

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
8th NOVEMBER 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 (from 8.07pm) Mrs S. Henson – Clerk

2 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM: Cllrs Mrs K. Cheshire, Mrs L. Cook,
Dist Cllr I. McEnnis, Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale

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

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. Clerk has shown the new Local Area Technician our parish and listed works required however when viewing the Community Gang list not all this work is listed and we have seen no evidence of the Community Gang but as all our Transport for Bucks contacts are on annual leave we cannot raise our concerns. Cllr Downes will raise the issue of staffing.
2. Hedges on the allotments and along Cookshall Lane have been cut.
3. The playing field has been cut but the contractor has been asked to cut again to get it lower as well as tidy up all the perimeter growth
4. Councillors and the Clerk had a site meeting at the Pedestal Playing Field with 4C a charity organisation who may be interested in helping with the pavilion as long as we have a remit from the community and a business plan.
5. Allotment rent - two are still outstanding.
6. Cllr Seymour presented a price of £21 plus VAT for sheep protection per tree which comprises a 6ft post with 6ft high netting.
7. Cllr Mrs Smith along with residents and shopkeepers have met with the National Trust to discuss the current programme of works to ensure that as much parking as possible will be available for everyone. The first stage should be completed by the first week of December.
8. The Clerk issued the final account for the Fete. Cllr Downes continued to question the Parish Council contribution for the event.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

189.1 Correspondence Received from 12th October – 8th November 2012

1. WDALC Minutes – passed to Cllr Mrs Smith.
2. LAF Agenda for October meeting – Cllrs Mrs Smith and Downes attended and questioned the reasons for attending and the complete apparent change in bias.
3. NALC statement on Precept
4. Bucks CC Consultation on flood risk management – the Clerk has read this document and as the Parish Council we would have nothing to add as it is generic rather than specific.
5. Bucks CC statement of devolution to town and parish councils.
6. Bucks CC briefing note on 20mph speed limits and TROs
7. Bucks CC budget and strategic plan consultation
8. BALC AGM invitation – Cllr Mrs Smith will attend
9. WDC Revised Statement of Community Involvement
10. Matters Arising
11. WDC notification of the development of the next Local Plan
12. BCC notification of a consultation on a Permit Scheme for the management of road and street works in the public highway and to minimise disruption
13. BCC Hot Topics Newsletter
14. Playing Field Magazine
15. Request for financial help from the Sue Ryder Hospice
16. Request for financial help from the Thames Valley Air Ambulance
17. HMRC notification re PAYE and Real Time Notification

18. Agenda for WDC Clerks meeting
19. HMRC Employer Bulletin
20. BCC Guidance on creating a Local Government Pension Scheme Discretionary Policy – December agenda
21. BCC Briefing note on potholes and Local Area Technicians
22. WDALC Training – 6th December

189.2 Planning

PECS/12/07435/TPO – West Wycombe Park

- Reduction of bulk of crown to first forks leaving lower live growth of Horse Chestnut ref 5131. Reduce top height of adjacent Horse Chestnut by approximately 10 metres to the first fork. Reduce upper canopy by 30% to Horse Chestnut ref T3235
Crown reduction of 25% to Sycamore ref T3245 and felling of adjacent specimen - No objection.

Decisions

12/07016/FUL – 2 Chapel Lane, High Wycombe - single storey rear extension and rear conservatory extension – permit

12/6777/LBC & 12/06986/FUL – 57, 58, 58A High Street - Householder application for works to roof to include raising of roof to facilitate insertion of additional thermal insulation – permit

12/06957/FUL & 12/06771/LBC- 11,12 & 13 High Street West Wycombe – Householder application for works to roof to include raising of roof to facilitate insertion of additional thermal insulation – permit

12/06959/FUL & 12/06773/LBC - 26, 27, 28 34-35 High Street West Wycombe - Householder application for works to roof to include raising of roof to facilitate insertion of additional thermal insulation – permit

189.3 To discuss the Parish Plan

It will be produced in early 2013.

189.4 To consider the Bucks CC budget and strategic plan consultation titled “Tackling what’s important to Buckinghamshire residents”. www.buckscc.gov.uk/ourplans.

The Clerk read out the statements and Councillors will individually complete the questionnaire.

189.5 To consider a statement issued by NALC about Precepts

NALC have issued a statement stating that Parishes should not consider setting the Precept until after the Chancellor’s Autumn Budget Statement in early December. We believe this is in connection with the proposed 10% reduction in funding to District and County Council by the government and a change in Council Tax benefit and Council Tax base.

