

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
14th NOVEMBER 2013 AT 8.00 PM IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

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

County Cllr Mr D. Hayday, Dist Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale

No members of the public

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

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS BY MEMBERS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: Cllr Mrs Smith declared an interest in the planning application for 32 Copperfields.

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

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND CLERK'S REPORT

1. The 'Romans' stone has been received.
2. The litter bin for the Pedestal Playing Field has been installed.
3. The skip on the allotments cannot be removed as the lorry could not grip on the ground to go up the slope.
4. The Clerk has written to West Wycombe Estate about grass cutting in the village and installing water on the allotments.
5. Clerk attended 51M meeting in Aylesbury
6. The Clerk has advised Lawrence Garden Services that we can go ahead with the tree works in the Burial Ground.
7. Clerk has organised with Thames Valley Police to have an allotment property marking session at the Chorley Road allotments on Saturday 30th November from 10am – 11am.
8. Cllrs Mrs Smith and Mr Harris and the Clerk attended a Rural Matters meeting run by Thames Valley Police on 7th November.
9. Councillors thanked Cllr Mrs Teesdale and Cllr Timberlake for their help on a recent planning application

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

200.1 Correspondence Received from 11th October – 14th November 2013

1. Bucks CC November Newsletter – emailed
2. Bucks CC acknowledgement of our complaint and the 'hope' that they are able to respond if at all!
3. Notice of an opportunity to meet our Crime Commissioner – Wednesday 27th November – The Oak Rooms, High Wycombe, 7pm
4. Notification of Civic Service on 23rd March in Hambleden Church.
5. WDC letter about the Precept – issued to Councillors
6. Request from the Chilterns Conservation Board for financial help
7. Chalk and Trees Magazine
8. Bucks CC consultation on their proposed budget – issued to Councillors
9. WDC letter on Commemorating World War One.
10. Matters Arising – emailed
11. Advice from AON our insurers about snow clearance, gritting and salting
12. Minutes of the Events Team meeting on the Christmas Fayre
13. WDC permission for the tree works in West Wycombe Burial Ground.
14. A.D. Moth – valuation of regalia Chairman and Clerk.
15. Annual Chilterns Forum – 15th November – circulated via email – Cllr Harris attending.
16. Chiltern Society – September and October Newsletter – emailed
17. BRAG Meeting – passed to Cllr Harris
18. BCC letter about HS2
19. War Memorials Trust magazine

20. Update from Bucks CC on the Chapel Lane works – emailed and website
21. Request from WDC for information on our allotment cost, budget and income.

200.2 Planning

13/07668/FUL-32 Copperfields, High Wycombe -Householder application for insertion of window to front and conversion of existing garage into annex –we continue to be concerned about the loss of parking as this parish, in particular Copperfields, which has serious issues in relation to parking.

13/07432/CLP-32 Copperfields, High Wycombe -Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed conversion of garage to habitable accommodation and insertion of window to front to replace existing garage door – we continue to be concerned about the loss of parking as this parish, in particular Copperfields, which has serious issues in relation to parking.

Decisions

13/07304/CTREE-Land Rear Of St Pauls Church, High Street, West Wycombe -Crown lift 21 large leaf Limes to allow approximately 2 - 2.5 metres clearance along track by removal of lower branches and drooping branches around canopy; and removal of epicormic growth – not to make a TPO

13/07232/FUL & 07233/LBC -32 & 33 High Street, West Wycombe -Householder application for raising of roofs by 110mm to accommodate additional thermal insulation – permit

200.3 To discuss the seats required for The Pedestal Playing Field

Prices from Glasdon -£448.62 includes concrete fixing bolts for delivery and Kedel - £433.20 for a replacement seat made from recycled material. Glasdon can supply in Brown , Kedel can only supply in Black. It was resolved to purchase a brown seat from Glasdon.

200.4 To discuss the working party's analysis of the Parish Plan Questionnaire

Following the first working party meeting, Cllr Timberlake has started to produce a summary results document identifying areas where things can be achieved. The working party will meet to discuss the next stage on Tuesday 10th December at 8pm in the Library.

200.5 To report and discuss highways issues

Clerk attended the Parish Liaison meeting with Transport for Bucks on 17th October where Bucks CC admitted that the Transport for Bucks/Ringway Jacobs service had been far from satisfactory and that in December/January we will receive the Minutes. The meeting was attended by about 35 Parish Councils, none of whom were happy about how things are operating.

Light no 29 has at last been repaired after 11 months; we are still waiting for the Speed restriction sign to be repaired.

We have been advised that the pavements will be tarmac slurry treated in March – Clerk has asked about the dangerous places on the pavements.

We are waiting to be advised of the new date for relining the centre of the parish – it was too wet for the previous dates.

Clerk will report potholes by The Caves.

We will be allowing our Parish Council logo to be used by Bucks CC.

FWA who are carrying out all the restoration and repair work in West Wycombe Village has invited the Parish Council to have a tour of the current works.

200.6 To discuss the budget for 2014/2015

The Clerk has started to work on the costings for the budget however, at this stage the quotes have not arrived. We also have to wait until December for WDC to set the Council Tax Support Grant. We should start the year with an approximate balance of £12,500 once the VAT has been reclaimed.

200.7 To approve the accounts for November 2013 – appendix 2

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

200.8 Members questions

25th or 26th November for putting up the Christmas tree

200.9 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12th December at 8pm in the Church Room, West Wycombe

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm

Accounts to be paid in November 2013

Mrs S. Henson S/O	517.99	October salary
Bucks County Council	153.46	Pension
Mrs S. Henson	313.12	Expenses incl print cartridges
Peter Gomme	255.00	Grass cutting and village entry grass cutting
Cllr Timberlake	88.60	Printing Parish Plan results and library usage
AON	12.68	Extra insurance premium
Royal British Legion S137	30.00	Poppy Wreath
Safe & Sound Playgrounds	3742.80	Basketball equipment/installation
The Post Office	100.00	200 stamps
Southern Electric	dd 152.68	Energy
British Telecom	dd 379.99	
Total	5746.32	

Statement of Account

Opening balance – 1 st October	29145.64
Less October cheques	3719.48
Plus allotment rents	192.00
Plus donation from resident for Pedestal Play Area	180.00
Sub Total	25798.16
Bank of Ireland	1132.89
Deposit account	933.80
Total	27864.85