

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2005  
AT 8.00 PM. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Chairman , Mr R Seymour, Mr D. Callaghan,  
Mrs A. Harris, Mrs C. Dakin, Mr F. Downes, Mr N. Timberlake  
Mr N. Phillips Property Manager, The National Trust, Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:  
Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale

TO DECLARE ANY PECUNIARY, NON-PECUNIARY, PERSONAL OR PRIVATE  
INTERESTS:

Cllr Mrs Harris declared an interest in the planning application for 473 West  
Wycombe Road

Cllr Mrs Dakin declared and interest in the planning application for 24 Copperfields  
and 43 Bradenham Road.

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF THE OCTOBER 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 corrected Parish Fact File has been returned to WDC
2. Cllrs Mrs Smith, Mr Seymour and Mr Timberlake attended the Local Transport  
Plan meeting strategic freight route would seem to be through the High  
Street. Consultation period until the end of January. Policy for up to 2011. Still  
strong concern over the A4010. We have agreed to work with other Parish  
Councils along the route of the A4010 to produce a long-term strategy.
3. The Clerk has been advised that a public meeting about the closure of the  
Library will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> in West Wycombe Village Hall, posters  
will be put up to advise of this. Cllr Downes will attend in his County capacity.
4. The letterhead design was presented and it was agreed to have the cream  
paper with darker green ink, it was agreed to order compliment slips.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS  
MEETING REOPENED

111.1 CORRESPONDENCE received from 14<sup>th</sup> October – 10<sup>th</sup> November

1. Letters from Paul Goodman MP re the possible library closure
2. Letter from BCC re the possible library closure.
3. Letter from WDC Cllr Wendy Mallen re the movement of A & E patients to  
Stoke Mandeville she states that WDC have been involved in the discussions  
and assure us that they are looking after our best interests.
4. Letter from Cllr Valerie Letheren with an explanation for the pre-signals at The  
Pedestal restating that it is a temporary measure and then it will be evaluated.  
The Clerk will officially ask WDC Environmental Health for regular pollution  
monitoring.
5. Letter from WDC John Callaghan announcing the new evening and Sunday  
bus service; this information has been put in Contact.
6. Letter from Julie Stringfellow re parking in the burial ground for the Christmas  
Evening on 30<sup>th</sup> November. The Chairman has met up with Mrs Stringfellow  
and explained the situation and the matter has now been resolved.

7. Letter with copy letter of objection to WDC with concerns over parking, size, access, pedestrian safety and highways issues to 473 West Wycombe Rd planning application from Mr & Mrs Pears
8. WDC Planning Dept – notification that the application for 9 homes at Copperfields has been sent to Sec of State on appeal
9. BCC Notification of temporary footpath closure by railway for repairs to track
10. BCC G2C2 questionnaire on how BCC works with our Parish
11. Notification of election for new District Councillor on November 17<sup>th</sup>.
12. 'Your Waste your choice' campaign for recycling information
13. Standards Board for England – newsletter - circulate
14. Winter Salting route map -circulate
15. Explanation and timetable for speed reduction project
16. Explanation on the distribution method for Community Voice
17. Journal of Trading Standards - circulate
18. Request for funding support from Age Concern.
19. Quality Status congratulations email from Sir Edward
20. Copy of letter of objection to WDC on the grounds of size, design, parking, highways, pedestrian safety and existing covenants from Mr & Mrs Harris for the 473 West Wycombe Rd planning application.
21. Copy of letter to WDC from Mr & Mrs Major stating their objections on the grounds of highways, access and parking for the 473 West Wycombe Rd planning application.
22. Copy of letter of objection to WDC from Mr & Mrs Rye on the grounds of access, parking, highways, privacy and size for the 473 West Wycombe Rd planning application.
23. Letter and copy letter from Mr & Mrs Cheshire of 34 Portway Drive asking for support for their recent planning application.
24. Copy letter from Mr & Mrs van Aurich to WDC stating their objection to 473 West Wycombe Rd on the grounds of access, highways and pedestrian safety.
25. Copy letter from Mr & Mrs Gascoyne to WDC stating their objection to 473 West Wycombe Rd. on the grounds of highways, pedestrian safety, parking and size.
26. Notification for public speaking at the Development Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> November for 34 Portway Drive.
27. Notification of a 'Tackling Drugs' drugs related litter seminar on 25<sup>th</sup> November at The Hub in High Wycombe – Clerk may attend.
28. Letter from Ellesborough Parish Council suggesting the formation of a Group to campaign for a long term strategy for the A4010 - we will join the group as we feel it is an extremely important issue which SEERA and the Government deny exists.

## 111.2 PLANNING

### Applications

**AJC/05/07263/FUL & 64/LBC – Chorley Farm House** – conversion of redundant farm building to form guest accommodation – no objection.

**SDN/05/07240/FUL – 43 Bradenham Rd** – const of single storey rear extension – no objection

**AJC/05/07322/FUL – 473 West Wycombe Rd** –demolition of existing dwelling & construction of 9 flats (8 x 2 bed, 1 x 3 bed) with associated parking. The Parish Council feel that this is an over development of the site, and inappropriate for the setting, there is insufficient parking and have extremely strong concerns over access and highways issues and are aware that there are National Trust covenants which could well affect the development.

