

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14th MARCH 2019 AT
8.00 PM IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE:

Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Mr N Harris, Mr S. Cope, Mr R. Seymour, Mrs K. Cheshire, Mr N. Timberlake
Mrs S Henson - Clerk

APOLOGIES:

County Cllr Mr D Hayday, Dist Cllr Mrs J Teesdale, Dist Cllr Mr I McEnnis

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

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

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

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS IN THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Clerks Report

1. The LED light conversions have been completed.
2. Clerk instigated action over the overflowing sewer by the public toilets.
3. Chairman and Clerk attended the meeting to update us on the unitary status – we were asked to raise all our concerns and questions to be put to the Shadow Executive.
4. We have received a backdated bill (17/18 & 18/19) from Waste and Cleansing for the burial ground bin – Clerk negotiating as they do not collect it on a weekly basis and Clerk wheels it into the High Street a maximum of 4 times per year.
5. Once we have paid the March bills our bank balance will be approximately £26,000 and we have £4471.49 to claim back on VAT, therefore the original estimate of £30,000 as a brought forward balance should be accurate.
6. Until we have project costs for Chorley Road we cannot make any decisions about converting the heritage lights to LED.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

MEETING REOPENED

260.1 Correspondence Received from 14th February – 14th March 2019

1. Monthly website reports – emailed
2. Police and Crime Commissioners newsletter - emailed and on website.
3. Emails about blocked sewer in High Street – Clerk has spoken to Thames Water. Cllr Hayday has become involved and is pursuing this.
4. Minutes for LAF meeting held on 12th February.
5. Cllr Hayday email about the possibility of bidding for money to have weeds cleared- Clerk has put in a bid for Chorley Road and the A40 running through the parish.
6. Copy email from Cllr Hayday replying to a resident's concern over parking in Beechwood Road.
7. Notification of the Parish Liaison Meeting on Wednesday 27 March, County Hall, Aylesbury at 6pm
8. BCC End of Year pension arrangements
9. Agenda for Clerks meeting on 7th March
10. New terms and conditions from MH-P internet – main change is termination of contract from 30 days notice to 90 days notice – attached
11. Letter from BCC re the potential contribution towards any Chorley Road speed reduction project we cannot respond as we have not seen any of the proposed projects or costs.
12. Chairman's invitation to the WDC Annual reception
13. Chairman has been invited to judge an Easter competition at the school
14. BCC Recycling Centre statement - emailed
15. Beacons of the Past Newsletter –emailed and website
16. Transport for Bucks Chorley Road feasibility study – emailed

17. Email from TBS Hygiene advising us of a price increase from 1st April from £2.70 per bin to £4.50. Clerk has negotiated a price of £3.50 per bin for the next 5 months. The original increase would have meant another £11 per week on our bill. Clerk will investigate other companies in the intervening period.

260.2 Planning Applications

19/05285/FUL -1 Bradenham Road West Wycombe -Householder application for construction of first floor side extension and porch to the front elevation – no objection; the development improves the aesthetics of the property.

Decisions

18/08368/FUL -18 Bradenham Road West Wycombe -Householder application for construction of front porch and first floor rear extension – permitted

260.3 To place an order to purchase and plant three troughs for our entry gates

It was resolved to place the order for £810 plus £480 maintenance with Stillman Gardening Services. The Parish Council will purchase the metal troughs direct.

260.4 To discuss whether to purchase the services of WDC Tree Officers to help with Network Rail trees/shrubs overhanging the pavements.

The Clerk will investigate the costs of the service.

260.5 To discuss any highways issues and to give an update on the latest A4010 HS2 exhibition

1. All Thames Water leaks have been reported and most have been actioned.
2. WDC dealt with the sewage overflow from the public toilets.
3. Chairman and Clerk attended the LAF – it was agreed that they would reserve £10,000 for our Chorley Road speed reduction project on the understanding that if everything was extremely expensive and we could not fund a project if we could state that we no longer needed it
4. All LED light conversions are complete.
Statistics and technical details on the LED lights have been sent through to SSE to re calibrate our bills as from 1st March 2019 – our dusk to dawn kWh have gone from 19636 to 7625. Lights are dimmed to 50% from 22.00hrs to 6.00.
5. All non-working street lights have been reported.
6. The A40 safety measures work is due for completion by the end of March, this includes the new bollards on the bend leading into the village from Piddington and matching belisher beacon lamps.
7. The litter pick on 9th March was a great success and Chiltern and WDC Waste removed 20 bags of rubbish and assorted solid objects collected by the volunteers. Consider another litter pick in the autumn. The Clerk will investigate the cost of purchasing 30 litter pickers, tabards and bag hoops.
8. The BCC Officers working on the HS2 A4010 project were not able to produce the necessary information for the exhibition and therefore it was cancelled. They also informed us that HS2 may not be using the A4010 for construction traffic but it would be used for workers traffic. We will still have the agreed funding and are working towards implementing the safety measures.
9. Transport for Bucks has submitted the Chorley Road feasibility study the day before this meeting. It is a very thorough report and presents a low, middle and higher cost option to reduce the speed of traffic along Chorley Road. It has been emailed to Councillors and will be an agenda item for 11th April.
10. Clerk will contact LAT to have vegetation cleared from around signs on Chorley Road.

260.6 To approve the accounts for March 2019 and signing of cheques - appendix 2

It was resolved to approve the accounts. See end of Minutes for list of payments.

260.7 Members questions

Cllr Cope asked about the timing for the proposed tree works in Park Farm Road.

260.8 Date of next meeting -Thursday 11th April 2019 at 8pm in The Church Room and the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 25th April at 8pm in The Church Room.

Cheques for payment in March

Mrs S Henson	513.93	February salary
Bucks CC	181.97	March pension
HMRC - online	77.00	Tax
HMRC – online	148.82	Month 10 NI payment
Post Office Counters	116.00	200 x 2 nd class stamps
Mrs S Henson	259.85	Mileage and expenses including 2 x defibrillator packs
Acorn Landscaping	185.25	11/12 highways grass cutting
TBS Hygiene	77.76	February collections
Information Commissioner (dd)	35.00	Renewal of data protection licence
Sparkx Ltd - online	19076.93	LED lights for Chorley & Bradenham Rd and cleaning
Southern Electric (dd)	181.54	Street light energy for February19
Southern Electric (dd)	28.23	Feeder pillar energy
Southern Electric (dd)	22.55	Feeder pillar energy
Castle Water (dd)	48.83	
Total	20953.66	

Statement of Account as at 1st March 2019

Opening balance – 1 st February	49827.69
Less February cheques and dd's	3237.97
Total	46589.72