189.6 To discuss Remembrance Sunday

The poppy wreath has been purchased with a S137 donation of £50 from the Royal British Legion. A Service of Remembrance will take place at the War Memorial in St Lawrence Churchyard commencing at 10.45 on Sunday 11th November.

189.7 To discuss the Christmas tree and lights

The tree will be erected on Monday 26th November. The lights have also been checked. The lights in the tree near the park gates have been checked and all are functioning. The Clerk will put up no parking notices for the Village Hall.

189.8 To consider banning all dogs from the Pedestal Playing Field and to place an order for the creation of a bund at a cost not in excess of £700

Cllr Seymour and the Clerk have briefed Hawes for the bund and a price of £375 plus VAT has been given. We will need to turf it and this will cost approximately another £50. We need volunteers to help lay the turf. We do not want to leave it as a mud bank for any longer than we can help. We may need to hire a grab loader as an extra to remove the final material left on the front boundary hence the price of £700. It was resolved to proceed with placing the order for the work.

During recent site visits to the Pedestal Playing Field a large amount of dog faeces were seen, nearly all produced by large dogs. This is neither good for the users of the area or the grass cutting contractors. It was resolved that we would start by putting up a sign reminding people to clear up otherwise dogs will be banned.

189.9 Highways issues which need reporting or acting upon and to receive a BCC report on 20mph speed limits and the creation of Traffic Regulation Orders.

The Clerk has been advised by Transport for Bucks that we can bid for the Church Lane Waiting Restriction project through the LAF for the year 2013/2014. It was suggested that we match fund this project in order to have any chance of success.

The Clerk issued information sheets on TRO's, 20mph speed limits, potholes and the role of Local Area Technicians.

Items either reported or to be reported: Kerbstone near Pedestal; kerbstone by The Sweet Shop; all the non functioning lights have been reported;

To discuss the budget for 2013/2014 and the projected year end for 2012/2013

The Clerk, prior to the meeting, issued a projected year end spreadsheet, suggested budget and detailed information on finance for the coming year.

Price from Mr Gomme for rolling (1), grass cutting (11), hedge work, weed killing the Pedestal Playing Field - £2185 per annum (£182 per month) currently pay £176 for a less comprehensive job.

Price for two cuts per year on the two areas of verge from the Pedestal Memorial to the Village and the Park gates at Kittys Lodge to the village - £80.

Crown lifting and tidying four trees in the Pedestal Playing Field - £200.

We may need to replace the football goals – prices vary from £600 - £1000

Burial Ground top field needs a management plan -

Traffic Regulation Order - £5500 – contribute 50% of this cost.

Reserve for replacement lighting due to age and new EU regulations which come into force in 2017 and for generally unexpected occurrences.

Sun shelter for Pedestal Playing Field.

Councillors will consider the document.

189.11 To approve the accounts for November 2012 and signing of cheques – appendix 2

It was agreed that Cllr Timberlake will be another cheque signatory.

See financial statement at end of Minutes. It was resolved to accept the accounts.

189.12 Members questions

No evidence of ash die back in our parish.

The National Trust has been reminded to cut back the herbaceous border in Church Lane and the triangle at the top of the lane.

The surface on the top of West Wycombe Hill needs attention.

188.12 Date of next meeting and dates for 2013

Thursday 13th December at 8.00pm in the Church Room .All Councillors were issued with a dates list for 2013. They are also on all the Notice Boards and on the website

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

Accounts to be paid in November

Mrs S Henson s/o	517.99
Bucks County Council	153.46
Peter Ansell 8/12	176.00
Staples	2.91
WDC – burial ground refuse	29.56
British Red Cross – attendance at fete	98.40
ASP Toilet & Shower Hire	108.00
Southern Electric – dd - approx	145.66
Daisy Vintage Ice Cream – fete refund	30.00
Royal British Legion – S137	50.00
Total	1311.98

Balance on 1 st October	20949.18
Plus PC fete stall	38.50
Plus fete programme advert	12.50
Plus craft stalls rental	260.00
Plus allotment rents	180.00
Fete donation – anonymous	115.00
Lynch memorial stone	75.00
Parker burial of ashes	140.00
Plus raffle income	316.60
Sub total	22086.78
Less October cheques	3247.00
Balance	18839.78
Plus Deposit Account	933.32
Bank of Ireland	1131.74
Total	20904.84