**AD/05/07301/FUL – 24 Copperfields** – construction of conservatory to rear – no objection, however the National Trust have covenants over the land and have made contact with the owners.

**MT/05/07375/MDS106 – land to rear of 335 –369 West Wycombe Rd** – modification to allow S106 planning obligation (99/05276/OUT) to allow phasing of the affordable housing in 2 phases & a reduction in the land to which the obligation relates) – no objection to this modification however the Parish Council still has strong concerns over the whole development.

Cllr Downes reported that the Babbie had not consulted the National Trust for the new school buildings. Issues over roofing tiles and pitch, which affect the view from West Wycombe House and Park, have been raised and a compromise is being sought.

**111.3 TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF WEST WYCOMBE LIBRARY AS PER THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Bucks County Council has organised a public meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in West Wycombe Village Hall. The Chairman and Clerk have been asked to 'run' the meeting. Mr Bob Strong and Mr Peter Mussett will make a short presentation and then answer questions from the floor. The Clerk has invited Mr Paul Goodman to attend and he has agreed to this. The school has looked at the idea of getting the student council more involved but were hesitant in case the library closed. A petition has been raised by Neil Timberlake as part of his campaign for the District Council election on behalf of the Liberal Democrats and Cllr Downes offered, as a Cabinet Member, to present the petition to the Cabinet at a full County Council meeting.

**111.4 TO START TO REVIEW THE BUDGET PROCESS TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE RESULTS OF THE PARISH PLAN, PRIOR TO SETTING THE PRECEPT**

The Clerk/RFO had presented all the budget figures for the coming year. Costs are being produced for the extra lighting in Bradenham Road and we will be having a site visit with the School Travel Plan committee to explain our proposals for the new pavement and this must be allowed for. Other suggestions: to start a capital equipment fund for a replacement lap top and other e.government equipment e.g. for the projection of plans; to erect the final piece of fencing in the burial ground and to look at having a black bin rubbish collection in the burial ground.

There were no major projects raised as a result of the Parish Plan.

Cllr Seymour presented proposals for modernising the Village Hall in his capacity as a member of the Community Association committee and explained that they will be applying for grants for a project that could cost over £75,000 and there will need to be evidence that the Parish Council are in favour and are supporting the project.

Cllr Downes has offered some of his Community Leaders fund towards a specific project in modernising the Village Hall.

It was resolved to give £50 to the St Lawrence Trust for publicity for the Green Apple award – the Clerk will write to advise them of this.

**111.5 HIGHWAYS – INCLUDING OUR REQUEST TO THE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE FOR THE SCHOOL**

It was agreed to look at the possibility of taking over the Christmas trees and lights in the village once the new lighting scheme is installed.

Cllr Seymour and the Clerk are meeting with the School Travel Plan committee on 14<sup>th</sup> November to explain the project for the new pavement by the school.

Cllr Downes reported that alternative routes are being looked at to avoid the A4010, however he still felt that any solutions would be a long way off.

The Area Beat Officer will be in our Parish on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

We must be aware of the implications for taking the Causeway Stadium out of the Green Belt.

The police have asked the Parish Council if we would 'sponsor' key rings with personal alarms to be handed out as part of a police awareness campaign, which will take place during the Christmas Shopping event on 30<sup>th</sup> November. It was agreed that we would contribute up to £300 for this to show our support for the police.

Mr Pegg of Neighbourhood Watch will attend the January meeting to see if schemes could be set up in the Parish.

Jacobs Babbie has sent through preliminary final design for the High Street Lighting scheme. The National Trust has until 15<sup>th</sup> November to make comment. There will only be 4 wall-mounted lights, which will require wayleave permissions. General design looks good. Questions over position on pavement and remaining width of pavement and resurfacing or patching of pavement after work complete; effect of new traffic lights on scheme; existing light at zebra crossing; seem to be replacing one of our new lights along Chorley Road; no evidence of requested connection for Christmas tree lights; might be worth arranging a connection at the village hall for Christmas tree lights; confirmation of actual design of light; level of light.

111.6 TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR NOVEMBER 2005 AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Cheques and standing orders for Mrs S. Henson, Bucks County Council, Post Office, Chiltern Paving and Mike Henson Presentations Ltd.

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

111.7 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

It was suggested that we should ask for a white defining line along both sides of the A4010.

Cllr Callaghan reported that the steps for the footpath over the railway, WW10, which are wooden framed with aggregate packed into them is now worn away creating a 'wooden trip' for walkers. Clerk will contact Networkrail .

Cllr Seymour reported an intermittent fault on the light/flashing on 30mph sign Chorley Rd and that none of the new lights have identification numbers.

111.8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND THOSE FOR 2006

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm in The Church Room. The Clerk issued the dates for next years meetings.

12th January, 9th February, 9th March, 13th April, 4th May – Annual Parish Meeting, 11th May – Annual Parish Council meeting, 8th June, 13th July, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November, 14th December.

Cllr Seymour gave his apologies for the December meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm