request a link when this is available.

107.4 THE BURIAL GROUND – to discuss the use of the car park

We have received a follow up letter from West Wycombe PCC re the erection of gates at the Burial Ground and asking for a meeting and suggesting other people become involved in this meeting. It was agreed to suggest a meeting with the PCC only, as they are the only ‘body’ that have any connection with the issue. The PCC are suggesting that some charging system be used to help with the maintenance of the car park to allow more extensive usage. The Parish Council has never stopped the congregation of the church from using the car park; its main concern was to stop use by school and playgroup parents and to encourage all parties to deal directly with the Parish Council re the car park and not the church.

It was unanimously agreed that our position should not and for legal reasons, could not, change. We do not want this situation and animosity to continue

when everything the Parish Council does has always been for the benefit of the Parish.

The Clerk will reply that our previous correspondence has clearly stated the legal position, however it was agreed that we would have a meeting with Dr Dods, Revd Lacey and the two Churchwardens to ensure that they understand and appreciate the situation. Three dates will be offered – 21,22,23rd June at 6pm for one hour in the small room of the Village Hall. Cllrs Mrs Smith, Seymour and Gerrard and the Clerk will attend.

107.5 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

The Clerk has emailed Ian Reed with most of our highways issues, however to date we have not had any action. Clerk will add cleaning of the village entrance gates to our list.

107.6 TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR JUNE 2005 AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Cheques and standing orders for Mrs S. Henson, Bucks County Council, Lawrence Landscapes, British Telecom, WDALC subscription, British Telecom, WDALC subscription, Mr Eric Stacey, Fair Print (Parish Plan) and Cllr Mrs Harris (refund of cinema ticket prize for Primary school questionnaires).

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

107.7 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Mrs Harris asked if we could do more to make dog owners more aware of the fouling by their dogs, in particular in the High Street. The Clerk will put a piece in Contact and also contact the dog warden.

Cllr Downes asked at what stage we were at with Quality Status – the Clerk reported that we are just waiting for this year's external audit to be completed and then we can apply. All the other work is completed.

Cllr Downes suggested and it was agreed that we should try to create stronger links with our neighbouring parishes.

107.8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 14th July. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm