

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10th JANUARY 2019 AT
8.00 PM IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE:

Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Mr N Harris, Mr S. Cope, Mrs K. Cheshire Mr N. Timberlake
County Cllr Mr D Hayday Mrs S Henson - Clerk

APOLOGIES:

Cllrs Mr R. Seymour, Mr P. Brown, Dist Cllr Mrs J Teesdale, District Cllr Mr I McEnnis

In attendance Mr Finley Wood of Red Kite.

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS BY MEMBERS RELATING
TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: None declared.

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

The Minutes for the December Parish Council meeting were agreed by those Councillors present and signed by the Chairman.

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS IN THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nothing specific to report due to the Christmas break.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Councillors received a presentation from Finley Wood of Red Kite on their hopes and plans to create more affordable homes in the Wycombe area

MEETING REOPENED

258.1

Correspondence Received from 13th December 2018 – 10th January 2019

1. Monthly website reports – emailed
2. Notification from WDC confirming that the elections for 2019 are postponed - emailed
3. Police and Crime Commissioners newsletter - emailed and on website.
4. Notification of first meeting about unitary status – two places booked for February 19th in WDC Chamber.
5. BCC announcement of consultation on modernising short term respite accommodation – on website
6. Information via BALC on the next stage of the unitary process – emailed
7. BCC press release announcing the closure of Bledlow Ridge recycling centre
8. Email from a Copperfield resident asking for equipment to carry out litter picking from Chapel Lane. Clerk will make the purchase of litter pickers and high vis vests.
9. Email from the LAF asking if we want to bid for funds re the Chorley Road speed reduction project. Councillors suggested we ask for £10,000 to be ring fenced. Clerk will respond.
10. Notification from NALC of the pay award for Clerks from April 2019 –the hourly rate for the Clerks grade will increase by 71p per hour – February agenda

258.2 Planning

Applications

18/08368/FUL -18 Bradenham Road West Wycombe -Householder application for construction of front porch and first floor rear extension – no objection.

18/08325/HPDN -Chilterns Cookshall Lane High Wycombe -Notification of proposed single storey rear extension; Depth extending from the original rear wall of 5.0 metres, a maximum height of 3.0 metres and an eaves height of 2.7 metres – no objection.

Decisions

18/07036/FUL-Pedestal Garage, West Wycombe Road -Raising a roof of existing car repair and service centre – permit with minimal conditions re parking and vehicle movements.

258.3 To agree to pay the Clerks Annual Room allowance and annual overtime

The Annual Room allowance for using the home as office is £500. This covers electricity, internet and gas as well as a room in the house as an office.

Over the period 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018 the Clerk worked a total of 66.5 hours over allocated hours. This varies year on year – the previous year there were no extra hours.

The extra hours were mainly due to the extra work relating to GDPR.

It was resolved to approve the payments.

258.4 To discuss any highways issues

Cllr Hayday and the Clerk have been working with TfB about the surface breaking up on Bradenham Road –Clerk has left a message and sent an email to the TfB officer in charge. TfB will be organising a road sweeper as an instant action and then the contractor has to come and re-do the work.

Clerk has been asked about the temporary road signs left in several places –Clerk has responded and asked Transport for Bucks about them as further work is still planned.

Notification from BCC that the Cressex Road will be closed for 19 weeks from 21 January – emailed and on website.

Clerk will contact BCC Road safety re the roadside memorial on the A40. Clerk will photograph it before making contact.

258.5 To discuss the budget for 2019/2020 and to set the precept

Over the previous three months Councillors have considered projects for the coming year and considered the overall budget. WDC had issued a table to allow Councillors to consider different precept options. Clerk presented a revised budget as elections are no longer planned for the coming year and once we have paid the LED lighting conversion our VAT refund will be higher and we will no longer be getting a Council Tax Support Grant.

It was resolved to accept the revised budget of expenditure and reserves of £72,310.00 and with a brought forward reserve figure of approximately £30,000 to set a precept of £43,500.

258.6 To approve the accounts for January 2019 and signing of cheques - appendix 2

It was resolved to approve the payments listed. See end of Minutes.

258.7 Members questions

The Events Team were congratulated on the New Year's Day Walk.

The two defibrillators need new batteries and pads.

Cllr Cope will set a date for a litter pick.

258.8 Date of next meeting - 14th February at 8pm in The Church Room, High Street, West Wycombe

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.

Cheques for payment in January

Mrs S Henson	1394.10	December salary& 66.5 hours of extra time over year
Bucks CC	518.10	January pension
HMRC	288.40	Tax
Mrs S Henson	530.40	Mileage, room allowance and expenses
Acorn Landscaping	185.25	9/12 highways grass cutting
TBS Hygiene	77.76	December collections
MH-P Internet Ltd	127.18	Hosting and domain renewal
John Lawrence Landscaping	909.75	4/4 burial ground maintenance
Old People's Party s/o	100.00	Contribution to the annual party
Southern Electric dd	193.99	Street light energy
Total	4324.93	

Statement of Account as at 1st January 2019

Opening balance – 1 st December	58109.68
Less December cheques and dd's	3977.06
Plus 2 x allotment rents	20.00
Total	54152.62